



HILLTOP NEWS

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A Note From the Director

It's April! Spring has sprung! We just celebrated the resurrection of our Savior and you can't help but be blessed by the beauty that is all around you. I love this quote by Martin Luther, "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." AMEN! That is why our classes are concentrating on the goodness of God's creation this month. What a joy to teach the children about this important truth. Isaiah 6:3 says it best, "And they were calling to one another; Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Look around you....be amazed at His glory!

Hot Dog Lunch!

Join us on Wednesday, May 9th at 11:45 a.m. for our all-school hot dog lunch. Lunch will be served in the Hershey Free Church auditorium. Bring your entire family and have fun as you meet and interact with other Hilltop families.

The cost for the lunch is \$2.00 (includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink, and a cookie). All proceeds will benefit the Haiti Partnership.

Themes

The 2-year-olds will be learning about All Creatures Great & Small. They will be continuing to work on: Playing alongside other children; Showing affection towards others; and Scribbling with crayons and markers; and introduction to the understanding that God made all animals. Their Bible verse is "God made the animals." Genesis 1:25

The 3-year-olds will also be learning about All Creatures Great & Small and Animals. Their Bible verse is "Bring two of every living thing into the ark." Genesis 6:19 The 3's will be focusing on: Showing self-control in group activities; Using words to express needs; Cutting a piece of paper in half; Attempting to swing by oneself; Counting objects 1-5; Speaking full name; Bible verse memorization; and Understanding that the animals were on the ark and the rainbow is a promise from God.

The 4-year-olds will be learning about Creation Days 1 through 3. Their Bible verse is "And God saw everything that He has made and it was very good." Genesis 1:31. The 4's will be focusing on: Showing self-confidence in group activities; Using words to resolve conflicts; Attempting to swing by oneself; Recognizing, recalling, and one-to-one correspondence for numbers 1-5; Recognizing home address & phone number in print; Writing first name; Matching letters to their sounds; and Understanding that God created the world.

The 5-year-old theme is Noah's Ark & Caring for the Earth. Their Bible verse is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6. The 5's will be working on: Showing self-confidence and self-control in activities; Completing a school service project; Caring for the earth by recycling; Life cycle of a butterfly; Showing respect to others; and Understanding that God wants us to take good care of His earth.



Grocery Gift Cards

This fundraiser continues to be a huge success for Hilltop. As a reminder, you can stop in the office anytime to pick-up your grocery cards to Giant, Karns, or Redners. Then use them as cash at any of these stores. For every gift card purchased, Hilltop receives 5% back from the stores. Hilltop is able to accept check or credit card to make your grocery card purchases. Stop in the office and pick some up today! THANK YOU!

Set Your Minds on Heaven

At the time of this writing, we are at 110 people that have said Colossians 3:2. We need 90 more! WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS!!! Have your family memorize this verse of Scripture together, and then let me (Miss Becky) know so that I can add your name to our HEAVEN wall. As soon as we reach our goal, we have some special celebration surprises ready to go!



Giant A+ School Rewards

Thanks to the many of you that registered your Giant BONUSCARD for Hilltop to receive the A+ School Rewards funds. At the end of the program, Hilltop has earned \$949.21. What a blessing to our school. Thank you so much for your support.

Cute Kid Quips

On Western Day, Lincoln Patrick, who is a little brother to one of our 4's students, came running up to me yelling, "Happy Customer Day!" That was supposed to be Happy Western Day! HA!

In Miss Vicky & Miss Laurie's 5's class, Sophie Holland walked into class one morning and made this announcement...."Now today I'm dressed like a woman!"

Thank You for sharing your children with us...they continue to make us smile!

NO SCHOOL

Thursday and Friday, April 26th & 27th
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Child care will be provided in the upstairs muscle room during your conference time.

Teachers in the Spotlight

We are so blessed to have the teachers at Hilltop that we do! This month, I would like to introduce you to "Miss" Courtney Bouslough. Courtney works with Miss Danielle (see the December newsletter for her information) to teach a morning four-year-old class in Room 105.

This is Courtney's second year with us at Hilltop, and what a blessing it is to have her on staff with us!! She is wonderful with the children!

Courtney first came to Hilltop as a mom for a number of years. She and her husband, Kris, are the parents of three boys: Cooper, 12, Cole, 9, and Chapman, 7. All three boys are alumni of Hilltop. Courtney and her family attend LCBC.

In her spare time, Courtney loves to spend time with her family, she is an avid runner, and she enjoys learning more about God's Word through Bible Study.

I am so thankful that the Lord has placed Miss Courtney and Miss Danielle with us at Hilltop. As often happens, we came to know them first as wonderful moms, and now the Lord has blessed us with wonderful staff members. They make a very special, loving, fun team. They love the Lord with all their hearts, and they are a true blessing to all those that know them!!

Caution in Parking Lot

We are very concerned about your child's safety in the parking lot. We have noticed a number of people speeding as they enter our parking lot, especially at dismissal times. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY when entering the church area. The church has a **5 mph speed limit**. Please be sure to look for running or walking children. There are many children who use this facility and they may not see you. Also, please be sure you are keeping a hand on your little one at all times. Too many of our children are running out into the parking lot unsupervised. It only takes a second for a tragedy to occur. PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE OF YOUR PRECIOUS GIFTS IN THE PARKING LOT!! Thank you for your help with this matter.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Please note that on Thursday, April 26th, and Friday, April 27th, we will be holding parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity for you to come in for a 15 minute talk with your child's teacher. Our staff will have an evaluation completed for your child and will be ready to discuss your child's progress in various domains.

Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the classroom doors. If you would like a conference, but are unable to attend on the date scheduled, see your child's teacher about rescheduling. On conference days, there will be no classes, however you may bring your child with you as there will be babysitting available in the upstairs muscle room for your children during YOUR CHILD'S CONFERENCE TIME ONLY, PLEASE.

This is an important conference as our teachers have a lot of evaluation information to discuss with you. Please make every effort to attend and be on time. Thank you!

We Need Some Green Thumbs

Miss Steph and I will be working to weed and mulch the flower beds around Hilltop during the parent/teacher conferences on April 26th & 27th--weather permitting. We would certainly appreciate some extra hands to help the job go more quickly.

The only thing that we ask is that you do not leave your child(ren) in the parent/teacher conference child care while helping us. That child care is only offered for your conference time. Your little ones are free to join us outside if you'd like.

If you have shovels and garden tools to help, feel free to bring them. If not, no worries, we will have plenty to share.

Special Days

The 4-year-olds will be celebrating Beach Day on April 16th. Feel free to wear your bathing suit, and bring along your sunglasses and beach towel for a fun day in the classroom beach.

The 3-year-olds will be celebrating Noah's Ark Day on Tuesday, April 17th. They will use this day to focus on the rainbow and how it is a special promise from God.

Karen Kuntzman, a past Hilltop mom, will be here on Wednesday, April 18th to talk to us about hospital visits. She will provide coping strategies, and show the children some of the equipment that doctors use. More importantly, she will show the children that they do not need to be afraid of doctors as they are only trying to help them if they ever need to visit a hospital. Mrs. Kuntzman has helped us with this visit in the past, and she does a great job.

A representative from Derry Township school district, Tina Hileman, will be visiting us on Wednesday, April 25th. Tina will be bringing along a very special visitor for us -- her big, yellow, school bus!! Tina drives a school bus for the district, and she comes to talk to us about school bus safety, and we also have the opportunity to practice boarding the bus. It is always a fun day.

Haiti Partnership Update

We are excited to be hosting one of our missionaries that serves in Haiti. Her name is Jennifer Blevins, and she will be with us at Hilltop from May 8th-14th. You can meet her at the all-school hot dog lunch on Wednesday, May 9th.

We will also be offering a Haiti Dinner on Thursday, May 10th, at 6:00 p.m.. We encourage you to come and have a Haitian-like dinner with us and hear how the Lord is working through the Haiti Partnership. More information will be sent home about this in the upcoming weeks.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This year Hilltop will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, April 16th through Friday, April 20th.

During the week, it would be wonderful if you bring in a picture that your child has drawn for his/her teachers, or a special note telling them how much you appreciate them. When I was teaching, some of my favorite tokens of appreciation were when I received a picture of a child's favorite day at school or a note telling me of a cute story that the child shared at home.

Please understand, the teachers are not expecting, nor do they want, a gift from you during the week. Instead, they would love to hear some words of encouragement, to have you and your child give them a great big hug, or to have a picture to take home and put on their refrigerator. These acts of kindness are the ones that are most memorable and meaningful!

I am truly thankful for each and every staff member that we have at Hilltop. They all love the Lord and seek to serve Him every day as they minister to you and your family. I would like to encourage you to join with me as we use this time to thank your child's teachers for all that they do for you, your child, and for Hilltop. Thank you in advance for helping to encourage your teachers during this week.

Baby Bottle Blessing & SVPS Donations

Hilltop will be sponsoring a baby bottle blessing for Morningstar Pregnancy Services from April 9th through May 11th. Baby bottles will be at the entrance for you to take and fill with any of your loose change.

We will also be collecting baby supplies to donate to Susquehanna Pregnancy Services in Lancaster. Items could be diapers, wipes, formula, lotions, etc.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of these life-saving ministries.