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SCHOOL
Educating For Life 12 Months - 8th Grade



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Care Closed for Friday, February 12th

On Friday, February 12, HMS will host the Montessori Teachers' Association of Delaware Conference. Due to staffing and space limitations, we have closed vacation care registration for that day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Holiday Charity Drive

Throughout the month of December, HMS Middle School Students are looking to our HMS families to help collect donations for two important local charities which help families and children in need - Child Inc. and the Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Child Inc. (www.childinc.com) Donation Suggestions:

- **WOMEN'S TOILETRIES** including shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, hair care products, nail care products, feminine products
- **BABY SUPPLIES** including diapers, baby wipes, baby wash, baby shampoo, non-spill cups, baby bottles, infant formula/cereal
- **CHILDREN SUPPLIES** including pajamas/slippers, coloring books/crayons, books, puzzles, board games, school supplies
- **MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS** including bath/kitchen towels, slippers/flip-flops, sheets/bedding, alarm clocks, durable flashlights, small kitchen supplies/utensils

Sunday Breakfast Mission
(www.sundaybreakfastmission.org) Donation Suggestions:

Joshua Roark
Children's House 2

Georgia Colborn
Children's House 2

Ava Swann
Children's House 2

Hayley Holder
Children's House 3

Cole Dunn
Children's House 3

Kayley Knackstedt
Children's House 3

Adam Okonowicz
Children's House 4

Punchhi Pandit
Lower Elementary 1

Laura Pepe
Lower Elementary 1

Jacob Vandiver
Lower Elementary 1

Savannah Klumpp
Lower Elementary 2

Grace Willey
Lower Elementary 2

Garrett Walker
Lower Elementary 2

Martin Hunt
Upper Elementary

Lotta Hecker
Toddler 2
Assistant Teacher

Anne Taylor
Children's House 3
Assistant Teacher

- **WARM WEATHER NEEDS** including new/gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves.

Please send donations with your child and they will be collected in our Main Lobby. Deadline for all donations will be Friday, December 18. Contact our Middle School Students or Natalie Marchiani at nmarchiani@thehms.org with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Kids Go Shopping

HMS students (Children's House and older) will have the chance to do their own shopping for mom, dad, grandparents, siblings and others. A packet of information and envelope went home this week. **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED - if you can help out, please contact Laura at jukeboxlilly@yahoo.com.**

HMS Apparel on sale now - Order due tomorrow

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, golf shirts or other HMS items, **please return the Order Form tomorrow.** 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.

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

CALENDAR



**for our updated
December School Calendar.**

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)

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, 9:00AM

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 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.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Thanks to our Alumni who came back to HMS to speak to current parents during our Transition Night. Parents were so pleased to hear comments such as:

"HMS helped me learn how to learn."

"I found that because of my Elementary education, I became more comfortable speaking with adults/teachers and asking for help."

"We are self motivators and self starters."

"I learned good study habits at HMS, which is really important in keeping ahead in high school."

"I feel I'm ahead of the game now, because I'm learning curriculum now in my high school classes that I learned back in HMS Middle School."

"The confidence in these students is just amazing."



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*
Moulsdale 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

Children's House 4 Egypt Assembly





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Sincerely,
The Hockessin Montessori School

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