



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

Notes from the Director:

April already?!? Wow! Didn't we just start the school year?!? Time goes so quickly! We've had another wonderful year at Hilltop! When I stop and think back over this past school year, it has been wonderful to see God's faithfulness at work. From our first day--which was the big flood of 2011--to today, His hand has guided, protected, and provided every step of the way!

Last week, I received a note from one of our families. With their permission, I'd like to share some of their comments with you.

"Being from Palmyra, I often get asked why we go all the way to Hershey for preschool, and my response is always, "Because

we just love Hilltop!" Sure these preschools in town would be much more convenient, but I couldn't send my children anywhere else! Last week, my son was eating lunch and he said, "Guess What? Miss Becky said Jesus loves us soooo much that he died on the cross so we can live forever!" I said, "I know-- isn't that awesome!" And he nodded with those amazing big puppy-dog eyes! Now it is moments like these that I treasure and I am so glad that we chose a preschool that instills values and love for Jesus in my kiddos."

And that's why I love Hilltop!
All for His Glory,
Miss Becky



Mark your calendars now! Hilltop will be hosting the Hilltop Challenge on Saturday, October 6, 2012. This will be a 5K Walk/Run as well as a Kids Flamingo Fun Run. All proceeds will benefit Hilltop!

Hilltop Christian Nursery School

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Cute Kid Quips

Tessa, 4, often has a lot to say, and one day, after talking for quite a while, Stacy, her mom, asked her if she wouldn't mind being quiet for a little. Stacy said, "My ears are tired." Tessa looked at her and said, "But mommy, my mouth isn't tired." Too funny!

One day at stories and songs with Miss Becky, I mentioned that we have some "yucky" stuff inside us and it is called sin. Tripp, 3, who was just getting over a bad cold, said, "No, it's not sin, it's just a bad cough."

They crack me up!!!!



Ephesians 2:8

In our last newsletter, we encouraged all of you to memorize Ephesians 2:8 along with us! Our goal was to have 200 people say the verse by the end of this school year. We are happy to report that WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!! At the time of this writing, we have 201 people that have said it. Thank you for your support of this fun activity!

Accreditation Update

We mentioned in the last Hilltop Happenings that Hilltop had received its notification that we have been approved for a new five-year accreditation term through June, 2016. We were officially awarded the new accreditation plaque at this year's Christian Early Education Conference in Lancaster, PA. Our entire staff was able to attend this conference, and it was so exciting to be recognized for all of our hard work.



Pictured on left:
Hilltop's staff standing to be recognized at the conference. Over 700 early educators attend this conference every year!

Pictured on right:
Miss Becky accepting the new accreditation plaque on behalf of Hilltop.



New Two-Year-Old Program

This was an exciting year for us at Hilltop as we started a new 2-year-old program. The children come one day a week, either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. There are 10 children in each class. "Miss" Bonnie Valentine and "Miss" Tricia Bruce are the teachers in the class and they have just done a wonderful job with the little ones.

I am amazed at the relationships that have been built between the students and their classmates as well as the students and their teachers in such a short amount of time.

Miss Bonnie and Miss Tricia love the little ones so much, and it is great to see that the children love their teachers right back!



Pictured above: Miss Bonnie (l) and Miss Tricia (r). These two ladies have helped us to have an amazing first year with our new 2-year-old program.

Pictured below: Miss Bonnie reads to the little ones.



We still have just a few spaces available in our 2-year-old program for the fall. Please call the Hilltop office for more information. 717-533-8956

THANK YOU!!!

We wanted to take this time to give a huge thank you to an area business that has donated funds to Hilltop this year as part of Pennsylvania's Pre-K Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC).

Longenecker's Hatchery of Elizabethtown has, once again, donated \$10,000!!!!

Longenecker's Hatchery has been so generous over the last few years in their continued support of Hilltop through this program. We truly can't thank them enough! If you deal with this local business, please thank them for their support of Hilltop!!!!

Legacy Family Celebration

When you've been around for 33 years you start to build a long-lasting *legacy*. That is what is happening at Hilltop. We currently have quite a few families with us that are now in their second generation at Hilltop. I have a special name for these multi-generation families...I call them a "Legacy Family."

Hilltop hosted a special dinner celebrating our past and present Legacy Families in March. What a wonderful evening it turned out to be. As you can see from the picture below, quite a few of our Legacy Families joined us for the evening. Many people helped to make the evening a success, and I appreciate all of the help. I especially owe a large thank you to John & Melissa Kotsalos, of Dafnos in Hershey, for providing the delicious dinner; Melissa Kotsalos, of Desserts by Melissa, for providing the amazing desserts; Courtney Bouslough for creating the beautiful decoration; Laurie Petersen for creating the special video; and Karen Stover for providing our special music for the evening! It was just a great time celebrating God's Faithfulness to Hilltop through these multiple generations.

*If you are a
Legacy
Family,
please let us
know about
you!*

A picture of our Legacy Families that were able to join us for dinner! Thank you for entrusting us with your children for TWO Generations!



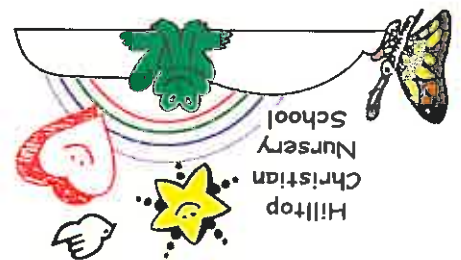
"He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children." Psalm 78:5-6

HILLTOP'S ALL-SCHOOL HOT DOG LUNCH!!!

Join us on Thursday, May 3rd (rain or shine) 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 Hilltop's scholarship fund and large equipment purchases for the nursery school. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Bring your entire family!!! This is a great time to meet other Hilltop families. Please call Becky Chocklette, at 717-533-8956, with any questions! See you there!



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