

HALYN'S HERALD



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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAND SANITIZER

To help reduce the spread of germs, we have put Hand Sanitizing wipes in the common areas of the school including the front entrance, in the lobby, and in the library.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last call for school photo returns or payments - please return them to school today.

TOMORROW, 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.

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

Community Safety with New Castle County Police

Due to low registration, this session scheduled for October 21st has been cancelled.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The first deadline to submit our Box Tops is coming up on October 31. Please be sure to gather your Box Tops and return them to school ASAP. Our fundraising goal from our efforts is \$500.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:30AM

REVISED Brainstorming Fundraising Meeting - All Parents Welcome!

Originally, this meeting was planned to discuss organizing a



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

EXTENDED CARE AT HMS

Consignment Sale to benefit HMS but now we would also like to brainstorm an idea regarding an HMS Fitness/Health Fair and Walk-a-Thon to benefit HMS! We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and possibilities. We would love to hear your ideas, so please join us for a brief brainstorming session. If you cannot attend, but would like to help, contact * Anna Berkner (aberkner@verizon.net) and Mona Singh (msinghk@yahoo.com).

Please return your Cultural Background forms and Recipe forms to Middle School ASAP. The Middle School students are working on on a projects for our upcoming Cultural Fair and they need your input. Thank you.

CALENDAR



for our updated
October School Calendar.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM

Come to School Night for Elementary and Middle School Parents

Parents with children in the Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary 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.

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 2 & 4 Field Trip to Ashland Nature Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

National Day of Writing

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

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HOW TO TEACH YOUNG CHILDREN TECHNOLOGY BASICS - PART ONE

The learning environment continues to get more competitive. Every parent wants to see their child succeed in life, so how can you give your child an advantage? Engaging them in technology education early on, can prepare them for life-long success.

Let's face it, technology isn't just a nice to have, it's essential in this day and age. There are no longer digital immigrants being born, only technology natives.

"Children introduced to technology at an early age benefit in many areas. It boosts their self-confidence and encourages an open mind, teamwork, and enhanced learning," says Michelle Hershey, COMPUTER EXPLORERS franchisee.

To ensure your child gets the most out of technology-based learning, we've put together some helpful tips:

- Start technology education early: Eighty-four percent of respondents to a survey by the Consumer Federation of America believe children learn more

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 - **RESCHEDULED**

Lower Elementary Field Trip to Bellevue State Park

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1:00 PM

Children's House 2 Cultural Assembly

Children's House 2 students will present Antarctica. Parents are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:00 - 9:00AM

Upper Elementary Work Review & Continental Breakfast

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6:00PM

Upper Elementary & Middle School Haunted Adventure

The whole family is invited to this Haunted Adventure! Although everyone is invited, from 6:00 - 7:00PM the fun is geared towards the younger aged children (Toddlers and Children's House Students) with games, sing-alongs, and face painting, but at 7:00PM the evening turns a bit spookier with our Elementary and Middle School students performing scary story-telling. There will be delicious baked goods for sale, a gingerbread haunted house raffle and a minimal admission cost (tbd) - all proceeds will benefit UNICEF.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9:00AM

Halloween Parade for Children's House, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Middle School students

Students will parade around to show off their Halloween best. Parents are invited to stop by and enjoy the Parade too!



the coupon attached below.

SPECIAL HMS VIP OFFER!

Halloween Adventure is offering a discount for HMS employees, students, and their families. See

when they use technology and 93 percent believe computer skills are vital. The earlier you expose your child to technology, the more likely they are to embrace it and consider it an integral part of the learning process.

COMPUTER EXPLORERS offers a program for beginners, to prepare them for first grade with specific computer skills, such as keyboarding, word-processing, graphics, multimedia presentations, and even spreadsheets. "The key is to keep the lessons basic for young learners - not overly animated because they will get distracted," says Hershey. "Lessons should be interactive, and most important, fun. By starting technology education early, your child will enter first grade with self confidence and an eagerness to learn."

Questions? Contact COMPUTER EXPLORERS at 302.234.1257 or RoniDeely@Verizon.net

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:00AM

UNICEF Carnival

Lower Elementary classes will host the UNICEF Carnivals and donate all proceeds to UNICEF. All students (Toddler - Middle School) will visit Lower Elementary and play carnival games created by the students. They ask for a minimum of \$1 per child donation. In addition, if parents would like to donate items to the Prize Bins, please feel free to send in any new or used SMALL toys or kids items. It's a perfect time to clean out those toy bins!

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!

PARENTS CORNER

MOVING SALE!

To purchase any items below or view photos, contact Caitlin at adriancaitlin@gmail.com or 484 720 8263 ASAP.

- Welsh Dresser from Cardiff, Wales made from pitch pine around 1920 (Dimensions 56"W x 17"D x 84"H) - \$300
- 4 Edwardian Dining Chairs originally from London, England - \$200
- Sofabed Ikea BEDDINGE LOVAS dark purple - \$100
- Pine futon double bed base - no mattress or headboard (dismantled for transporting) - \$40
- Pine kitchen 3x5 ft table (worn) - \$20
- Slatted garden table-stained brown (worn) 3x6.5ft - \$20
- Revlon ceramic hair straighteners - \$10
- Printer/copier/scanner- Canon Pixma MP210 - \$30
- Fan O2 cool - \$10
- Ethan Allen Silver and glass standard lamp - \$150
- Double standard Lamp, Ikea NOT - \$10
- 2 Swiffers (dry and wet) - \$15
- Childs bike seat - \$25
- Play pen/travel cot - \$40
- Chrome manual citrus press - \$30

SPECIAL OFFER MESSAGE FROM HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE



HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE has been serving your local communities for over 25 years. With over 70 stores, we are the most exciting and adventurous destination for all of your Halloween FUN!

As a member of the community, we believe in offering our local organizations and corporations a unique savings opportunity. Please accept this exclusive offer to save 30% off the regular price of ANY item! There are no "pre-selected" days for redemption. Simply print and present this HMS VIP Coupon any time at any Halloween Adventure location!

[CLICK HERE](#) to find the location nearest you.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

OFFICER FRIENDLY VISITS CHILDREN'S HOUSE
FIRE TRUCK VISITS HMS STUDENTS





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Sincerely,
The Hockessin Montessori School

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