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KINGDOM SERVICE

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

by Kevin Deane,
Principal

Greetings, Friends of HPCA. As you can see directly above, HPCA was recently accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International! We have been accredited through Middle States since 2009, and we are excited to add ACSI as another accrediting body and partner.

HPCA went through the accreditation process to continue to improve our school, to better serve our students and families, and to help us accomplish our mission. We believe that this process allows us to live out 1 Peter 4:10, which calls all of us to serve in accordance with the gifts given to us by our good Father.

In February and March, students and staff are focusing on serving God and others. Whether through parables like the Good Samaritan or the teaching about providing for the "least of these," Scripture speaks again and again of the importance of serving. In light of this, we want our students to be humble and to find joy in service. Jesus made it clear many times that there is glory in being a servant, and we want our students to glorify God in this way. Whether it's helping clean during lunch, performing during our Christmas and Easter programs, reading to younger students, participating in a whole-class service project, or raising funds for international Bible distribution, we want our students to know the value in serving God and others. We want them to know that they are made for more, that there is a calling to work for and in God's Kingdom.

To truly teach this, we must model for our students what it means to serve. I am so thankful that this is not only true of our faculty and staff. You, our partners and supporters, help to model service as well. You give of your time, talents, abilities, finances, prayers, and much more. It truly takes the Body of Christ to guide children on the path of Kingdom service that Jesus has prepared for them. Thank you for the part you play in the fulfillment of 1 Peter 4:10 at HPCA!

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$483,700
- *Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Include HPCA in your estate planning
- Join our e-mail prayer team
- **Be a Special Runner in the Race for Education**
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges.
- Organize a donation drive for Good Stuff Thrift Store
- Help with Theme Week (see above)

Upcoming Events...

Easter Program
Thurs., March 17th—7:00 pm

Race for Education
Wednesday, April 20th

Theme Week
May 2nd—May 6th

Mission Statement: Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality, Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.

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International Night



HPCA held its annual International Night on February 11th. Our classes have each been studying various aspects of different Central American countries, including food, clothing, and religion. International Night provides an opportunity for our families to visit the classrooms and see what their children have been learning. The purpose of this night is to expose our students to countries they may not be familiar with and for them to learn more about the diverse people God created.

The second grade students have been studying Jamaica. The students made masks (pictured left) inspired by the works of the famous Jamaican artist, Nakazzi Hutchinson.



The pre-kindergarten class studied the Dominican Republic and made models of the national bird, Palm Chat, found on the island of Hispaniola (pictured right). First grade studied the Bahamas and made dioramas representing the famous Blue Holes, which are large marine caverns. They also learned about the half-shark, half-octopus mythical creature, Lusca, who, according to Bahamian folklore, lives in the blue holes.



CAREER DAY

On February 3rd, we welcomed seven guests to HPCA for our 9th Annual Career Day. The purpose of Career Day is to expose our middle school students to job possibilities they may have never considered and to learn from people who are serving God every day with their careers. Our presenters also shared steps our students need to take now to prepare for the future. Aside from sharing with middle school students, our presenters were able to briefly visit younger classrooms for a brief Q&A time.

We were thrilled with the variety of careers represented this year. We had an architect, an artist/teacher/private math tutor, a nurse practitioner, a doula, summer camp directors, and an archaeologist/professor.

Many thanks to our wonderful guest presenters!



The Giving Tree

The HPCA Giving Tree is now online! It is a convenient way for you to invest in HPCA classes and programs.

The Giving Tree displays a variety of special requests from teachers and staff. Fulfilling the Giving Tree requests allows you to partner with our mission in a way that directly benefits the students.

Visit the Giving Tree on our website at www.hpcaphilly.org/giving-tree.cfm. You can either pay online through PayPal or you can mail a check directly to HPCA with your Giving Tree item on the memo line.

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