

# HALYN'S HERALD



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



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Book Fair Thank You!

A huge thank you to Jacque Hunt, Dineen Cochran and all the volunteers including Vicki Conn, Silvana Silveira, Tracy Copeland, Janette Henry, Michele Pepe, Nicole Colborn, Kelly Silliman, Barbara Perrone, Laura Goldberg, Dawn Ryan, Stephanie Mackara, Jutta Rosenthal, Deniz Roark, Ann Vandiver, Diane Ferretti, Mona Singh, and those who worked so hard over the past week to make our Book Fair such a success! Another thank you to our families who supported the Book Fair, we had a total of \$7,462.05 in sales throughout the week which brought a **\$1,850.52 donation** to HMS!

### Thank you for your support!

After several great Halloween events/fundraisers, HMS was pleased to send a check to UNICEF for a grand total of **\$678.50**.

### Reminder from the Business Office

There will be an ACH withdraw prepared on December 1st for those families who selected Plan II (3 payments) for tuition payments this year. Please contact Lester at [lstein@thehms.org](mailto:lstein@thehms.org) or 302.234.1240 if you have any questions.

### Welcome to the Zhang Family!

We would like to welcome the Zhang Family to the HMS Community. Aiden began last month in Valerie and Lotta's Toddler 2 class.

### HMS Apparel on sale now!

Middle School will be organizing another HMS Apparel Sale. They will place an order with the supplier in early December. If you would like to order long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts,



## NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

**Quinn Lindsey**

Children's House 2

**Katie Marchiani**

Children's House 2

**Benjamin Shaver**

Children's House 3

**Ian Ando**

Lower Elementary 1

**Katharine Gilliam**

Lower Elementary 1

**Anya Dougherty**

Lower Elementary 2

**Aleksandr DeBlasio**

Middle School

**Neeru Ahuja**

Children's House 4  
Assistant Teacher

**Caroline Mouldale**

Children's House 4  
Head Teacher

**Kathy Mannino**

Children's House 2  
Assistant Teacher

**Natalie Marchiani**

Middle School Director

## PARENT'S CORNER

**DASEF Explorations,  
Environmental Outpost  
This Saturday, November  
21, 10:00AM - 12:00PM,  
Exploration: Inertia and  
Momentum**

Ever wonder how forces affect the motion of racing cars and rolling coasters? You and your child will make and test a model racecar;

golf shirts or other HMS items, please return the Order Form before December 1st. You can find an order form in the Parent's Login Section of the HMS Website. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie at [nmarchiani@thehms.org](mailto:nmarchiani@thehms.org).

### Lost and Found

Please remember to put your child's name in their coats. We have quite a collection of coats building in our Lost and Found basket. If your child is missing anything, please check in at the Front Desk.

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

## CALENDAR



for our updated  
**November School Calendar.**

### Friday, November 20, 1:00PM - Children's House 4 Cultural Assembly

Children's House 4 students will present what they have been learning about Egypt. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

### Tuesday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Feast

The children will gather together with their buddy classes to share a holiday snack or meal. Watch your inbox for more information from your child's teacher or homeroom parent.

### November 25 - 27, Thanksgiving Break, **SCHOOL CLOSED**

*Vacation Care will be offered on Wednesday, November 25 to those families who pre-registered.*

### Monday, November 30, Welcome Back - School Resumes

### Tuesday, December 1, Spaghetti Lunch Begins for those students who pre-ordered.

### Wednesday, December 2, HMS Family Music Night

Join Jill Hannagan and Laura Hannagan for a **Celebration of Music!** This evening is planned for children and their parents to come together and spend time singing songs, dancing, playing instruments, and enjoying music together. You and your child will enjoy the songs they have been learning in class and have the chance to experience the incredible energy that is created when a group of children and adults gather to make music and have fun! **If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Jill at**

learn about mass, speed, and distance with various rolling objects; collide marbles; see a DVD about machines in motion; and make a track for a marble roller coaster. The fee is \$6 per person.

Find more information at [www.dasef.org](http://www.dasef.org) or email Lynne at [dasef.outpost@verizon.net](mailto:dasef.outpost@verizon.net).

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### **Anya DeBlasio**

Congratulations to Anya DeBlasio '09! After her first semester at McKean High school, she made Honor Roll; getting all A's in her classes including her honor classes of Algebra, English, and History.

[jmarine@thehms.org](mailto:jmarine@thehms.org) before **Tuesday, December 1.**

*Siblings are welcome to come along too and there is no cost for families.*

**Thursday, December 3, Chicken Finger Lunch Begins for those students who pre-ordered.**

**Friday, December 4, Earth Balloon comes to HMS**

The Delaware Children's Museum will present an inflatable 19 foot walk in globe - The Earth Balloon - to our Children's House, Lower and Upper Elementary, and Middle School Students. This in-house field trip will teach the children everything from longitude and latitude to water cycle and conservation.

**Monday, December 7, "Kids Go Shopping" All Week**

HMS will create a Holiday Shop and our students will have the chance to do their own shopping for Mom, Dad, Grandparents, siblings and others. A packet of information and envelope will come home soon - parents can then decide with their child who they will buy for and how much they can spend on their gifts. A portion of the total sales will be donated back to HMS.

**Tuesday, December 8th, Local Author to Visit HMS**

Doreen Rathmell Meridith, author of "Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud," will read her story and share a puppet show with the Toddlers and Children's House Students; in addition she will talk to the Lower Elementary Students about how to write and publish a book. She is offering the book to our families for \$16.00 each and she will also autograph each book with a personal message. There is a display in the front lobby or you can find her book at [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com). [CLICK HERE](#) for an order form.

**Wednesday, December 9, Winter Break Vacation Care Registration Deadline**

Vacation Care will be offered on 12/23, 12/28, 12/29 and 12/30 during Winter Break. A registration form can be found in the Parent's Login Section of the HMS Website.

## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN THANK YOU!

**It's time to make those year-end, tax-deductible contributions to HMS!**

**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 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*

### **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*

### **HMS Staff**

- 100% participation by our HMS Teachers and Staff!

## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**

### **Cultural Fair!**

Thank you for supporting the HMS Cultural Fair - it was a great evening for everyone! Our gym was full of many beautiful and interesting displays, delicious food from many cultures, and the Middle School students shared an impressive multi-media presentation from our new Technology Lab. Another thank you to the CACC Children's Dance Club for performing three beautiful dances at our Fair.



**Children's House 2 Antarctica Assembly**



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The Hockessin Montessori School

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