



Happy Thanksgiving



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*The teachers and staff of
The Hockessin Montessori School
would like to wish you and your
family
a safe and wonderful Holiday!
Enjoy spending this time
with your family and friends!*

A Few HMS Announcements

Thursday, November 26, 2009

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Mark your calendars, it's a busy month!

[CLICK HERE](#) for our updated December School Calendar.

Monday, November 30

Welcome Back! SCHOOL RESUMES.

Tuesday, December 1

Spaghetti lunch begins for those students who pre-ordered.

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 - 7:15PM

HMS Family Music Night

This evening is planned for children and their parents to spend time singing songs, dancing, playing instruments, and enjoying music together. RSVP to Jill at

jmarine@thehms.org before Tuesday, December 1.

Thursday, December 3

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

The cranberry is one of only three fruits-the others are the blueberry and the Concord grape-that are entirely native to North American soil, according to the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.

Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character

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" (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

HMS will create a Holiday Shop and 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. **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED** - if you can help out, please contact Laura at jukeboxlilly@yahoo.com.

**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. [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.

**Friday, December 18
Holiday Sing Along**

The children of all program levels will come together to sing Holiday Carols with their friends and buddy classes. Sorry, parents, this one is just for the kids, but we hope to see you at their Winter Music Program on 12/22.

**Monday, December 21
Full Day with Regular Dismissal**

Tuesday, December 22, 9:30AM

Winter Music Program & Ethnic Day Celebration

Parents are invited to see the Toddlers, Children's House, Lower/Upper Elementary and Middle School children perform their Winter Music Program. Immediately following the performance, the Ethnic Day Celebrations will begin in your child's classroom. Watch for more information from your child's teacher or homeroom parent. There is a NOON

in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.

Despite record-high gas prices (more than \$3.00 per gallon) in 2007, the American Automobile Association (AAA) estimated that 38.7 million Americans would travel 50 miles or more from home for the Thanksgiving holiday, a slight increase (1.5 percent) over the previous year.

Of those Americans traveling for Thanksgiving in 2007, approximately 80 percent (31.2 million) were expected to go by motor vehicle, 12.1 percent (4.7 million) by airplane and the rest (2.8 million) by train, bus or other mode of transportation.

Visit HISTORY.COM for more fun facts like these!

DISMISSAL and NO AFTERNOON CHILDCARE.

**Wednesday, December 23 - Friday, January 1, Winter
Break**

SCHOOL CLOSED

Vacation Care will be offered on 12/23, 12/28, 12/29,
12/30 for those who pre-register.

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