

# HALYN'S HERALD



**THE Hockessin  
Montessori**  
SCHOOL  
*Educating For Life* 12 Months - 8th Grade



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Kids Night Out is cancelled**

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to plan and work the "Kids Night Out," unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to staff the event so, as a result, the January 29th event has been cancelled.

### **Winter Music Program \* Thursday, January 21, 9:00AM**

*This is rescheduled from before Winter Break.* Parents are invited to join us in the Gym to see the Toddlers, Children's House, Lower/Upper Elementary and Middle School children perform at our Annual Winter Music Program. We will have only the concert and will not reschedule the Ethnic Day classroom celebrations. This is a regular school day after the concert.

### **Winter Tubing and Skiing Event in February**

Thank you to HMS Parent, Joanne Shaver, who has volunteered to organize a Saturday trip to the Poconos. She is in the process of researching locations, dates and discounted group deals for our school. We envision it to be a Saturday trip and parents would cover all costs (admission, transportation, rentals, food, etc). Parents will drive their own families or carpool, however if there is enough interest we can organize a bus trip. If you have any interest in participating in this day of fun in the snow, please email Jill at [jmarine@thehms.org](mailto:jmarine@thehms.org).

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Nikil Patel**  
Toddler 2

**Kaycie Tirador**  
Children's House 2

**Caroline Willey**  
Children's House 3

**Nyle Patel**  
Children's House 3

**Sky Gommeren**  
Children's House 4

**Ella Ygfeldt-Smith**  
Lower Elementary 1

**Aidra DeBlasio**  
Upper Elementary

**Jack Warren**  
Upper Elementary

**Kristin Lucente**  
Extended Care Director

**Ink Cartridges & Cell Phones to recycle!**

## CALENDAR



for our updated  
**January School Calendar.**

### Thursday, January 14

#### Upper Elementary Community Service Project

Local author, Cindy Sardo, will work with our Upper Elementary Students to make Alphabet Soup for the Emmanuel Dining Room. They will spend the morning in the kitchen and she will deliver hot soup for dinner. Her book, *Cooking's Cool*, features a magical teacher who loves to cook with her students and teach them that cooking is COOL. Parents are welcome to pre-order an autographed copy of *Cooking's Cool in the Winter*. Order forms went home this week, please return the completed form and payment before January 13. Visit [cookingscool.org](http://cookingscool.org) to learn more about Sardo's mission and read her blog - Culinary Chit Chat. If you have questions or need another form, contact Jill at [jmarine@thehms.org](mailto:jmarine@thehms.org).

### Friday, January 15

#### Staff Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Vacation Care is available for those families who pre-registered.

The HMS Staff will be involved in a Book Discussion on the text: *Getting to GOT IT! Helping Struggling Students Learn How to Learn* by Betty K. Garner.

### Monday, January 18

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Vacation Care is available for those families who pre-registered.

### Wednesday, January 20

#### Vacation Care Registration Deadline

In February, school will be closed on 2/1 and 2/2 for Parent/Teacher Conferences, in addition school will be closed on 2/12 for a Staff Professional Development Day and on 2/15 for President's Day. Vacation Care is available on 2/1, 2/2, and 2/15. Vacation Care is full for 2/12. A registration form can be found in the Parent's Login Section of the HMS Website.

## PARENT'S CORNER

### FOR SALE

Pottery Barn Sleigh Crib for sale (Honey Color). Comes with conversion kit for Toddler bed, a double sided mattress (1st side for up to 1 year and 2nd side is for Toddler, has air vents and is very firm, top rated by Consumer Reports) from Closiks, and a cat net. Call Caroline at 302-234-1240 or email at [cmouldsdale@thehms.org](mailto:cmouldsdale@thehms.org). Cost \$350. Value: \$1200.

### SATURDAY FAMILY EVENT

January 16, 2010 (10AM - 12PM)  
\* Exploration: Snow Flakes  
Like to catch snowflakes on your tongue or ever wonder what they would look like through a microscope? You and your child will learn about the composition of snowflakes and see them through a microscope, make and project snowflake designs, and find out about the life and photography of "Snowflake Bentley". Craft your own decorative thermometer. This event is offered at the DASEF Environmental Outpost in Smyrna. For more information check [www.dasef.org](http://www.dasef.org) or contact Lynne Bloom at [dasef.outpost@verizon.net](mailto:dasef.outpost@verizon.net) or (302) 834-1978.

### AFTER SCHOOL NANNY

### Thursday, January 21, 9:00AM

#### Winter Music Program in the School Gym

Further information in the above "Announcements Section."

### Fridays, 8:00AM

#### "The Wonder of Boys" Book Discussion Groups in the Library

Parents are invited to purchase the book for \$15 and then join Janette Henry and other parents to discuss the book - one chapter each week. Mark your calendars, the discussion groups are scheduled for 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/26, 4/16 and 4/23. Please send cash or a check (made payable to HMS) to Janette if you are interested in participating.

### Parent Observation Week

#### Monday, January 25 - Friday, January 29, 8:00AM - 11:00AM each day

Parents are invited to visit HMS and observe your child at work in their classroom. This is a time for parents to quietly sit inside your child's classroom to observe them at work in the Montessori environment. Please understand this is not a time to interact with the teachers or children, but solely an opportunity to "observe."

In addition, if you were not able to attend the November evening "Making the Transition Seminars", HMS is offering additional morning seminars during this week.

### Tuesday, January 26, 8:30AM to 9:30AM

Learn about the Children's House Program

### Wednesday, January 27, 8:15AM to 9:15AM

Learn about the Lower Elementary Program

### Friday, January 29, 8:15AM to 9:15AM

Learn about the Upper Elementary Program

Parents are encouraged to attend Informational Sessions to learn what to expect as your child Moves On to the next program level. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss the next level with the Program Teachers and to observe the next program level for your child.

## STUDENT NEWS

### 2010 National Geography Bee

Congratulations to our Upper Elementary and Middle School

One of our HMS families is looking for an After School Care Nanny for their 12 year old and 5 year old children. They are looking for a responsible adult with their own transportation for 2-3 days per week. If interested in a part time job, please contact Joshua Sachs at [joshuasachs@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuasachs@yahoo.com).

## PARENT EDUCATION CORNER

### Eight Sleep Tips for Every Child

By: Elizabeth Pantley

"Up to 70 percent of children under age five have sleep problems. Sleep issues are complicated and have many causes. They're hard to deal with because when children aren't sleeping, parents aren't sleeping, and that lack of sleep affects every minute of every day for every person in the family because lack of sleep isn't just about being tired. Sleep has a role in everything - dawdling, temper tantrums, hyperactivity, growth, health, and even learning to tie his shoes and recite the ABC's. Sleep affects everything. The following ideas are of value to almost any sleeper, of any age."  
...[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about sleep tips.

students who competed in the HMS Geography Bee. A special Congratulations to Aleksandr DeBlasio (8th grade); HMS's 2010 School Champion! Aleksandr and Dan Mersman were the two students who made it all the way to the Championship Round. Aleksandr will be heading to the Delaware State Championship as The Hockessin Montessori School's representative. Congratulations also go to those who competed in the 'Finals' Round: Andrew Beer, Sean Cochran, Miles Petersen, and Martin Hunt.



## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN THANK YOU!

**WE ARE PLEASED TO THANK MANY OF OUR FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS AND STAFF FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2009-2010 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN.**

### Middle School

- Paxson/Demarest Family, *HMS Family*
- Mersman Family, *HMS Family & Board Member*
- Joan Henry, *HMS Grandparent*
- Henry/DeBlasio Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*

### Upper Elementary

- Simonds Family, *HMS Family*
- Warren Family, *HMS Family*
- Silveira Family, *HMS Family*

- Sally Cochran, *HMS Grandparent*

### **Lower Elementary**

- Agarwal Family, *HMS Family*
- Gimbutas Family, *HMS Family*
- Spizzo Family, *HMS Family*
- Ronald & Julie Anne Brown, *HMS Grandparents*
- Gilliam Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*
- Klumpp Family, *HMS Family & Board Member*
- Brookler Family, *HMS Family*

### **Children's House**

- Kahlon Family, *HMS Family*
- Ahuja Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*
- Marine Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*
- Marchiani Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*
- Mouldsdale Family, *HMS Family & Staff Member*
- Athey Family, *HMS Family*
- Cherrin Family, *HMS Grandparents*
- Nash Family, *HMS Staff Members*

### **Alumni**

- Nolan Family, *Alumni Family*
- Lucente Family, *Alumni Family & Board Member*
- Chitra Family, *Alumni Family & Board Member*
- Bennett Family, *Alumni Family & Past Board Member*

### **HMS Staff**

- 100% participation by our HMS Teachers and Staff!

## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT HMS?**

### **Ice Skating at The Pond**

HMS families and friends had a great time skating, slipping and sliding around the skating rink this past Saturday. Thanks for joining the fun!

### **December Fun in the Snow!**





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The Hockessin Montessori School

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