

HALYN'S HERALD



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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE EVERY THURSDAY AT 9:00AM

Our biggest draw for potential families/students is from "Family Referrals", we are pleased to hear this over and over again from new visitors. Thanks for speaking so highly of our school, it is always appreciated! Just a reminder that we have Open Houses every Thursday at 9:00am, so please tell your friends or families who may be interested to stop by.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last week every student brought home a packet with their school photos. Please return the photos OR your payment/order TODAY so that we can finalize your orders with Slayton Photos.

INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER

Last week you received a packet of Innisbrook Fundraising catalogs/products; it is an organization with quality items that we have utilized for years. There is no pressure for children to sell the products. However, if you, your family, or friends choose to purchase any items, the school receives a 50% donation from all sales. It's a nice way to do some easy holiday shopping. All ordering can be done online. At checkout, print a voucher to return to HMS with payment (payable to HMS).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW SONTCHI!

Congratulations to Andrew Sontchi, Lower Elementary 2 student, for receiving special academic awards among the Nation's Top Academic Elementary/Middle School students. He participated in this academic Talent Search organized by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Andrew



scored highest among the Top in the Country for SCAT Verbal, in addition, his brother, Jeremy Sontchi and Taylor Sweeney received High Honors. Jeremy and Taylor are former HMS Upper Elementary students. Congratulations to Andrew, Jeremy, and Taylor!

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

There is still time to register for our HMS Parent Education Workshops. Remember all workshops are free to HMS families and friends. October's sessions are listed below in our calendar section or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to find more information.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Kupchik
Toddler 1

Baden Sprinkle
Children's House 2

Jacob Mackara
Children's House 2

Johnny Carvalho
Children's House 3

Brandon Smith
Children's House 3

Park Komacek
Children's House 4

Zachary Pantle
Lower Elementary 1

Annabel Riet
Lower Elementary 2

Andrew Beer
Upper Elementary

Sean Cochran
Upper Elementary

Laura Hannagan
Music Teacher

PARENTS CORNER

FOR SALE: 2005 SAAB 93
Manual, 85,000 miles, Rated

CALENDAR



for our updated
October School Calendar.

TONIGHT, OCTOBER 8, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

HMS along with a host of local schools from the Delaware Association of Independent Schools (DAIS) will gather to present an informational session highlighting "The Value of Independent School Education." The session will be held at The Hockessin Memorial Fire Hall - everyone is welcome to attend this free community event.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 & MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Vacation Care available for those who preregistered.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Fire Truck Visit from Hockessin Fire Company
(rescheduled)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, OR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 8:00 - 10:00AM

Come to School Morning for Children's House Parents

Parents with children in the Children's House program are encouraged to spend some time in the classroom with your child, let them give you a Montessori lesson and show you the work they have been learning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:00PM

Mystery of the Monarch, Parent Education Series

Join Annick Nash, CH2 Head Teacher, and Thelma Dooley, retired CH1 Teacher, for an evening exploring the life cycle of the monarch butterflies. Annick and Thelma were awarded fellowships from the Monarch Teacher Network to visit the best known monarch colonies of El Rosario and Sierra Chincua in the Transvolcanic Mountains in Michoacan, Mexico. They will share pictures and experiences from their trip, as well as discuss ways to raise monarchs with children. This workshop is free to

First in Safety! Asking \$11,000 or best offer. Contact Miss Caroline at cmoulsdale@TheHMS.org for more information.

EXTENDED CARE AT HMS



March 2009

COMPUTER TOTS & COMPUTER EXPLORERS

celebrated our 25th year of "Providing Global Education through Innovation." This year's curriculum includes a using digital microscope to explore the world around us and then creating slide shows with the snapshots taken during our exploration. Beware: Their final product may not resemble their original snapshots. The children pass their scientific discoveries through rigorous art and special effects centers. Total transformation will be presented in a slideshow. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch our website for these slideshow postings. It is never too late to register for our classes. Contact us at CT_CE_Delaware@Verizon.net or call 302.234.1257.

PARENT EDUCATION CORNER

DISCIPLINE AND COMMUNICATION

by Caroline Mouldsdale

"Discipline does not mean punishing your child. The art

HMS families and their friends. Children are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Lower EI 1 & 2 Field Trip to Bellevue State Park

The students will participate in a 2 hour guided tour learning about the life cycles of three species and their habitats.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM

Come to School Night for Elementary and Middle School Parents

Parents with children in the Lower EI, Upper EI and Middle School programs are encouraged to spend some time in the classroom with your child, let them give you a Montessori lesson and show you the work they have been learning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 8:00 - 9:00AM

Flu Shots for Parents and Staff available

During morning drop off, Dr. Richman will be set up in the school library to give flu shots to parents and staff. Cost is \$25 per person - cash or check (payable to Dr. Richman). No children are permitted to participate.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Vacation Care Registration Deadline

Vacation Care Registration for Parent-Teacher Conference Days, November 2 & 3. Parents can find the form at www.TheHMS.org in the Gold Login Tab in the "General Information" section.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Children's House Field Trip to Ashland Nature Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

National Day of Writing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Upper EI In-House Field Trip with Michael Forestieri (Story Teller)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:30AM

Consignment Sale Kick-Off Meeting

As part of the Spring Hockessin Montessori Fundraising Drive, we have parents who would like to organize a Consignment Sale to benefit HMS! Target date for the event is February or March 2010. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and we would love to hear your ideas. Please join us for a kickoff meeting to be held at school on Tuesday, October 20th at 8:30 AM. Hope to see you there. If you cannot attend, but would like to help, please contact Committee Co-Chairs * Anna Berkner (aberkner@verizon.net) and Mona Singh (msinghk@yahoo.com)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Children's House 2 & 3 In-House Field Trip with Clem Bowen (Story Teller)

of discipline is creating a respectful environment for the child to develop refined grace and courtesy skills. If you are consistent wherever you go with children and you create an environment where children know what to expect at all times then discipline and order will start to seem natural. With a consistent atmosphere, children will know what to expect and will know the consequences for their actions."

To read the full article and find more helpful information about Discipline and Communication, [CLICK HERE](#).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:00PM
Parent Education Series, Community Safety with New Castle County Police

The New Castle County Police will review safety measures for school, home, and other important areas we use daily. A minimum of 10 attendees are required for this workshop. Please return your Session Registration or contact Caroline at cmoulsdale@TheHMS.org to sign up today!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 (8AM - Noon)

"The Journey" is a program designed to give you a better understanding of what makes a Montessori Education unique. All NEW Parents are required to experience the progression of our students from Toddler age through Eighth Grade. This day is designed to give a holistic view of the developmental milestones reached as students' abilities move from processing simple and concrete processes to mastering those that are complex and abstract. All families are welcome to attend, please RSVP to Janette at jhenry@thehms.org.

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

- Lynn and Mike Paxson HMS Family
- Mersman Family HMS Family & Board Member
- Joan Henry HMS Grandparent
- Janette Henry HMS Family & Staff Member

UPPER ELEMENTARY

- Edson & Silvana Silveira HMS Family
- Sally Cochran HMS Grandparent

LOWER ELEMENTARY

- Ronald & Julie Anne Brown HMS Grandparents
- Gilliam Family HMS Family & Staff Member

CHILDREN'S HOUSE

- 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

HMS STAFF

- 100% participation by our HMS Teachers and Staff!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

HMS STUDENTS HARD AT WORK!





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Sincerely,
The Hockessin Montessori School

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