



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

Notes from the Director:

It always amazes me when this time of the year rolls around and it is time for me to work on this newsletter, as that means we are almost done with another school year here at Hilltop. I don't know if it's because I am getting older, but it seems to me that our years are going faster and faster (please tell me I am not the only one that has noticed this?!?).

Last week, I was driving to Hilltop one morning and as I turned onto Hilltop Road, I noticed the driver in the oncoming car was one of my former students. He is now a Senior in High School, and has grown into a fine young man. I couldn't believe my eyes, though, because in my mind I can still picture him as the cute, little

4-year-old that used to say the funniest things in our class! Now he is planning to go college in the fall, and has exciting plans for his future.

Why am I bringing this up? Because I needed the reminder, and maybe some of you do as well, that time flies. And because of that, it is so important that we keep our eyes fixed on those things that will really matter at the end of our lives. I long to be able to say the same words as Paul did to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." May the same be true for you!

All for His Glory,
Miss Becky

Cute Kid Quips

In Miss Lois & Miss Judy's morning 4's class, they were getting ready to pray for the friends that were off sick for the day, and someone in the room mentioned that they were on cold medicine. Henry Genger announced, "I'm not on cold medicine...I'm on **HOT** medicine."

In circle time, Miss Dani and Miss Michele's morning 3 year old class was talking about the first Thanksgiving, the Mayflower, the Pilgrims, and the Native Americans. Miss Dani explained that the Pilgrims sailed over on the Mayflower, and that the Native Americans were here first. Then Cohen Pollock said, "It's because they took a speed boat."



We wanted to take this time to give a huge 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). Longenecker's Hatchery of Elizabethtown has donated \$5,000, and Soccer Shots of Hummelstown has donated \$4,500!!!! We truly can't thank these businesses enough! Their generous support allows us to have many families with us that would otherwise not be able to afford preschool education. If you deal with these local businesses, please thank them for their support of Hilltop!!!!

Hilltop Christian Nursery School

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Acts 1:8

In our last newsletter, we encouraged all of you to memorize Acts 1:8 along with us! At the time of this writing, we have 150 people that have said it. Our goal is to have 200 people say the verse by the end of this school year. That means we only need 50 more! Keep working on this at home, and then let Miss Becky know when you have it memorized. We will add your name to our Power Up/Acts 1:8 wall.

Legacy Family Cousins

As I've mentioned in previous "Hilltop Happenings," when you've been around for 34 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."

This year, we have a unique Legacy Family story that I thought would be fun to share with all of you. Matt Coulter and Sandy Kray (Blannett), cousins, both attended Hilltop as children. Now their children, Chase and Lyla, are attending Hilltop together! I asked both Matt and Sandy to share a few thoughts about what Hilltop has meant to them and their family. Here are their words.

Sandy shared, "When I sat down to capture a few thoughts about Hilltop, I wasn't sure where to begin. As a sentimental mom who moved my growing family back to Hershey several years ago, hoping to capture for our children some of the idyllic childhood I enjoyed here... it's hard to explain what it means to have our children begin their educations in the same nursery school where I began mine, over 30 years ago. How excited my husband and I are to watch them nurture their own close ties to family, friends, and community, and how grateful we've been to see our daughter flourish in an environment so consistently filled with love, warmth, and affirmation. At a (rare) loss for words, I enlisted Lyla's help. When asked how she feels about her school, her thoughtful face brightened and enthusiasm bubbled. "I love my teachers and I love my friends, and it's *super* fun to go there each day!" And with that, she summed it up better than I ever could. Our hearts are full here, and we look forward to each new year as a Hilltop family!"

Matt writes, "If you ask my wife Lindsay or cousin Sandy about my ability to remember anything from an early age, they will both probably laugh. I always claim to not remember much before the 7th grade. That being said, I distinctly recall fond memories of my time at Hilltop Christian Nursery School. My teachers, Miss Pam (Measley) and Miss Deb (Ainsworth), were fantastic and always made going to nursery school both fun and educational. I remember using shaving cream on the tables in the classroom to draw with our fingers. I remember doing classroom-wide programs for our parents. I think my best memory, however, is of the fact that I grew up with nearly every classmate that attended Hilltop with me. It's a cool experience to have a bond with some friends that started as a 3- and 4-year-old and continues today."

Hilltop is blessed to have both of these families with us this year. We are thankful that they have entrusted us with their loved ones for over three decades! That is one of the things that I love most about Hilltop...that we have the opportunity to make a lasting impact for generations!

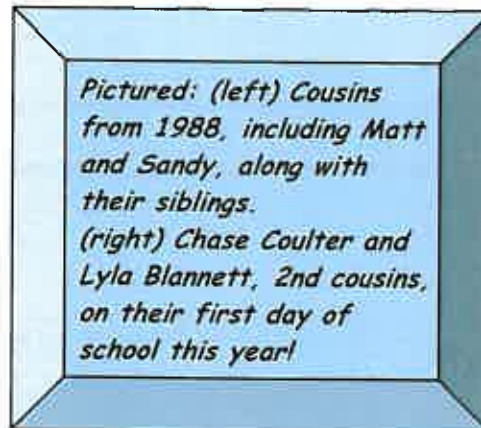
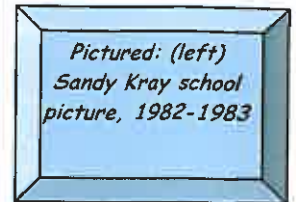
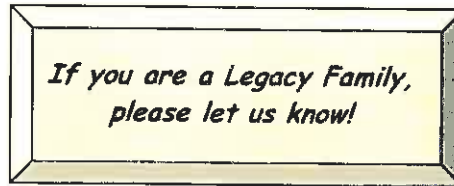
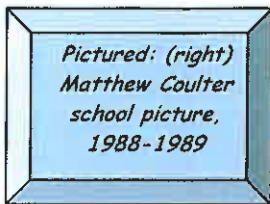


Pictured:
(l) Coulter
Family
Picture
(r) Blannett
Family
Picture



Legacy Family Cousins (cont'd from page 2)

Below you will find some additional photos of the Coulter and Kray/Blannett families.



Haiti Partnership Opportunity

Hilltop is excited to announce that we are embarking on a new outreach ministry called *The Haiti Partnership*. It is Hilltop's vision to partner with a school in Haiti where we can learn from and help one another. Miss Becky will be traveling to Haiti from April 24th through the 27th to visit various schools and determine which school God is leading us to. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to work with the Haitian school to provide supplies, teacher training, curriculum development, construction projects, etc. to help the Haitian children be able to learn in a conducive environment, while teaching them about the love of Jesus at the same time.

Hilltop has opened a Haiti Partnership fund. The love-offering that is collected at our Family Fun Event (see insert) will go to this fund.

If you are unable to attend the Family Fun Event, but would still like to give to the Haiti Partnership, please make your check payable to Hilltop, with a note that reads "Haiti Partnership" on the memo line. All funds collected will go towards helping to further Hilltop's mission of reaching a Haitian school for Christ.

We are excited to see how God is going to use us to bring Glory to Him as we are His witnesses to the ends of the earth!

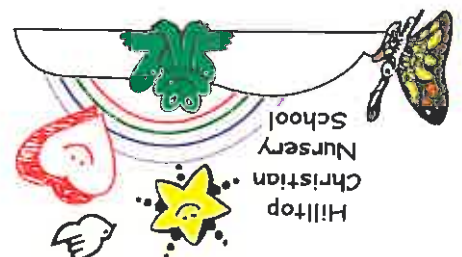
**The Haiti Summit
is coming to the
Hershey Free
Church in
May, 2013. If
you have a heart
for Haiti, come
to this event.**

**Learn more about
the Haiti Summit
at
www.efca.org/haitisummit**

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

Join us on Thursday, May 9th (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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