



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

Notes from the Director:

Well, here we are again!! We are anxiously awaiting the start of a new year, our teachers are gearing up, and I know that many of you are excited to begin as well.

To many of you, this is your first newsletter, and to you we say "Welcome" to Hilltop and this Hilltop Happenings newsletter. We send this out to all current families as well as many of our past families, and it certainly helps all of us stay in touch.

I don't know about all of you, but my summer just flew by. It was a wonderful summer, with lots of relaxation and many special memories being made. I always love having the extra time in the summer to be able to

catch up on some reading that I am not able to do during the year...there's really nothing better than reading a book by the ocean, is there?

It also allows me the time to catch up with many of you...at baseball games, Hersheypark, the library, etc. It is always SO GOOD to hear how you and your families are doing! We love to hear what our little (well, not so little anymore) Hilltoppers are up to.

Send me an email, write on our Facebook page, or even send me a note letting me know how your family is doing. We love to hear from you. Have a wonderful year!!!

In His Service,
Miss Becky

Prayer Requests— Please Pray for Us!!!

- Pray for the health and safety of our students and staff. We have over 130 preschoolers and 12 staff members.
- Pray for the start of our new school year. Pray that the children and teachers transition smoothly to our new year.
- Pray that we would be able to continue to plant eternal seeds in the lives of the children and families that the Lord leads to us.



Hilltop is
now on
Facebook!!!

Hilltop Christian Nursery School

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Don't Miss:

- ☺ Tribute to Mrs. Johnson
- ☺ Prayer Requests
- ☺ All-School Hot Dog Lunch on Sept. 28th & 29th at 11:45 a.m.
- ☺ Ways to Support Hilltop
- ☺ Staff Reading Recommendation

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Celebration of a Special Hilltop Friend

Monday, August 23, 2010 was a memorable day in the life of Hilltop as we lost a very special friend, a strong prayer support, and one of our best cheerleaders.

Mrs. Lucille Johnson was a wonderful lady that was instrumental in forming Hilltop Christian Nursery School way back in 1978. At that time, there weren't many nursery schools in the area, and certainly not a lot of Christian nursery schools. Mrs. Johnson had a vision and call from the Lord to begin a nursery school as an outreach of the Hershey Free Church. She wanted it to be a place where all children were loved and nurtured.

She worked with an advisory group from the church and in 1979, Hilltop offered its first class to the community.



In loving memory of
Mrs. Lucille M.
(Bruner) Johnson
1927-2010

Over the years, Mrs. Johnson continued to be a strong encourager of our staff, often sending special notes to us and blessing us with treats. She always had a word of wisdom to share with us!

Even as her health was deteriorating, and she was battling cancer, she continued to remain faithful in her support of us. I would go to visit her and one of the first things that she would say was, "How can I be praying for Hilltop?"

As I think about her life, and the life of Hilltop, I am amazed at the number of children and families that have been impacted for the Kingdom because she followed the call that the Lord was placing on her life. We at Hilltop are eternally grateful for her service and dedication these last 33 years!!

1 Corinthians 9:24

As many of you know, for a number of years now, Hilltop's staff has a yearly reading project which we complete together as a group. We've found over the years, that reading a book together and taking time to discuss it at staff meetings, has really helped us to bond over a certain topic. Two years ago we began asking all of you to read along with us. Many of you have participated, and it's been great to see. Because we've heard such positive feedback from doing this together, we are offering it again this year.

This year, Hilltop's staff will be reading WHEN THE GAME IS OVER IT ALL GOES BACK IN THE BOX, by John Ortberg.

This is a great book with many inspirational stories. It helps us to understand that being rich toward God is really all that matters. We've added extra copies of this book to Hilltop's library cart. They are just waiting for all of you to check them out and read them at home. Also, in case you are like me and you like to highlight and mark your books, we also have some books available for purchase. Stop by (or call) the Hilltop office to purchase them.

While we are doing the staff reading, our staff members also add an additional challenge.

Each year, I give them a passage of scripture that they are encouraged to memorize. Even as adults, we realize how important it is to continually study and memorize God's Word. Last year, we challenged 316 of you to memorize John 3:16. I am so excited to say that we surpassed that goal. We ended the year with over 330 people saying the verse!! THANK YOU!!

This year, we are challenging all of you once again. Our goal is to have 100 people memorize 1 Corinthians 9:24. The verse is written on the side panel. (If you're the type of person that enjoys an even bigger challenge, our staff is memorizing 1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

We will once again be putting some signs at the entrance to Hilltop to help us keep track of how many people have said it. Once you can say the verse, let me (Miss Becky) know so that we can add your name to it. You don't even have to say it out loud to me, just let me know that you can, and I'll add your name.

This is a great family project....start working on it now, and encourage one another to "hide God's Word in your hearts."

HAPPY MEMORIZING!!!



Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.



A Summer of Changes

When you step into the halls of Hilltop this year, you are going to notice some **BIG CHANGES!!!** We have received a special blessing from the Hershey Free Church... they have replaced the carpeting in the entire early childhood wing. I've included some pictures for you, but we would love for you to stop in and visit us so that you can see the changes for yourself!

Each room now has its own personality with a different color pattern in each room. Tiles were used, so if something was to happen in one area of the room, it can now easily be replaced, unlike our "old" flooring material. You'll also notice new, non-slip, rubberized material on our steps. This will be much safer for us, and so much easier to keep clean!

Finally, when you visit our playground, you'll notice that Hilltop invested in a 12 foot retractable awning over the summer. This will provide us with some much-needed shade on the playground.

You'll notice on the back cover that our hot dog lunches will soon be here. Stop by and have lunch with us, and then check out all of our new additions.



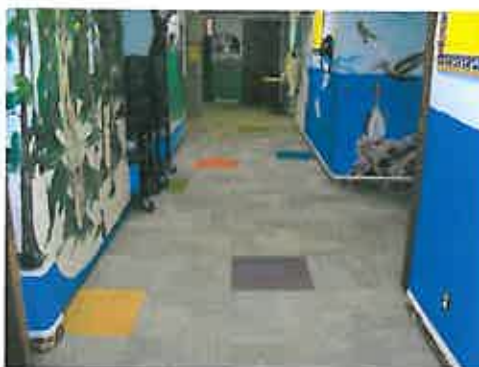
New
Playground
Awning
←



One of our classrooms (Pictured Above)
One of the muscle rooms (Pictured Below)



The downstairs hallway (Pictured Below)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark Your Calendars Now for Some Important Upcoming Events at Hilltop:

- September 22nd - See You at the Pole Event
- September 28th & 29th - Hot Dog Lunches
- December 21st & 22nd - Christmas Programs
- February 1st & 2nd, 2011 - Community Open House

Watch Hilltop's website and Facebook page for more information!

www.hcnskids.org

New Material on Steps (Pictured Below)



Grocery Shopping Supports Hilltop

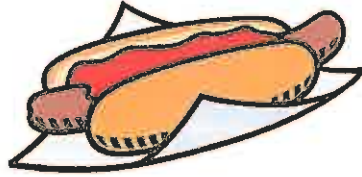
Did you know that you can support Hilltop's scholarship fund while doing your normal weekly grocery and gas shopping? How the program works is that you purchase grocery cards to area stores. We sell cards for Giant, Weis, Redners, and Karns. We sell the cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100. What amount you pay to us, you get the same amount back to spend at the store--the same as cash. Hilltop then receives 5% of all gift card purchases

from the stores!! You can also use the cards to purchase gas at Giant or Redners. Just think of the funds that could be raised if we all worked together to give 5% of our weekly grocery and gas bills to Hilltop.

If you like to use your credit card to receive cash back or bonus point rewards, you will be glad to know that Hilltop can even accept credit cards. We have a number of families that purchase the grocery cards with their credit card.

Finally, both Giant and Karns offer a School Rewards program, where every time you shop, 1% comes back to Hilltop, but you have to designate your Giant Bonuscard and Karns Fresh Rewards card to Hilltop first. It's very easy. For Giant, our school ID is 01860. You can do this online at www.giantaplus.com. For Karns, visit www.karnsfoods.com, and designate Hilltop as your school of choice. Thank you so much for your support!!!

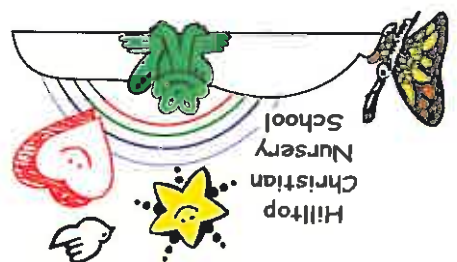
Hilltop's All-School Hot Dog Lunch!!!



Join us on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, September 28th and 29th (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 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 533-8956, with any questions!

Write it Down: Join us on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, September 28th and 29th for our annual hot dog lunch at 11:45 a.m.!

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