



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

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Notes from the Director:

To many of you, this is your first news-
letter, and to you we say "Welcome" to
Hilltop and to this Hilltop Happenings
newsletter. We send this out to all current
families as well as many of our past families,
and it helps all of us to stay in touch. I try
to include short stories about interesting
things that are happening in and around
Hilltop. It has helped us to stay connected
with families when their little ones are no
longer little!!

In fact, that happened this summer. In
June, I received a letter from one of our
former students, Nicholas Baldwin. Nicholas
was in our 3 and 4 year program several
years ago, and has just started 7th grade.
With Nicholas' permission, I've included
some of his note... "I just thought you'd be
interested to know that I went on my first
missions trip. I had a lot of fun and was
deeply impacted by the trip. I also helped
out with my church's VBS last week, and
helped to run carnival games for children

*with disabilities through Joni and friends. I
think of you often and I miss you a lot. You
all played an important role in my life, and
I'm very grateful for it. We all continue to
pray for you and Hilltop."*

It is letters like these that make us do
what we do at Hilltop!! It is good to know
that our "Hilltoppers" are growing into young
men and women that seek **and follow** the
Lord's call for their lives!! We are humbled
and blessed that the Lord allows us the
privilege of being a part of each and every
one of your lives!! Thank you!

We would love to hear more stories like
this! Let us know how your family is doing.
Send me an email, write on our Facebook
page, or give us a call. We love to hear from
you. Have a wonderful year!!!

In His Service,
Miss Becky

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- September 28th;
See You at the Pole
Event—8:45 a.m.
- September 28th;
Hot Dog Lunch
- December 20th & 21st;
Christmas Programs
- February 7th & 8th, 2012;
Community Open House

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

www.hcnkids.org

Prayer Requests— Please Pray for Us!!!

- Pray for the health and safety of our students
and staff. We have over 150 preschoolers and
13 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.

 Find us on
Facebook

**Celebrating our
33rd Year in
Ministry!!!**

**PRAISE THE
LORD!!!**

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Hershey Half Marathon

Are any of you running or walking in this year's Hershey Half Marathon on Sunday, October 16th? Let us know if you are!!! A generous donor has provided us with several Dri-fit running shirts with Hilltop's logo on the front and the verse 1 Corinthians 9:24 (Run the Race) on the back. We would love to have you wear our shirt in the race.

We are hoping that we can get a group picture at the end of the race with everyone in our shirts! You also get to keep the shirts—wear them in all of your future races. Not only is it great advertising for Hilltop, but it helps to remind us why we are racing!

Give us a call, email, or Facebook message to let us know if you are running.



Let us know if you are running/walking in this year's Hershey Half Marathon (Oct. 16th). We have a Hilltop shirt for you to wear!

Accreditation Update

Did you know that Hilltop is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Hilltop was first accredited in the spring of 2000, then we received renewals in 2003 and 2006. Last year, Hilltop's staff and administration underwent an extensive re-accreditation process. This process involved a two-fold procedure...a comprehensive self-study and a visit from ACSI's national accreditation team which occurred in early April.

Hilltop received notification in May that we have been approved for a new five-year accreditation term through June, 2016!!!

Praise the Lord!



Hilltop is once again selling Kidstuff books for \$25.00. Call the office with questions!

Ephesians 2:8—The Amazing Grace!!!

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 theme. Several 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 *Captured by Grace*, by Dr. David Jeremiah.

This is a great book! The back cover reads, "Encountering God's grace changes lives forever. Let Dr. Jeremiah show you how the transforming mercy that captured songwriter John Newton and the apostle Paul can awaken within you a fresh experience of the God who loves you fearlessly and pursues you with abandon." 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 100 of you to memorize 1 Corinthians 9:24. I am so excited to say that we surpassed that goal. We ended the year with close to 200 people saying the verse!! THANK YOU!!

This year, we are challenging all of you once again. Our goal is to have 200 people memorize Ephesians 2:8. 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 Ephesians 2:8-10).

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!!!



**For it is by
grace you
have been
saved,
through
faith—and
this not
from
yourselves,
it is the gift
of God**



Legacy Family

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." I'd like to introduce you to one of this year's Legacy Families.

Sandi May serves on Hilltop's Executive Council, and she has now had the honor of being a Hilltop mom, grandmother, and board member. I asked her to share a few words about what this means to her...being a "Legacy Family" and she wrote the following note.

This is an exciting year for me at Hilltop. I will have my 3rd granddaughter (Harper Lennox) at Hilltop in the three year old AM class. Both her older sisters, Abigail (8) and McKenna (10), have had two years each at the school. My daughter, Joanna, has repeatedly said how blessed she felt to have her girls at Hilltop knowing how truly loved & cherished each child is by the staff. My youngest daughter, Becky, attended Hilltop in 1983, just 4 years after it's conception in 1979. I remember how thrilled I was, as a mother, to be able to send my daughter to a Christian nursery school. So much has changed since 1983, but Hilltop's first emphasis on teaching God's love to children has remained constant. Now as a board member, a mother and a grandmother, I look forward to each board meeting to hear Miss Becky's director's report. In each meeting the director must report on the school's progress since the last meeting. Miss Becky almost always starts her report with "God is good and things couldn't be better." And if those words aren't in the beginning of her report, they will be in the content somewhere. How blessed I feel to be privileged to be a part of Hilltop all these years. I'm looking forward to attending Harper's activities this year and next. Plus in 2 years (now that Hilltop has a 2 year old class), my newest granddaughter, Cadence (6 months old), Becky's daughter, will be attending too. At Hilltop, through all the ups and downs in the rest of the world, Hilltop is a resting place amongst the storms for all who attend and are connected to this school. God is good and things couldn't be better!

Sandi, it is a joy and an honor to serve with you! We are so excited to have your wonderful family with us again this year! Thank you for helping us to build a Legacy that Lasts!!!! If your family is a "Legacy Family," please let us know!!



Pictured at Right (l to r):

Top Row: Joanna Lennox, Sandi May

2nd Row: McKenna Lennox (10), Becky (May) Manney

3rd Row: Abigail Lennox (8); Harper Lennox (3);
Cadence Manney (6 months)

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. Whatever 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.

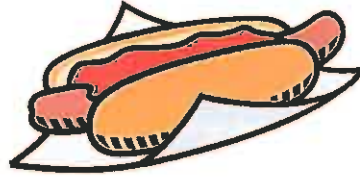
If you'd like to use your own credit card to purchase the grocery cards, Hilltop has the ability to do that. Just contact the Hilltop office.

Finally, Giant also offers a School Rewards program, where every time you shop, 1% comes back to Hilltop, but you have to designate your Giant Bonuscard with Hilltop's ID first (this needs to

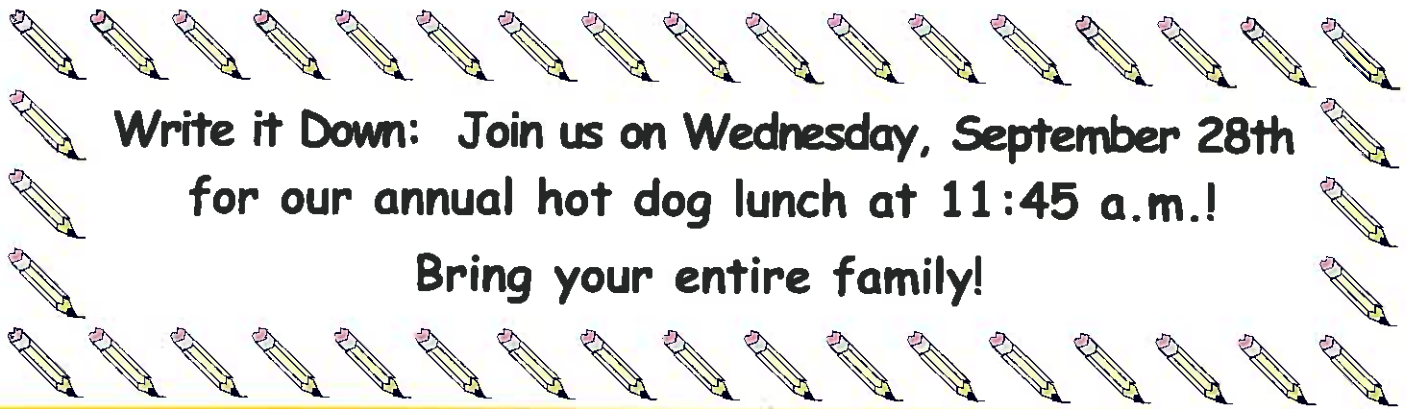
be renewed every school year if you've done it before).

It's very easy.. our school ID is 01860. You can designate online at www.giantaplus.com, or call the Hilltop office with your Bonuscard information, or stop at the information desk at your local Giant and let them know you want to designate to Hilltop. Please call Hilltop with any questions....we would love to help you. This program helped us raise over \$1,200 last year! Thank you so much for your support!!!

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

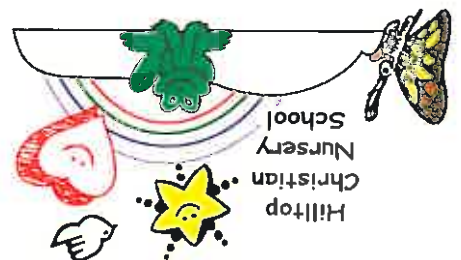


Join us on Wednesday, September 28th (weather permitting), for our all-school hot dog lunch!!! You can purchase a hot dog meal for \$2.00. The meal includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink, and a cookie. All proceeds benefit Hilltop's scholarship fund and large equipment purchases for the nursery 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! See you there!



**Write it Down: Join us on Wednesday, September 28th
for our annual hot dog lunch at 11:45 a.m.!**
Bring your entire family!

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