

HALYN'S HERALD



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



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OCTOBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDITIONAL DAY OF SCHOOL

Please make note of the change to the Winter Break and the Vacation Care Schedule. Students will have a full day of school on Monday, December 21. Tuesday morning, December 22 will be the Winter Music Program and Ethnic Day Celebration followed by a Noon Dismissal (no extended care). Any parents who had originally registered for Vacation Care for December 22 will find a credit on their account.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RELEASE OF STUDENTS

If you are picking up your child early from school, please sign them out in the log book located at the front desk. In addition, for any Students who are from Separated or Divorced Families, there is form that should be completed and returned to school ASAP to be kept in your child's records. Please download a Custody Verification Form from our school website, it can be found in the General Information Section of the Parent's Login. In addition, if any parents or guests are visiting the school at any time other than drop off/pick up, please sign in the book as a visitor and take a lanyard.

OUR HMS TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE GETTING CASUAL FOR A CAUSE!

Every Friday, the HMS Staff is given the opportunity to make a donation to a charitable cause and wear jeans for the day. This month the staff is raising money to donate towards Breast Cancer Awareness.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The packets that were mailed out to parents over the summer included a form that highlighted a number of events, fundraisers, and activities which HMS is looking to parent volunteers to chair or serve on the committee. If you

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

PARENT EDUCATION CORNER

THE IMPORTANCE OF ORDER AND A FAMILY SCHEDULE

"It is necessary for the child to have order and stability in his environment because he is constructing himself out of the elements of the environment." The find

did not return your form but would like to volunteer to help out in any way, please email Jill at jmarine@TheHMS.org.

INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER - ONLY 9 DAYS LEFT TO ORDER!

Please take a moment to look thru your Innisbrook Fundraising catalogs; there are some great quality gifts to purchase. Remember, if you, your family, or friends choose to purchase any items, the school receives a 50% donation from all sales. All ordering can be done online - at checkout, print a voucher to return to HMS with payment (payable to HMS). Thanks for your support!

CALENDAR



for our updated
October School Calendar.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Box Tops for Education Submission Deadline

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 by tomorrow. Our fundraising goal from our efforts is \$500.

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

TUESDAY, 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

more helpful tips on creating order at home and establishing a schedule for your home, [CLICK HERE](#).

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

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!



SPECIAL HMS VIP OFFER!

Halloween Adventure offers a discount for HMS employees, students, and their families. See coupon below.

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!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Parent Teacher Conferences - If you have not done so yet, please sign up for a time to meet with your child's teachers. Sign Up sheets are located at the main entrance or classroom doors.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:00PM

Parent Education: Montessori in the Home

The Montessori at Home Program helps to bridge the gap between a child's time at home with their time at HMS by helping parents create consistency between what the child has learned in school with what the child does at home. This will help create smoother transitions from one school year to the next and help your child achieve greater independence and respect. This session will include a guide to get you started, age appropriate activities to include in your home, discipline techniques, and a question and answer session.

Session taught by Caroline Mouldsdale, Children's House Head Teacher and Parent Education Director. HMS families and friends welcome - RSVP today to Caroline at cmouldsdale@TheHMS.org.

- 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!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pizza & Bingo Kick Off and the HMS Scholastics Book Fair - Monday, November 9 through Friday, November 13

The HMS Scholastics Book Fair is an annual fundraiser for the school and the library - it a great way to support HMS and get a little shopping done too. You can find something for everyone of all ages to enjoy. The Book Fair kicks off with a great family event - Pizza and Bingo Night and the following week the Fair is open every day at 8:00AM. Watch your Inbox for more information in the coming weeks.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6:00PM

HMS Annual Cultural Fair is Coming Soon!

Watch your inbox for more information.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

NATIONAL DAY OF WRITING

HMS celebrated the National Day of Writing in many creative ways. The Elementary and Middle School students enjoyed an in-house field trip learning about the art of storytelling. The children and teachers also shared some of their original writings at a group assembly. Don't miss the "Timeline of Writing" displayed along the windows in the main lobby - this timeline shows the progression of writing from the Toddlers through the Middle School programs.



COME TO SCHOOL DAYS

The children enjoyed giving their parents a Montessori lesson and showing them all the work they are learning in their classroom.



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! Simply print and present this HMS VIP Coupon any time at any Halloween Adventure location!

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



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Sincerely,
The Hockessin Montessori School