

THIS WEEK

@ HILLCREST CHRISTIAN ...



MARCH 18, 2010

CALENDAR ITEMS MARCH 2010

- Fri. **19** ACSI Technology Fair
- Tues **23** Elementary Twin Dress Day
- Wed **24** HCS Speech Meet
- Thurs **25** Auction Meeting 7 P.M.
Family Group Service Day
- Fri **26** ACSI Math Olympics
Staff In Service Day
NO SCHOOL NO CHILDCARE
- 29-01** Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Tues **30** Parenting Seminar 7 P.M.

APRIL 2010

- Thurs **02** Varsity Cheer Tryouts 4 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
HCS Dinner and Auction
 Saturday, May 1st
 Spanish Hills Country Club

JOG-A-THON
 Thursday, April 15th



ONLINE CALENDAR: WWW.HILLCRESTCS.ORG



By Cathe Jackson

Teamwork Works!

As the school year draws closer to spring, I realize how much my pre-k class has grown since October when I came in as their teacher. There were only six students in my class at the time, and they were all just learning how to hold a pencil with precision, let alone learning the sounds of letters in the alphabet. As I watched how they learned and interacted in their centers, I was amazed at how different they all were from each other, not just in how they learned, but also in personality. No two were alike. This was going to be a very interesting class.

As the months pressed on, we worked on being kind and compassionate to one another. Having a variety of different personalities and learning styles in the classroom has led to an amazing dynamic. Now I have eleven students. Each one has a unique strength, and

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their unique differences work in the classroom. The more they work together in groups, the more their strengths are being used and the kinder they are to each other. These students are reading because we practice three different learning types making sure that every one succeeds and fully understands. They helped to come up with a variety of ideas on how they could learn their sight words as well, for instance, it was suggested that we walk around the school and look for them on the bulletin boards. I am delighted to report that our ELSRs (expected school-wide learning results) really are school wide as I have observed "teamwork" develop even in preschool.

I could go on and on about how amazing my class is, but my class is not the only place that I have experienced teamwork firsthand. I recently assisted Nina Medrano with coaching the middle school girls' basket ball team. This group of girls had an amazing ability to work with one another. Though they all had different strengths, they worked smoothly with each other to utilize those strengths for the good of the team. If you had the pleasure of attending one of their games, you would have seen the teamwork in action. The coaches also worked together as a team. Coach Hermosillo coached offense, Nina Medrano coached defense, and I was the "mama bear" coach. Each of us had different ideas on how to improve. We used those ideas to put together some great plays and an awesome defense. When we won the championship, the credit really had to be given to ALL the players because it was their teamwork that maximized their individual talents.

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THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK

2 Timothy 3:17

SHORT SUBJECTS

"The Bible, Our Kids, & Making Hay While the Sun Shines --"

An Evening-on Parenting" presented by Jean-Paul Chenette, Tuesday evening, March 30, 7 P.M. at HCS

Join us for an evening of encouragement, teaching, and questions and answers on parenting. The evening will be hosted by Jean-Paul Chenette, the pastor-teacher of Oakbrook Bible Church, happy father of five, and the writer of recent letters in the ACORN to single moms, husbands, and fathers.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found area for any items that your child may be missing. All items left in lost and found after March 31st will be donated to the Booster Club's used uniform sale.

Middle School Boys Soccer Coach Needed

Coach Dominguez is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to coach our middle school boys soccer team. If you are interested or know of a strong candidate, please contact Coach D at ext. 251 or at tdominguez@hillcrestcs.org.

Boys Varsity Golf

The HCS boys varsity golf team played New Jewish High School last week at Braemar Country Club and lost 254-266. The low scorers for Hillcrest were Mauricio Elizondo with a 50 and Alec Kunkel with a 51. The team's record is 1-2.



7th Grade Adventure on Catalina Island

Water temperature 55 degrees, outside temperature 65 degrees, winds blowing, 27 students, five chaperones, one fearless leader, and A LOT of adventure! That describes last week when the 7th grade class took off on a journey to Santa Catalina Island where we found unique fish and birds, marshmallow stealing foxes, new skills we didn't know we had, new friends, and so much more!

Each year as part of our life science curriculum, we spend three days on Catalina Island. During our stay, we kayak, snorkel, dissect a squid, hike, learn about the constellations while observing them ourselves, and explore the tide pools.

"Throughout all the activities we did in Catalina, snorkeling was my favorite because we were able to view firsthand God's amazing creation," shared Lucas Vieira. Despite the less than pleasant temperatures, we put on our wetsuits and braved the chilly water and uncharted (for us) sea. It WAS cold, but we had a ton of fun looking at the different animals we had studied in our classes beforehand. As with all of our activities, we were also blessed and challenged by the task of simply working together to accomplish something. The students had partners while they were snorkeling. If one slowed down, the other one had to slow down too; if they switched directions, they had to go together. It was great to see the kids take care of one another and offer strength to each other during some of the more physical activities like snorkeling and kayaking.

"What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything since He gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." Acts 17:23-25. We spent our time at the campfire studying God's Word where Mr. Williams shared with us about how God is in the business of bringing glory to Himself. We saw His glory displayed in numerous ways throughout our time in Catalina, not just in His physical creation but in the work He was doing in our own hearts as well. After we heard from Mr. Williams, the kids shared about what God had been showing them, and we were blown away; many had learned more about who God is, and some had learned about themselves and things God was asking them to do in obedience to Him. We were so blessed!

We are incredibly thankful for our time on Catalina Island! We learned many new things about God's creation and grew in our relationship with our Creator. A special thank you to all the chaperones who blessed our kids with their time and care!



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by Mrs. Hawisber, third grade teacher

Kid Town In Third Grade

During the month of February two towns were founded, Madden Hills and Wishville. Both became very active cities each having a post office, pet store, jewelry store, arts and craft store, and even a mine shop. The children worked together to develop and produce their own products to sell. There were stuffed animals, necklaces, stationary, stamps, candy roses, and jewels to dig for. By working hard and behaving well, they earned money to spend, and that's when the real fun started. Shopping!!! The students quickly discovered supply and demand. Some products sold very fast, and some did not sell at all. Time was taken to rethink and restock. Now came the chance to shop in the neighboring town which involved exchanging currency as each town had its own.

All these activities, along with the democracy studies newspapers and community maps, made for a fun way to learn about the economy. Putting what they learned into practice, one child has started her own store at home. Another decided it would be better to save his birthday money for something better he might want later.

by coach Amanda Zimmerman

Elementary Girls Wrap Up Season

After a wonderful season, the elementary girls basketball team finished their tournament game against Pleasant Valley with a score of 16-26. Alexia Palmeri scored fourteen of our sixteen points! The team did a great job of getting rebounds, both offensively and defensively. Alexa Macaluso, Megan Thornton, and Chigo Chukwu each had ten rebounds of their own! Caoilinn McDonough and Baylee Maina were fast to get the ball and helped move it around the court. Even though the Pleasant Valley team won the game, Carlie Magallanes did a great job of blocking and keeping them from scoring points.

The girls improved so much over the past few months, and they continued to gel as a team up through the last game. Mrs. Neuman and I could not be prouder of this team. We had a fun season! Hope to see the girls out for basketball next year!

P.F.A. NEWS

PARENT FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

JOG-A-THON NEWS

Jog-a-thon T-shirt Design Contests Winners - Maddie Thatcher from 3rd grade and Yuki Gao from 12th grade. All entries were great!

Important Jog-a-thon correction - Business or family sponsorship is not included as part of students' individual pledge or t-shirt orders. All packets have gone home, so please look for them. Thank you to those who have already sent in sponsor and t-shirt orders! There are lots of prizes, so start getting your pledges today!

School Cents

April 30th is the last day to turn in receipts for School Cents at The Oaks Mall. Check the current flyer at www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/theoaks for the new triple point promotion. All receipts dated between September 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 count.

Double your points -- purchase an American Express Gift Card (\$3 service fee/card) and log it for Hillcrest, use it to do your mall shopping, then go back and log your receipts after your shop. You earn points for the amount of the gift card plus the amount of the receipts plus 1,000 bonus points for each card purchased! Double dip the acceptable way!

HCS Booster Club:

The Booster Club is seeking Board Members and Committee Heads for the 2010-11 school year.

Do you have a passion for athletics and want to help the sports program grow at all levels? We need you... as board members, volunteers, coaches, community connections, spirit boosters, you name it. If you are interested, please pick up a Booster Board application outside the volunteer office or in the front lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Brande Voss at bravoss@aol.com.



by Stephen Allen, Head of School

Getting Christian Principles into Your Workplace - Christ @ Work

All HCS businessmen have the opportunity to join a group of men that having been meeting each Friday morning. This group is a part of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI) Christ @ Work program. **If you come to the conference room on Fridays beginning between 6:45 and 7:00 A.M. you will...**

1. Meet other businessmen who have similar needs and struggles.
2. Be presented with wonderful presentations with the sole intent of building Christian principles into our lives, especially at our workplace.
3. Have a short time of prayer and fellowship.
4. Be able to leave to be on your way by 8 AM.

Please join us to see how God will use this time to change your life and your world at work. Bring a friend or co-worker. You don't have to RSVP. There is no requirement to be there every Friday, as business may require you elsewhere. We will not meet during school vacation weeks.

The Christ @ Work group will meet each Friday morning. Join us anytime. Consider what one attendee stated after attending a similar group.

"I have been attending a FCCI group for over 4 years and would recommend it to anyone. What a blessing to spend my Friday mornings with a group of men who are committed to their faith and are striving to interact in the business world in a Christ honoring manner. If you are not meeting with other men on a regular basis, you are missing an incredible opportunity to grow in your faith." -M. Clark, Independent Businessman

Put this on your calendar. I am personally involved and will be there. I believe that you, also, will be glad for this time together with one another and with God's Word. If you have any questions about Christ @ Work, don't hesitate to contact me.

Help Wanted – Enjoy Publishing and Coordinating Writing Projects?

The HCS administration is looking for volunteer assistance to coordinate a quarterly publication. If you have experience publishing, writing, and coordinating projects, our Head of School would love to meet to discuss the possibility of you helping HCS. The project involves a quarterly promotional publication and could be an easy method to earn the required annual volunteer hours.

What is required? It is estimated that this volunteer work would entail approximately three to five hours per month. A major portion of the time commitment can be accomplished from home through telephone and email communication.

If you are interested, please contact either our Head of School, Stephen Allen at ext. 210, or LuAnn Malcolm at ext. 204 to make an appointment to learn more details.

1st-3rd SPRING MUSICAL

You're invited to come see the first, second, and third grade classes perform the musical GPS on Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 P.M. Doors will open at 6:00 P.M. Seats may not be reserved ahead of time; first come, first seated. This is an opportunity to see the natural praise from the students. Bring your cameras, and come prepared to enjoy the students share that God's laws were designed not to keep things from us, but with blessings for us.

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Teamwork Works cont.

As parents, we want our children to want to do their best, and it can be frustrating when we see them not trying. Helping our children determine the areas where they can excel helps motivate them to do their best in areas where it is more challenging. Once again, it takes teamwork to make this happen. I have seen what Hillcrest's teachers do to help students discover and develop their strengths, and they need you, the parents, working with them in this team effort.

As parents, I challenge you to find out what your child's strengths are and praise them for it. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made and your child needs you to help them understand exactly that. Working as a team is better than working alone. You can help your child build a better academic future if they know that you are on their team! ■

Help Homeless Children in the Conejo

Malibu House of Hope is a new ministry in the Conejo Valley created to meet the need of homeless youth in our community. Many are on the streets to avoid the pain of violent and broken homes. The coordinator for this project is a Hillcrest parent, Melinda Crown. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this new organization, please come to an informational meeting on March 20, at 4:00 P.M. at Church in the Canyon in Calabasas. An information sheet is also available in the front office.