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HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Transforming Hearts and Minds



by Kevin Deane,
Principal

Hello, friends of HPCA. Glory in your sufferings! Suffering leads to hope! Weakness reveals power! These are not phrases that you will see on many bumper stickers or t-shirts (and without context, that's probably a good thing). But these are truths of the Lord that reveal His power.

At HPCA, our school-wide theme this year has been "By the Power of the Holy Spirit." This month's memory verse is Romans 5:3-5, which links suffering to hope, through perseverance and character. The writer, Paul, also boasts in 2 Corinthians 11 and 12 about his sufferings and weaknesses. If you have time, check it out - it is quite a list! In 12:9-10, Paul declares that the Lord's grace is enough, and His power is made perfect in weakness. In our brokenness, there is opportunity for the Holy Spirit's power to be demonstrated because, without our pride in the way, it is clear that the power on display belongs not to us, but to a loving, forgiving, capable God. And that is good news!

We have had the privilege of seeing the power of the Holy Spirit on many occasions at HPCA, through provision, celebration, comfort, and guidance. Some of our students have had struggles and have endured suffering. It is important to lead them to see the active power of the Holy Spirit in many ways, especially during the rough times. Together, the students and faculty have been learning that no matter what the situation, by God's power, we are included, renewed, transformed, and so much more. I asked students to share where they have seen the Spirit's power at work in their own lives. Here are some of their responses:

"When we did the Easter play, I felt like God was here and He made me brave."
- 2nd-grade student

"When my dad was in the hospital, we prayed for him every day for a week. Then he didn't have to have stomach surgery. Then my dad had to get eye surgery. We prayed for him. Then the doctor said he did not need it anymore."
- 3rd-grade student

"I don't have to worry about Him not being there for me. I've seen changes in my life, not because I did it, but because the Lord has been guiding me. That's how the Holy Spirit has changed my life." -4th-grade student

"Teachers have helped me grow spiritually. I have seen the Spirit work through them to help all of us in middle school." 7th-grade student

We thank the Spirit for making Himself known this year and for continuing to provide for our children and families in Hunting Park. Also, thank you, our faithful partners in this work, for your ongoing support. Because you walk with us in so many ways, children, families, and our community can see and know the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for uplifting HPCA.



**Saturday, August 17th &
Saturday, August 24th**

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Help us get HPCA ready for the next school year! We will be doing general cleaning, painting, and small maintenance jobs. Please contact Jen Deane if you are able to come or have questions.

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$535,000.
- *PA Individuals and Business Owners:* Get a tax credit by donating to our scholarship fund through OSTC.
- Join our e-mail prayer team.
- Organize a donation drive for back-to-school supplies or donate gift cards to teachers. See website for a list of needed supplies.
- Join our team! Check our website to see our current employment opportunities.

Contact Jen Deane, Director of Development, at 215-324-9180 or jen@hpcaphilly.org if you want more information on these ways to help.

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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2019 RACE FOR EDUCATION



On May 1st, HPCA held our 14th Annual Race for Education in Hunting Park. It was a beautiful day and our students and Special Runners did an excellent job running around the track for an hour!

Together, participants ran a total of 2,617 laps (654.25 miles)! In addition to our student runners, we had 16 Special Runners helping us reach our goal.

The total amount of contributions (including pledges) is \$45,500, making this our most successful Race for Education ever!!! All the funds raised will go directly to our scholarship fund, allowing HPCA to remain affordable for families in our community. **We are so thankful for the overwhelming generosity and support!**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed financially, our Special Runners, dedicated volunteers, parent supporters, and a generous donor who blessed us with awesome Race shirts.

Because we reached our goal, our principal, Mr. Deane, will have to camp out on the HPCA roof in his pajamas! Check out pictures of this (and more Race pictures) at hpcaphilly.org!



AED DONATION

HPCA was selected to receive an AED through the Philadelphia Flyers Overtime Challenge and Simon's Heart, an organization committed to saving lives by raising awareness about conditions that lead to sudden cardiac arrest and death. Members of student council and administration were trained in how to properly use the life-saving device. We are so thankful for this generous gift!



NEW YORK TRIP



Mrs. Nesbitt, our middle school science and social studies teacher, organized a field trip for our middle school students to learn some of the history of New York City, particularly African-American history.



Our students had the opportunity to visit important sites, such as the Apollo Theatre, Columbia University, the Malcolm Shabazz Harlem Market, Strivers' Row, Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem Heights, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and, finally, Times Square. The trip was both historically rich and a ton of fun!

