



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 newsletter, and to you we say Welcome to Hilltop and to this "Hilltop Happenings" newsletter. We started this newsletter a few years ago and it is sent to all of our current Hilltop families as well as many of our past Hilltop families. It certainly has done its job of helping us to "keep in touch." I always love it when one of our past families sends me a note or email letting me know how our Hilltop alumni are doing!

Now, I don't know about all of you, but I love this time of the year. Don't get me wrong, I will be the first person to say how much I enjoy the summer. It is a great time to slow down, relax, go on vacations, and just have a special time to refuel. But isn't there just something exciting about the start of a new school year! The thought of meeting so many new faces always brings me great joy. I can't wait to get this year started and to see what God has in store for us!

Just the other day, I was spending some quiet time in prayer for the students and families that are enrolled with us this year, and as I was going over the list of names, I just had to stop and thank the Lord for His CONTINUED goodness to Hilltop. This is our 34th year in ministry. I will say that again....our 34th year in ministry! Think how many students have walked our halls over these last 34 years! God continues to lead in so many ways—whether it be the children He has placed with us, to the wonderful staff He has given to us, to the many ways He provides financially. He is ALWAYS faithful!

So, here we are again, about to embark on the 2012-2013 school year, with over 140 students enrolled in our 11 classes. I am so thankful to be at Hilltop serving our great God! Looking forward to a great 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 140 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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

- September 26th; See You at the Pole Event—8:45 a.m.
- September 26th; All-School Hot Dog Lunch—11:45 a.m.
- October, 6th; The Hilltop Challenge 5K race and Kids Flamingo Fun Run
- December 18th & 19th; Christmas Programs

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

www.hcnskids.org

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The Hilltop Challenge

We are excited to announce that Hilltop will be sponsoring its first ever 5k race/walk—*The Hilltop Challenge*, along with a Kids Flamingo Fun Run on Saturday, October 6th. A registration form with more information is attached to this newsletter. Register now to ensure you receive a t-shirt!! It will be a fun day with plenty of kid-friendly activities.

We still need volunteers to help us on race day. If you would like to help in some way, please contact the Hilltop office. Thank you.

Acts 1:8—Power Up!!!

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 *Forgotten God*, by Francis Chan.

This is a great book! Francis Chan helps us—the church—to reverse the tragic neglect of the Holy Spirit that has consumed many of our lives. He writes, "Let's pursue the Spirit-filled life God desires and we desire." We've added extra copies of this book to Hilltop's lending library. 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.

At the same time that we are completing the

Saturday, October 6th!!!



5k Race and Flamingo Fun Run
To Benefit the Hilltop Christian Nursery School



See the insert for more information and to register!

Registration is now open! Invite your family and friends to register with us for this special day!



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

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 200 of you to memorize Ephesians 2:8. I am so happy to say that we surpassed that goal. We ended the year with over 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 Acts 1:8. The verse is written on the panel.

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!!!

Hilltop Helps Cambodian Students

Last April, Hilltop hosted a Family Fun Night where we invited families to join us as we viewed the new Veggie-Tale Video. A love offering was collected at the event to be used for school supplies for children in Cambodia. Hilltop collected \$440.45 that evening. We sent the offering to Don and Tabitha Nguyen in Cambodia. The Nguyen's were thrilled to receive the gift, and sent a special note of thanks. A portion of their letter is below.

Well, let me share with you all the exciting things that God is doing and how we have used the money to help the people here. In the past two years, we were renting a building for the literacy class in Kampong Cham city. This year, God has blessed us with a lot of land that one of our supporters donated for the ministry in Cambodia. We moved the literacy class to the new land on May 1st. At this time, while we are waiting to raise funds to build a Learning and Training Center on this new land, we put up a temporary classroom made out of tin and wood poles (see the picture below) for the students in Kampong Cham to use.

We used your donation to buy materials to build the classroom and supplies such as ceiling fans, whiteboards, and stationery supplies. Because the classroom is a bit further for two students (sisters) we helped to buy a bicycle for them to bike to school and to worship on Sunday. We also bought some stationery supplies for the literacy class in Chihae as well. The children love to draw and color. They all were very appreciative.



Left: A picture of the temporary literacy class

Right: The Kampong Cham students

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, 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 card with Hilltop's ID first (this needs to

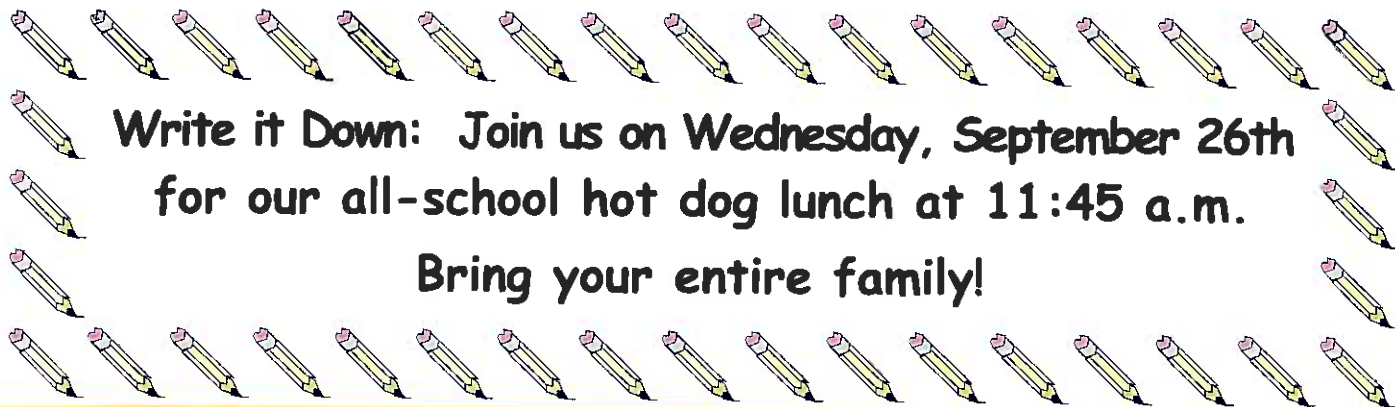
be renewed every school year if you've done it before).

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 Hilltop. Please call Hilltop with any questions....we would love to help you. This program helped us raise over \$1,800 last year! Thank you so much for your support!!!

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

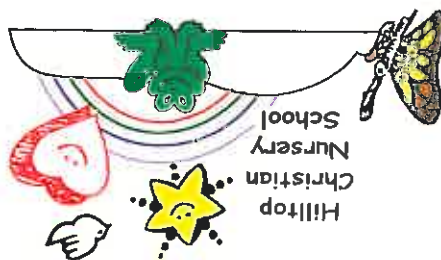


Join us on Wednesday, September 26th for our all-school hot dog lunch in the Hershey Free Church's overflow area!!! You can purchase a hot dog meal for \$2.00. The meal includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink, and a cookie. All proceeds benefit Hilltop's scholarship fund and large equipment purchases 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 26th
for our all-school hot dog lunch at 11:45 a.m.
Bring your entire family!**

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