

# HALYN'S HERALD



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to HMS!

A special welcome to the James Family! We are thrilled to have Krishanti join the Children's House 3 class this week.

In addition, we would like to extend a special welcome to both Caroline Riet and Lilia Brookler, siblings of current HMS students who began school in our Toddler program this week.

### Thank you for all the donations!

Middle School students delivered 15 large boxes of supplies, clothing, toys, books, toiletries, food, warm weather needs and 75 coats to Child Inc. and the Sunday Breakfast Mission. **Thank you for your outpouring of support and generosity to our charity drive!**

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR US TO HOST THIS EVENT!

"Kids Night Out" is scheduled for Friday, January 29th from 6:00 - 9:00PM. Last year was the first time HMS did this event and it was very well received and great fun. It is offered to all children in the Children's House Program and older. Parents may drop off their children for an evening of pizza, snacks, games, activities, movies and fun with their friends. HMS parent, Ann Maring, has offered to be the Committee Chairperson, *however...* we still need parent volunteers to help organize and run this event. We can only run the event with enough volunteers to staff it. If you would like to help, please email Jill at [jmarine@thehms.org](mailto:jmarine@thehms.org) before Tuesday, January 12th.

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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

## PARENT'S CORNER

**Nanny Needed**  
One of our HMS families is looking for an After School Care Nanny for their 12 year

**Wednesday, January 13, 6:00PM**

### **Parent Education, Math Curriculum Night**

Teachers from each age level will present the math scope and sequence and materials from the Toddler Program through the Middle School Program. It is a perfect opportunity to gain a better understanding of the math curriculum and to learn about the Montessori materials used to introduce your children to these concepts. Feel free to bring along a friend or neighbor to introduce them to Montessori! There is no fee for this event, but please RSVP before Monday, 1/11 to Caroline at [cmouldale@TheHMS.org](mailto:cmouldale@TheHMS.org).

**Don't forget to save those Box Tops and send in your Ink Cartridges & Cell Phones to recycle!**

## CALENDAR



for our updated  
**January School Calendar.**

**Saturday, January 9 (1:00 - 3:00PM)**

### **Family Fun Event \* Ice Skating at the Pond Ice Arena \***

Join your HMS friends and family for an afternoon of ice skating. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. The cost will be \$5 per person (skate rental included - the smallest child size skate available to rent is size 7). No need to pre-pay, parents may pay at the door and let them know you are with HMS to get the discounted price. Just a reminder to dress your children in layers and wear gloves; children (and adults) are permitted to wear elbow pads, knee pads, and bike helmets if necessary.

**Tuesday, January 12, 10:00AM - HMS Geography Bee**

All students will watch and support the HMS 4th - 8th grade students as they participate in the 2010 National Geography Bee. Please join us in the gymnasium as our Upper Elementary and Middle School students compete in the HMS Preliminary Round and Final Round competitions to determine The Hockessin Montessori School's representative to the Delaware State Championship.

**Wednesday, January 13, 6:00PM**

### **Parent Education, Math Curriculum Night**

See Announcement Section for details.

**Thursday, January 14**

### **Upper Elementary Community Service Project**

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).

**Local Author Event**

Saturday, January 9 at 11:00AM - Doreen Rathmell Meredith, Local Author of "Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud" will host an event at the Barnes & Noble at Christiana Mall.

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.

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

**Winter Music Program in the School Gym**

This is rescheduled from before Winter Break. Parents are invited 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.

**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.

## **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*

### **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*

### **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!



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The Hockessin Montessori School

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