



# Hilltop Happenings

## Notes from the Director: Welcome to Hilltop Happenings!!!

We'd like to introduce you to the first issue of Hilltop Happenings Newsletter. Many times we hear from families that no longer have children with us at Hilltop Christian Nursery School, and they are anxious to hear how our school year is going, what changes are taking place, and any other exciting Hilltop news. We are hopeful that this new publication will help with that.

It is our hope that this newsletter will be printed twice a school year, once in the fall and once in the spring, and it will alert you to upcoming special events at the school, special stories of interest, cute stories about the children, and most

importantly, prayer requests for us. We also look at it as a way for all of us to stay connected.

This is a new adventure for us, and I'm sure we'll learn some things as we move along. If there are items of interest that you'd like to read about, please let us know.

Thank you for being an important part of our ministry, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter!!



If you'd like to read about something specific in this newsletter, let us know. We'd love to hear from you!!!

← Miss Becky Chocklette, Hilltop's Director, is surrounded by friends on pajama party day! I think you can hear her saying, "I have the best job in the world!!!"

## Hilltop Christian Nursery School

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### Don't Miss:

- ☺ Ways You Can Pray for Us!!
- ☺ Our All-School Hot Dog Lunch on May 6th at 11:45 a.m.
- ☺ Visit us on May 6th to See All of our Physical Changes!!!
- ☺ The EITC Possibilities
- ☺ Cute Kid Quips

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## Cute Kid Quips

Kallan is in our morning four-year-old program this year, and he was at home with his mom. She was asking him if he knew his Bible verse for the month, and he said that he did. She asked him to recite it to her and he said very

proudly, "Hold the railing when you go up the steps, and don't walk up the slide."

In Miss Bonnie's morning three-year-old class, they were making cinnamon-applesauce ornaments one day. She asked Hayden

what color they were, and he said, "They look like sediment to me."

Aren't children so much fun!!! We enjoy them so much, and we hope these little stories have made you smile.

## Physical Changes Abound at Hilltop

If you stopped in for a visit with us, and you haven't been with us for some time, you may not recognize us. Hilltop has undergone many physical changes over the last two years.

Last May, the Evangelical Free Church of Hershey began a large building project which included two, new, large muscle rooms and a new playground.

Hilltop students were able to begin to use the new rooms and the new playground in November. What a blessing these additions have been to us! The children love the new playground, especially the "pretend" grass that doesn't hurt when they fall, and the teachers love the new rooms where we have room to run and play on days when the weather doesn't allow us to go outside.

In addition, two years ago a very special lady from the Hershey Free Church, Vicky Cintron, embarked on a project to paint a Noah's Ark mural on our hallway walls. Not only did Vicky do a spectacular job on our walls, but she also DONATED all of her time to do it. Vicky would paint late in the evenings and on weekends so as not to disrupt our nursery school schedule, and what a blessing her work has been to us. You'll notice some of her paintings in the pictures to the right.



## Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Information

We wanted to take this time to give a large thank you to two area businesses that have donated funds to Hilltop this year as part of Pennsylvania's Pre-K Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). **Maguire's Ford of Hershey donated \$4,000 and Mid Atlantic Inspection, Inc. of Hershey donated \$2,500. If you visit any of these local businesses, please thank them for their support of Hilltop!!!!**

The Pre-K EITC program provides financial assistance through scholarships to families in need that are currently enrolled in early education programs. Many of the families that have received assistance from these donations would not otherwise be able to afford preschool education for their children.

This program is such a "win-win" situation!! The company that donates the funds is able to receive up to a 100% tax credit for the amount

donated, and Hilltop receives the funds it needs to be able to support families in the community.

Many local businesses would be able to be a part of this very simple process!! If the business is paying any of the following taxes: Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax, their business can qualify. In many cases, the same amount that a business is paying in taxes can be sent to us at Hilltop!!!

If you know of any local business or business owner that may be interested in this program, please have them contact, Becky Chocklette, Director. We'd love to talk with them, and show them how easy it is to be a part of this wonderful program.

**Do you know of an area business that would like to do a lot of good with the money they are paying in taxes?? Encourage them to be a part of the Pre-K EITC program!!!**



**Help support quality preschool education for young children!!!**

## Meet a Hilltop Legacy Family

"A legacy family," you are asking, what is a legacy family? A legacy family is a fancy name that I came up with to describe those families that have been with us for at least two generations. This is Hilltop's 29th year in ministry, and for the last few years, we've had children enrolled at Hilltop whose parents also attended here years ago.

I would like to introduce you to one of our legacy families -- The Burton's. Suzanne Siwert is pictured at right (with arrow above her). If you were able to see the picture more clearly, you'd see that the calendar reads September, 1979. This was Hilltop's first class!! Suzanne is busy playing

at the sand table in Room 105.

Suzanne is now married to Paul Burton, and they have two wonderful children, Cassidy and Carter. Cassidy is enrolled at Hilltop this year in our



four-year-old program, and-- you aren't even going to believe this -- she is in Room 105!! Can you believe it...29 years later and in the same room as her mom. (and no, we do not have those same room decorations!!)

We are so thankful to have the Burtons with us, and we look forward to reaching a whole new generation in the years to come.

Watch for more information to come out regarding Hilltop's 30th anniversary next year!!!!

## Prayer Requests

One of the reasons that we decided to do this newsletter is that we hoped when you saw it, it would help you to remember to pray for us.

- Pray for the health and safety of our students and staff. We have 162 students enrolled, and 15 staff members.
- Pray that God would continue to use us to plant eternal seeds for Him.
- Pray that our Board and administration would continue to seek His will for our ministry.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to lead the families and children to us that would fulfill His will for us.

**"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."**

**Ephesians 6:18**

## Praying for You!!!

At the same time that you are praying for us, we can be praying for you!!! Did you know that every Tuesday and Wednesday morning, our staff meets for a time of devotions and prayer? If you have a prayer request or praise, please let us know about it. We'd love to pray for you!!! You can simply email your request to me, Becky Chocklette, at [hcnskids@yahoo.com](mailto:hcnskids@yahoo.com). You could also call us at 533-8956, or write to us. Our address is on the back of this newsletter.

If you'd like to be removed from this mailing list, you can also use the contact information above to let us know.

## Meet Our Teachers!!!

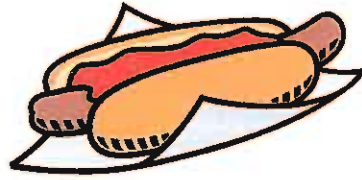
I'd like to take this time to introduce you to our wonderful teaching staff this year. See picture below for staff names and number of years at Hilltop. (1 to 1st row): Heidi Pinkham, 10, Vicky Kretz, 5, Beth Oyler, 2, Jenny Greene, 16, Pam Ward, 10



2nd Row:  
Kim Houser, 7,  
Jenn Fasick, 1,  
Lois Chocklette, 7,  
Colleen Moll, 12,  
Robin McQuillen, 5,  
Bonnie Valentine, 6,  
Jody Seavers, 9,  
Judy Kostoff, 12

# Hilltop's All-School Hot Dog Lunch!!!

Join us on Tuesday, May 6th (weather permitting), for our all-school hot dog lunch!!! You can purchase a hot dog meal for \$2.00. The meal includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink, and a cookie. All proceeds benefit the Hershey Free Church's Reaching Forward/Reaching Out Building Campaign to purchase landscaping materials around Hilltop's buildings. The school building will be open for you to go in and tour the new rooms, play on the play-

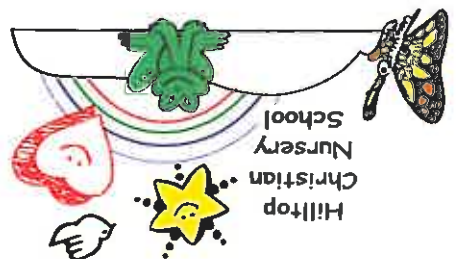


ground, and observe the beautiful new murals. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. *In addition, Teen Challenge Greenhouses will be here that day selling spring flowers (hanging baskets and bedding flats). All proceeds from the sale of the flowers will benefit Hilltop's scholarship fund and large equipment purchases for the nursery school.*

Please call Becky Chocklette, at 533-8956, with any questions! See you there!

Hang this page on your fridge and visit us on Tuesday, May 6th at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and a self-guided tour of our new buildings!!!

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