



# HILLTOP NEWS

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## A Note From the Director

Spring is in the air!!! Look around you...have you noticed some of the signs? The robins have returned. Flowers are beginning to pop up out of the ground. Buds are forming on the trees. I love to watch these signs of "NEW LIFE!" Isn't that a great reminder at this time of the year as we celebrate Resurrection Day? Jesus loved us so much, He knowingly left His heavenly home to come to this earth to die on the cross for our sins. Praise God He didn't stay dead. He is ALIVE! Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10. Have you experienced life to its fullest? Only Jesus can give it to you. Stop by the Hilltop office if you have questions about this. I would love to talk with you! Happy Resurrection Day!

## Resurrection Day Celebrations

All of our classes will be having parties to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, this month. Sign-ups to help with these parties will be posted soon. Please keep in mind that we use this day to focus on the true meaning of Easter. Thank you for your help with this!

## Themes

The 2-year-olds will be learning about Easter. Their Bible verse is "He is risen." Matthew 28:6 They will be continuing to work on: Understanding that others have feelings; Using their hands for helping; Bending without falling; Enjoying books; and an introduction to the truth that Jesus died but is Alive!

The 3-year-olds will also be learning about Easter. Their Bible verse is "He is not here; He is risen just as He said." Matthew 28:6 The 3's will be focusing on: Becoming more cooperative in the classroom; Being a good friend; Showing empathy; Holding a crayon with an effective grip; Counting objects 1-3; Recognizing first name in print; and the understanding that Jesus died but is now Alive!

The 4-year-olds will be learning about Easter. Their Bible verse is "He is not here; He is risen just as He said." Matthew 28:6 They will be working on: Following directions; Being a good friend; Throwing and catching a large ball; Walking a straight line; Recognizing home address and phone number; Left to right patterning of words; Rhyming; Understanding that God Created the World, that the Bible is God's Book and it is ALWAYS true; and an understanding that Jesus died on the cross, He rose again, and He is alive today!

The 5-year-old theme is Easter. Their Bible verse is "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he is risen, just as He said.'" Matthew 28:5-6 They will be working on: Showing patience; Life Cycle of a Butterfly; Plants & Flowers; Writing Numbers 1-10; and Home phone number and address recognition.

# NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Friday, and Monday April 18th, 19th, & 22nd  
(the 22nd is a possible snow make-up day)



## 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 and "Miss" Jess Cooper. Courtney and Jess teach a four-year-old class together in Room 105.

This is Courtney's third 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 as her three boys have all attended Hilltop over the years. She and her husband, Kris, are the parents of Cooper, 13, Cole, 10, and Chapman, 8. 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.

Jess has returned to us this year filling a spot that was vacated by Miss Danielle. We thank Jess so much for doing this for us. It has been such a blessing to us.

Jess is married to Neil, and they have two children, Ella and Wes. Both kids are Hilltop alumni. Jess and her family attend Hershey Free where they serve as greeters and are part of a small group.

In her spare time, Jess loves to knit, read, and spend time with her family.

I am so thankful that the Lord has placed Miss Courtney and Miss Jess 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!!

## Cute Kid Quips

I was doing stories and songs with the 3's classes last month, and I started the music to *Good, Good, Life*, which is a song from a Christian VBS Camp years ago. As soon as the music started, Danny Michel yelled out, "I know this song...it's from *Grease!*" (It isn't!)

The 5's class was having a snow make-up day and when Ally Samson came to school that morning her mom told me that Ally had a different name for the day. Ally said, "It's a rehearsal day!"

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

## Baby Bottle Blessing

Hilltop will be sponsoring a baby bottle blessing for Morningstar Pregnancy Services from April 1st through May 10th. Baby bottles will be at the entrance for you to take and fill with any of your loose change.

## 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 \$1,242.20. What a blessing to our school. Thank you so much for your support.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Please note that on Thursday, April 25th, and Friday, April 26th, 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.

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