

HALYN'S HERALD



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



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Feit Family!

We are pleased to welcome the Feit Family to HMS! Zoe started this week in the Lower Elementary 1 classroom. We are glad to have you here!

Family Fun Event * Ice Skating at The Pond Ice Arena *

Saturday, January 9 (1:00 - 3:00PM)

Join your HMS friends and family for an afternoon of ice skating. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. The cost will be \$5 per person (skate rental included). No need to pre-pay, parents may pay at the door and let them know you are with HMS to get the discounted price. Just a reminder to dress your children in layers and wear gloves; children (and adults) are permitted to wear elbow pads, knee pads, and bike helmets if necessary. Please RSVP to Jill at jmarine@thehms.org before **Wednesday, January 6th**. Hope to see you there!

MusikGarten Orders Due Today

Last call if you would like to order the MusikGarten CDs and materials which the children learn in the classroom with Miss Laura. If you need an order form, please email Jill at jmarine@TheHMS.org.

Author Visit

Thank you to Doreen Rathmall Meredith, author of Octavia and her Purple Ink Cloud, for visiting HMS this week. She shared her story and a puppet show with the students. She also talked to the older children about the process of writing and publishing a book. She will be at the Barnes & Noble in Christiana Mall on January 9th at 11:00AM to read her book and do a fun craft with the children. If you missed buying your book here, stop by on this day for an autographed

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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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.

Monday, December 14, Children's House Field Trip to Mitchell Hall at The University of Delaware

Upper Elementary

Lotta Hecker

Toddler 2

Assistant Teacher

Anne Taylor

Children's House 3

Assistant Teacher

HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVE

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:

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

PARENT EDUCATION CORNER

Children's House students will spend the morning enjoying the production of The Great Mummy Adventure by the Paper Bag Players.

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.

Friday, December 18, Last Day for the Holiday Donation Drive

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 at our Annual 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** on this day.

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 have pre-registered.

Monday, January 4 - School Resumes

Wednesday, January 6 - Vacation Deadline Registration

Vacation Care will be offered on our Staff Professional Development Day 1/15 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1/18. A registration form can be found in the Parent's Login Section of the HMS Website.

Saturday, January 9

Family Fun Event, Ice Skating at The Pond Ice Arena

More information in the Announcements Section

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.

Happy, Healthy Holiday Treats, By Roxanne Gold

"At no time during the year is cooking more fun than the holiday season. No matter what holiday you might be commemorating - Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa - food for the holidays has a special quality about it. It's meant for sharing with a wider circle than your immediate family. . . . So I have created some nifty recipes that are healthy and still celebratory." To read more about holiday cooking with your family, [CLICK HERE](#).

ALUMNI UPDATES

We were thrilled to have an 8th Grade Graduate stop by last week to visit and help out at HMS. Mom wrote a great note after his visit saying, "I wanted to thank you for letting him visit today. He really liked doing that and got in the car and said "I am so glad I did that today". It was really nice that he could go "home" again and see people who shaped his first nine years of school. We treasure the intimate community of HMS and are very grateful that it extends beyond the student leaving the school."

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*
- Klumpp Family, *HMS Family & Board 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*
- Bennett Family, *Alumni Family & Past Board Member*

HMS Staff

- 100% participation by our HMS Teachers and Staff!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Earth Balloon

The children really enjoyed The Delaware Children's Museum, inflatable 19 foot walk in globe - inside and out!



Family Music Night

Thanks to everyone who joined the fun on Family Music Night. Everyone enjoyed dancing, singing, playing and just acting like one of the kids!





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Sincerely,
The Hockessin Montessori School

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