

The Buzz



Hampstead Hill Academy

A New Year's Message

As 2012 begins, we want to thank you for sending your child to Hampstead Hill Academy and for helping make our school great. School is about learning, dreaming and getting ready for the next grade, high school, college and eventually a good job. It is also about motivating each other to do our very best. At our recent Talent Show, students took to the stage to show off their singing, dancing and keyboarding. One brave, very talented student momentarily forgot her lines. In a moment of collective kindness, the whole audience of 5-8 grade students began to sing the words for her. Mr. Hornbeck has never been more proud of an audience. This small, empathetic gesture is the latest indication that Hampstead Hill is building a kind, welcoming school culture.



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Get Back into Routine

After a busy and hopefully relaxing holiday season, we return to the comfort of routine. Please make certain that your child gets back on a good sleep schedule and arrives at school by 8 a.m. each day ready to learn. As a reminder, 2nd quarter grades close Friday, January 20th. Parents should ask their children and their children's teachers if there are any missing or incomplete assignments that need to be made up before the quarter closes. You can contact a staff member at the school phone number or by email. A complete listing of HHA e-mail addresses is on-line at www.hha47.org.

New HHA Volunteer Guidelines



HHA is now in the process of aligning volunteer guidelines with City Schools' published guidelines. Although volunteers have always completed a personnel form, parents volunteering will receive a copy of the completed form with the HHA guidelines for their files. In addition to completing an HHA volunteer form, parents will be asked to visit the City Schools' website and enter their personal information. The link is posted on the volunteer form. Also, parents in the building more than 4 times per month or chaperoning on a field trip will need to have a background check done at the City Schools' headquarters located on North Avenue. Ms. Swann is in the process of investigating the

procedure that volunteers will follow. A letter will be sent home within the next two weeks with detailed information. If you currently volunteer at the school, please see Ms. Swann to make sure she has a volunteer form on file for you.

An Evening with CEO Dr. Andres Alonso

On Thursday, January 12th from 7 - 9 pm, HHA will host a town hall meeting sponsored by the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance. Dr. Andres Alonso will be the featured speaker. This is an opportunity to hear Dr. Alonso talk about City Schools and get your questions answered. This event is free and open to the public. Visit Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance at <http://dbfam.org> to register to attend this event. Walk-ins are welcome.

Important dates this month:

- 1/5, PTO Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- 1/11, Chat With Matt, 8:30 a.m.
- 1/12, Town Hall Meeting With Dr. Alonso, 7-9 p.m.
- 1/13, First Session of the Terrific Program Ends
- 1/16, School Closed, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 1/18, Parent Workshop, Parenting Resources, 8:30 a.m.
- 1/18, Council Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 1/25, Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/25, Terrific Kids Award Program
- 1/26, 27, School Closed, Professional Development
- 1/30, 2nd Terrific Kids Session Begins

HHA Hosts “Learning Walk” for Executive Directors

Executive Directors supervise and support principals. There are approximately 15 Executive Directors (EDs) new to City Schools this year. On Friday, January 6, 2012, HHA will host a group of Executive Directors as they take a “learning walk” around HHA to see our instructional programming in practice. Mr. Hornbeck will conduct the tour and answer questions and receive feedback. This activity is part of City Schools’ effort to provide better support to schools. After participating in this type of activity, Executive Directors will conduct similar reviews in the schools they support.

Restorative Practices Event

HHA believes in Restorative Practices and the power of positive relationships to improve student achievement. Over the last four years, the staff has conducted thousands of restorative circles designed to build community and minimize bullying and negative behaviors. In February, the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) and HHA will host CAO, Dr. Sonja Brookins-Santelises, Network Officer, Jonathan Brice and dozens of

principals as they visit classrooms, observe students participating in circles and learn about restorative practices.

Title I Audit

HHA students are the beneficiaries of more than \$325,000 in federal Title I dollars. Title I funds, allocated through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 (currently named No Child Left Behind), are provided to supplement the public education of disadvantaged students. At our school, this money is spent schoolwide and covers the staffing cost for prekindergarten and 1st grade assistant teachers, instructional support staff and supplies. On January 4, 2012, City Schools’ auditors will be on site to review our documentation and look at the implementation of the programming associated with this money. All Title I schools are audited every three years. This is HHA’s year to be audited.

Sign-up to Receive HHA Information by Email

In an effort to save paper, a major endeavor is underway to have parents visit the school’s website at www.hha47.org and register their email address. The link to register the email address is on the opening page under “Quick Links.” We are hoping to start sending the newsletter and

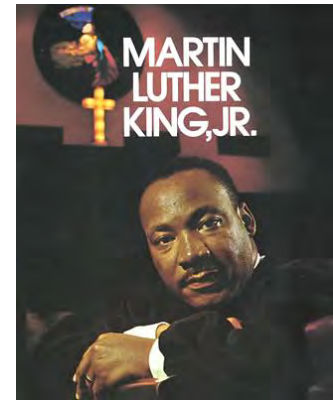
fliers to parents via email by February. Please register today!

Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the concerns of all humanity.”- MLK, Jr.

Dr. King’s message of freedom, non-violence and justice resonate today as we seek peace abroad, economic security at home and kindness in our neighborhoods and schools.

Schools are closed Monday, January 16th in recognition of the life and service of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remember, Dr. King’s day is a “day on, not a day off.” There are volunteer and service opportunities throughout the Baltimore metro area. For more information, see Ms. Swann.



What’s New

Update to the Home-School Compact

The HHA Home-School Compact has been updated regarding communication by the staff with parents. The update is attached to the newsletter. Please read over the information and place this document with your copy of the Compact.

Terrific Kids Celebration

The first celebration for the Terrific Kids Program will take place Wednesday, January 25th at 8:30 a.m. This program is for students in grades 1-5 who have met the criteria to be a program member. Parents will

receive either an invitation to the program or a note explaining why their child did not meet the criteria. Please check the back of all Terrific Kid Program notes sent home for complete guidelines. If your child did not meet the criteria for the first session, the second session will begin Monday, January 30th.

**Report Cards Sent Home
Wednesday, January 25th.**

News from the Teams

Pre-K - Kindergarten

Pre-K and kindergarten are very excited about the New Year! The big winter holidays were so much fun to celebrate. Students learned about different holiday and family traditions, as well as participated in a few. For the upcoming months, students will attend a traffic assembly to learn about safety rules and will continue to explore the different aspects of winter. They will also learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. Just a reminder, as the weather gets colder make sure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves for the outside. We are stressing responsibility and independence, so help your child learn to zip or button their own coat, tie their shoes and pack their own book bag. Here's to a great New Year!

1st and 2nd Grade

The 1st and 2nd grade classes had a wonderful time at the Highlandtown Train Garden in December. Thank you to the parents who were chaperones on the trip. Ms. Levenstein and Mrs. Donaldson's language groups will start Signature Language 2 this month. The 2nd grade team will finish the unit on animals this month. Students have really enjoyed learning about some interesting animals.

3rd and 4th Grade

In Mr. Swann's class, using skills of probability, students were busy creating and testing games for Casino Day and inviting students to come and test them out. In Ms. Adams' class, all three language groups are making amazing progress in their books. The Mountaineers are in RWD and are writing paragraphs about misleading and inaccurate claims. The Ravens are in RWE and are writing parallel sentences. The Orioles are in RWD and are writing clear, accurate sentences. In 4th grade science, all the classes just finished researching and presenting projects on different planets in our solar system. Our next unit is hydrosphere and atmosphere. We will explore the seasons along with the weather conditions of the seasons. Also, students will learn a variety of data collections methods that will be used to track weather. In reading, students will continue to work hard analyzing text and gathering new knowledge and information. In Mrs. Bartz's class, The Pugs are working on the *Wizard of Oz* and reading some other great stories. In Mrs. Weber's class, students had some great activities learning about symmetry. In language and science, students are working hard preparing for the MSA.

5th and 6th Grade

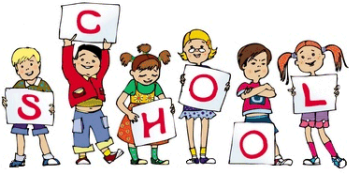
The 5th and 6th grade team is excited to get back to work after the holiday break. Both grades are in the process of planning some exciting field trips both before and after MSA. On Wednesday, January 18th, the 5th grade students will visit the Walters Art Museum. They will journey through time and explore how stories can be told through art. They will also have the opportunity to create their own art in the studio. Just a reminder to students and parents that January and February are very important months, and hard work is required to sharpen those skills in English, math, spelling, science, history and writing.

7th and 8th Grade

After completing a very interesting study of Monsoon Asia, which featured research projects and mapping activities, 7th grade students will begin 2012 by examining the physical and human geography of the Middle East. In English Language Arts, students will study poetry in music, as well as create their own original works. In math, students will focus on proportions and study the human body in science. The 8th grade students have finished a poetry unit. They were able to create their own poems and share with the class. Students have also studied the three different types of irony in different texts, and they have been typing up their autobiographical essay in the computer lab. In History, students have created a timeline of events that led up to the Revolutionary War. They used text features to create their timeline and will present it to their class after winter break.



Middle school students also took part in a talent show. Eleven students entertained staff, students and parents with their extraordinary talents. First place prize went to two students; Kaila Grinspoon for her fabulous singing ability and Dae'Quan Laboard for his unique dancing style. Second place prize and audience favorite went to Aaron Sutton who performed a song and dance medley. Third place prize went to Ethan Franetovich for his keyboard talent. Congratulations to all of the participants.



Important News from the Resource Team
On Monday, January 23rd, 7th and 8th grade resources will change.
Students will receive choice cards during class to pick their next resource.
Please discuss the different resources with your child.

Music

From music, Ms. Smith and Mrs. Free would like to congratulate all the participants in the Community Arts Night and the in-school concerts. Thank you to the HHA parents, students and staff who helped to make the events a success. Also, thank you to the students in the 7th and 8th grade choir who did such a fantastic job performing at the Gallery Mall at the Inner Harbor. The 5th and 6th grade choir and 7th and 8th piano class did an excellent job performing at the World Famous Lexington Market. Thank you to the parent chaperones who helped on the trips. They are Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Garza, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. DiSeta and Mrs. Murphy.

In Pre-K, students will work on sharing and caring songs. The 1st and 2nd grade students are working on their own compositions. The 1st grade students are changing the lyrics to a song, and the 2nd grade students are composing music to describe the planets. In piano class, the 3-6 grade students will finish their in-class piano recitals and will begin working on writing music using computer software called MUSE. The 7th and 8th grade classes will complete their final project for piano called the Elements of Music, a PowerPoint presentation.

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade students for a job well done at their performance. The students will reflect on their performance and start working on music for future concerts. Bravo to our 7th and 8th grade choir for their fantastic performance. All the students worked hard and did

their best. A special congratulations to our soloists: Lawren Burney, Rohan Donaldson Jr., Odessa Powell, Clarence Scheers, Katie Spriggs and James Wells. The choir students will switch to a new resource and new adventures. Ms. Smith is so proud of the students' hard work and dedication to the "team." The students overcame many obstacles as a group and came together to make beautiful music. Thank you for a glorious semester and good luck in the next semester.

Computer

In the computer lab, Prek-2 students have been learning the differences between online books and paperback books. Also, they have been mastering using the mouse. In 3rd and 4th grade, students have been creating Winter Diamante poems and 5th and 6th grade students are completing Technology PowerPoint. In 7th and 8th grade, students have been working on creating graphs and charts in Excel and are currently in the process of learning about using the presentational software called Prezi.

Food for Life

In Food for Life, the 7th and 8th grade choice class is learning about chronic disease, and synthesizing what they have learned about nutrition and body systems to develop strategies for chronic disease prevention through diet and exercise. They will prepare vegetable dishes that will be sampled on various lunch shifts that highlight how delicious disease-fighting vegetables are. All other Food for Life classes will end the semester with a healthy celebration of their choice.

Students will assemble a cookbook of all recipes prepared during the semester to share with their families. Be sure to ask your student to share their cookbook, and ask them to help prepare a dish at home.

Art

In Art, Mrs. Butcher would like to congratulate all of the HHA artists who had art in the winter art show. Mrs. Butcher is looking forward to creating some spectacular works of art for the spring art show and to firing up the kiln for ceramic projects.

Physical Education

In physical education, students are currently working on skills in volleyball such as hitting, catching and serving the ball.

Library

In library, the Award Winning Book Reading Challenge is underway! Join your child in the morning or after school at the library. Help your child pick out a book to read and get a prize. There are so many new and wonderful books to choose. Please make visiting the HHA library part of your child's weekly routine.

Spanish

In Spanish, at the end of December, students learned about the legend of the poinsettia or flor de nochebuena. They created their own versions of this beautiful plant from Mexico. Older students learned about las posadas and other December traditions in Spanish-speaking countries. They pretended they were travelers in Mexico in December and wrote postcards home describing their observations. ¡Prospero año nuevo!

Club Sign-ups

Please note, students are not permitted to join multiple clubs that meet on the same day.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS!
SIGN-UP FOR THE FOLLOWING CLUBS IS TAKING PLACE NOW. READ OVER THE INFORMATION FOR EACH CLUB AND FILL IN THE ATTACHED SIGN UP SHEET WITH YOUR CHOICES.

Lego Club



Work with a team member and build simple machines while developing the understanding of physical science and problem solving. When projects are completed, there will be free time to work with pounds of available LEGO and Bionicles. All club members will be involved in determining and awarding the best freestyle project each week. The club will meet on Wednesdays from 2:40-4 p.m. and is open to students in kindergarten to 2nd grade.

Open Minds Art Club

Creative Alliance presents the second Open Minds Art Club at Hampstead Hill Academy. The program will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 16th to May 10th from 2:40 to 4:40 p.m. and is open to students in grades 4 to 8. Don't be left out of the opportunity to *Explore Careers in the Arts*. Enjoy discovering the professional world of a photographer, printmaker and illustrator among other career possibilities in fine and applied art. The OM Club provides great teachers, fun games, engaging stories and materials/techniques to explore for hands-on art projects. Supper is included.

Culinary Arts Club

The second semester Culinary Arts Club sign-up for grades 3 through 5 is now open. The club meets on Thursdays from 2:45-4:15 p.m. Fifteen students will be selected by lottery to join the club.

Club News

Life Skills

The students had a great time applying their dining etiquette at Sabatino's as well as enjoying the amazing food. After break, club members will learn interviewing skills and resume writing.

Debate

Congratulations to the Hampstead Hill Debate team for bringing home the #1 spot for the first time in 2 years! A special congratulations to Kevin Couser and Jacky Le who came in first place in the Elementary Division and Katie Spriggs and Marina Protopapas who came in first place in the JV division. A HUGE congratulations to Marina Protopapas, Kathy Le, Si Lin and Katie Spriggs who had a 1-2-3-4 finish in the individual JV division. Mr. Swann and Ms. Adams are very proud of all of the debate students who have been putting in a ton of hard work to make this win possible!

Culinary Arts Club

The Culinary Arts Club would like to thank everyone who attended the Community Arts Night. The club members took pleasure in serving multicultural holiday treats. The combination of music, art and food made the night one to remember. The fall session of Culinary Arts Club wrapped up with a fun gingerbread house making session.



Mrs. Kosmer, Bianca Rivera, Rodney Moore, Ignacio Molina, Shawn Francis, Si Lin, Marina Protopapas, Paris Williams and Leree Simmons are ready for fine dining at Sabitino's.

Sports' News

Basketball

The HHA Middle School Boys' Basketball season has officially begun. Games are played on Saturdays at 11 a.m. at Cristo Rey located on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Chester Street. Game date is announced to the team prior to the game.



News from Chrissa Carlson, Food for Life Educator

Nutrition Nibble: New Year, New You

The New Year offers us an opportunity to take inventory of our lives and set some intentions for the coming year. After the indulgences of the holiday season, resolutions related to health and fitness are often on the top of the list. However, resolutions are as easy to break as they are to make. One way to help your resolutions last longer is to make them realistic. Small, permanent changes in eating or exercise patterns will have a much bigger impact on the health of your life. Here are a few ideas for resolutions:

- Eat a fruit or vegetables at lunch and dinner every day
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- Limit soda and sweetened beverages to once-a-week treats
- Switch to lower fat milk (1% or non-fat)
- Take three brisk 30-60 minute walks per week
- Eat more salad and raw vegetables

Here's a recipe for a reduced-fat salad dressing for your salad and veggies.

Green Goddess Dressing

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (packed) spinach leaves, washed and well-drained
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup plain non-fat yogurt
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup light mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons chopped fresh dill or 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 2 Tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 green onions, white and light green parts only, cleaned and chopped
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon hot pepper sauce



Process:

1. Place spinach in a blender with yogurt and all remaining ingredients. Puree until smooth, thinning with more yogurt or water, if desired.
2. Transfer dressing to a bowl. Season dressing to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Use as a dressing or serve as a dip for raw veggies.



Family Information

The Countdown Begins

42% of the school year is complete, 76 of our 180 student days have ticked by. There are only 45 school days left until our 3rd - 8th graders sit for the MSA reading and math tests beginning March 12th. Mark your calendars.

What Does the MSA Look Like for Your Child?

You can go online to see sample MSA items for 3rd through 8th grade in reading and math at http://www.mdk12.org/assessments/k_8/index_c.html Spend some time learning what is expected of your child by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendar

- **Maryland School Reading and Math Assessment (MSA)** for grades 3-8 - March 12-21, 2012
- **MSA Science Assessment** for grades 5 and 8 - April 16 - May 4, 2012
- **Stanford Achievement Test (SAT)** for grades one and two - April 16 - 20, 2012
- **Report Cards** - 1/25 (2nd Quarter), 4/13 (3rd Quarter), 6/11 (4th Quarter)
- **LAST DAY** (weather permitting) - Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Please put these dates on your calendar and be sure NOT to plan activities outside of school on test days! Remember, scores on the tests help decide whether students move on to the next grade.

Congratulations!



HHA would like to congratulate Alexandra Rojas for receiving 95 or higher in all core subjects and meeting the criteria for Principal's List. Due to an oversight, her name was not listed in the December newsletter.

Community Arts Night

Ms. Carlson would like to thank everyone who helped at the Community Arts Night and to all of the members of the HHA family who attended. The night was a great success. Over 80 performers and artists entertained HHA families and friends, followed by a holiday party hosted by the Culinary Arts Club. The next Community Arts event will be in March. Look for information in the February newsletter.

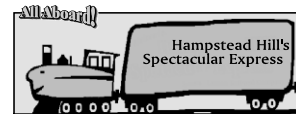
The Spectacular Express is Rolling Along

Students who received a train car for the month of December are:

Eddie Bautista
Kaleel Boykins
Ciaran Brighton
Robert Coleman
Avery Dyson
Ethan Franetovich
Carmen Funes Toribio
William Guambaria
Erica Hammonds
Jacob Hook

Elizabeth Ibarra
Hanna Jillson
Jacky Le
Ariel Martin
David Mekonine
Lytzi Monsalvo
Karlo Norwood
Jimi Nunez
Raiquan Oppel
Alexis Paciocco

Sam Padgett
James Pasko
Bianca Rivera
Michele Ross
Danielle Smith
Olivia Suggs
Josh Wisniewski



Winner of the December raffle was David Mekonine.

The Attendance Race Continues

Attendance Percentage Figures for December and Yearly Average

Hampstead Hill is serious about attendance. Our talented staff cannot teach unless students attend school. City Schools' CEO Dr. Andres Alonso has initiated a district-wide focus on student attendance. Again this year, there will be mandatory hearings at school headquarters for the parents of students with poor attendance. Each month the newsletter will include this chart so students and parents can review attendance averages.

Congratulations to the Fifth Grade Team for having the highest attendance average for December. Students in this grade level will have a pizza party treat.



Grade	December Attendance %	Grade	Year Attendance %
HHA average	95.72%	HHA average	96.48%
5th grade	96.96%	5th grade	97.78%
2nd grade	96.92%	2nd grade	96.88%
1st grade	96.23%	4th grade	96.88%
3rd grade	96.20%	3rd grade	96.80%
6th grade	95.83%	1st grade	96.78%
PreK	95.68%	Kindergarten	96.48%
4th grade	95.60%	7th grade	96.18%
Kindergarten	95.34%	6th grade	95.75%
7th grade	94.87%	PreK	95.27%
8th grade	92.09%	8th grade	94.76%

Pre-registration for the Spring Lottery and Pre-kindergarten

Spread the word to family and friends that pre-registration forms for the spring lottery and pre-kindergarten are being accepted at Hampstead Hill Academy for the 2012-2013 school year. The lottery is held for students who do not live in the zoned area for the school. If you do not live in this area and would like for your child to attend Hampstead Hill Academy, please fill in a pre-registration form and follow the directions for mailing. The form is available at the school or online at <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/Page/15074>. The lottery will take place on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 3 p.m. in the HHA library.

News from the PTO

The PTO welcomes everyone back from winter break. We wrapped up 2011 in style with a fabulous holiday breakfast for HHA staff. The breakfast received rave reviews. Thanks to all who helped out. The PTO provided the December attendance award pizza party,

which went to the 5th grade students. In addition, the PTO funded the bus for the middle school choir field trip to the Inner Harbor.

Great news! We raised over \$4000 at Bee-Fit, far surpassing our goal. In addition, HHA Bees won a \$1000 School Spirit Award from Legg Mason for outstanding spirit while cheering on the runners in the Baltimore Marathon. Congratulations everyone! Aluminum can recycling will take place Friday, January 27th. Keep collecting those aluminum cans for the PTO.

The PTO is looking forward to a great year in 2012. The first PTO meeting of the New Year will be held Thursday, January 5th at 6:45 p.m. in the HHA library. Remember to mark your calendar for B3 on March 24th. Don't miss this chance to support HHA with an evening of great bingo, delicious food and an amazing silent auction.



Book Selections by Mrs. Kannam, School Librarian

Grades PreK - 2

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen - Caldecott Award Winner

Enjoy these beautiful pictures and the story of a father and son's special time together in the snow.

Grades 3-5

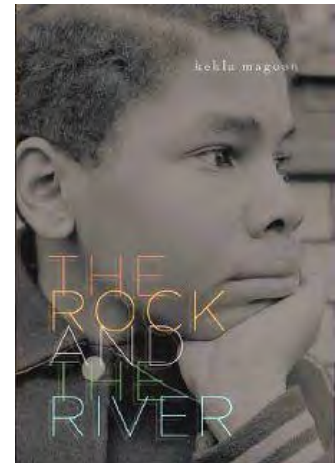
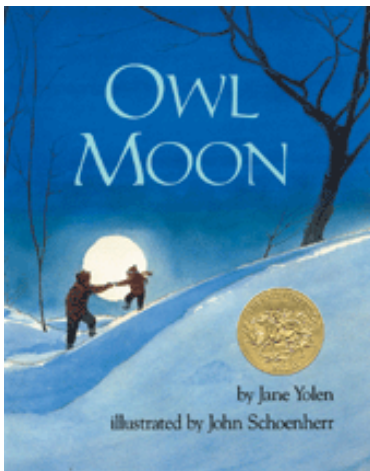
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick- Newberry Award Book

This book tells the story of a young boy and his secret life on his own in a Paris train station. Told through pictures and words, this is a book that you will not forget.

Grades 6-8

The Rock and The River by Kekla Magoon - The Coretta Scott King Book Award for Social Change and Peace

A young boy struggles with the meaning of social justice and the use of non-violence at all costs. As he meets with racism first hand, which way will he choose to handle it?



The Quick Buzz

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE EACH TIME YOU VOLUNTEER AT HHA.**
- **Newsletter Submissions** - If you would like to contribute information to the newsletter that you feel would be helpful to other parents, please submit your piece to geriswann@hotmail.com or see Ms. Swann.
- **PTO Meeting** - Thursday, January 5th, 6:45 p.m.
- **January No Uniform Day** - Friday, January 20th. Students need to dress according to the City Schools' dress code policy on page 27 of the Code of Conduct booklet. Make sure your child is dress appropriately.
- **Chat With Matt** - Wednesday, January 11th, 8:30 a.m. Join us for a group discussion with Mr. Hornbeck.
- **Parent Workshop** - Wednesday, January 18th, 8:30 a.m. - Parenting Resources
- **School Family Council Meeting** - Wednesday, January 18th, 3 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend.
- **Lost and Found** - Current items will be given to charity Tuesday, January 31st.
- **Uniform Items** - If your child borrowed a uniform item from school due to an accident or otherwise, please send it back as soon as possible. We need those items to be available for other students that may need a change of clothes. We also are accepting gently worn uniform pieces. Please bring them to the main office.

Thank You - Staff and students would like to say thank you to Melissa Thompson and the staff of Lenscrafters for inviting five HHA students to their Hometown Event. The students received a free screening, eye examination and glasses; to the residents of Indecco Senior Apartments for their donation of hats, scarves and gloves for kindergarten students; to the Bryan Family for donating miscellaneous items to the school; to the Edwards Family for a cash donation of \$100 to the students of HHA; and to all of the parents who have volunteered in various areas of the building. They are Ruth Pruitt, Ms. Jill, Ms. Peterson, Jeanne Pasko, Julie Bryan, Trish Gnibus, Jessica Smith, Kristina Bachman, Justin Pruitt, Maryana Romanyuk, Michele Franklin, Mr. Jillson and Dominique Zeltzman. Also, thank you to the parents who volunteer to chaperone field trips and who donated gently used uniforms.

THANK YOU

Special Thanks to Mr. Joe Larocque and Mr. Tom Hirschmann from Legg Mason who came to read and bring gifts to Mrs. Kaminaris and Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class on Thursday, December 15th. They read the children the 20th Anniversary edition of Jan Brett's *The Mitten* and brought the students a copy of the book, a hat and mittens. The class was delighted with the story and excited to wear their new hat and mittens. Thank you so much to Legg Mason for their generosity.



Thank You Legg Mason!

Family Fun

Audubon Activities for January

Bistro Rx, located at the intersection of North Linwood Avenue and East Baltimore Street - Support Audubon with an evening at Bistro Rx, Thursday, January 26th, 4-9 p.m. A portion of dinner and drink sales will be donated to our urban environmental education programs. Be sure to mention Audubon to your server.

Tiny Tots - Just for Kids Ages 2-5 with an adult! Meet on the northeast side of the Boat Lake Friday, January 20th or Saturday, January 28th, 10-11 a.m. Kids will make a craft, play a game and read a story. Cost: \$5

Monthly Bird Watching Walk - Meet at the fountain in Patterson Park Saturday, January 28th, 8-9:30 a.m. Free! To participate in these activities, please register at 410-558-2473 or PPAudubon@gmail.com

Events at the Southeast Anchor Library Children's Department in January

See the attached flyer.

Family Filmgoer

This is a helpful guide for parents on what kids should and should not see. Reviews appear each Friday and are available free online at <http://www.postwritersgroup.com/archives/film111229.htm>.

Don't Forget to Register Your Email Address!
Visit the new website at hha47.org

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TELL US WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!

Hampstead Hill Academy Feedback Form

School Year 2011-2012

Name and contact information if you want a response to your submission: _____

I have a ___question___comment___concern___suggestion.

Please return this form to Ms. Swann.



Student Activities Sign-up Sheet

I would like to sign up for:

_____ **Lego Club - Grades Kindergarten -2** - The club meets on Wednesdays from 2:45 - 4 p.m.

_____ **Culinary Arts Club - Grades 3 - 5** - The club meets on Thursdays from 2:45-4:15 p.m.

_____ **Open Minds Art Club - Grades 4 - 8** - The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40 to 4:40 p.m.

This form must be returned to Ms. Swann no later than Wednesday, January 11th.

If the number of students for a club exceeds the member limit, a lottery drawing will be held.

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent's Name and Contact Number: _____

Only students selected for the club will receive a permission slip.

Return this form to Ms. Swann.



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January 3, 2012

Dear Parent,

Below is an update to the Hampstead Hill Home-School Compact. This update is in regards to HHA Staff responsibilities.

The current Compact reads:

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- promote school-to-home communication with families by e-mail, telephone, correspondence, flyers, conferences and HHA website.

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Collectively, the staff at Hampstead Hill Academy will:

- promote school-to-home communication with families by e-mail, telephone, letters, flyers and HHA website.
- be available for parent-teacher conferences and will utilize the Compact as a reference during the conference.

Please include this updated information with your copy of the current Home-School Compact.



Children's Programs: January 2012

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 3:00pm
January 7, 14, 21, 28

Stories and a craft or game for the whole family.

Preschool Leaps

Wednesdays at 11:00am
January 4, 11, 18, 25

A program of stories, songs, and fun for ages 3-5.



Mother Goose Baby Steps

Mondays at 11:00am
January 9, 23, 30

An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.

Buena Casa, Buena Brasa

Thursdays at 11:00am
January 5, 12, 19, 26

Canciones, rimas, cuentos y juegos para los niños (0-3 años) y los padres o cuidadores.

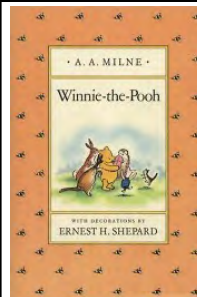
OTHER EVENTS



Winnie the Pooh

Saturday, January 7
10:30am

An all-new movie featuring your friends from the Hundred Acre Wood.



Winnie the Pooh Day

Tuesday, January 17
4:00pm

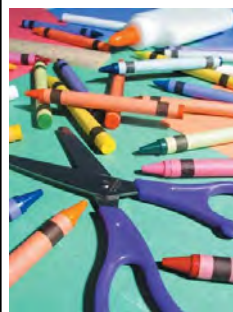
An afternoon of stories and crafts with Pooh and friends.



Games, Games, Games!

Tuesdays, Jan 3, 10, 24, 31
4:00pm

Join your friends in the Children's Dept to play an assortment of classic board games.



Crafty Thursdays

Thursdays, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
4:00pm

Come make a different craft every Thursday after school.



Snow White and the Seven Dwarves: A Marionette Play

Friday, Jan 27, 10:00am

A marionette play of the classic fairy tale by Waldorf School.



LEGO Story Time

Saturday, Jan 21, 10:30am

Enjoy stories and make your own LEGO creation at the library.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 School Closed Winter Break	3 School Reopens Newsletter Sent Home Chess Elementary Debate Life Skills Class Basketball-gym Barbeque Chicken on a Bun Days to MSA - 45	4 Orchestra -morning - gym Musical Rehearsal - gym Daisies Chicken and Turkey Enchilada Pie Days to MSA - 44	5 PTO Meeting 6:45 p.m. Culinary Arts Club Middle School Debate Page Turners - 6 th and 7 th grade girls - 2:45-3:30 pm Basketball-gym Friends of Rachel - 2:50-3:30 pm library Cheese Steak Days to MSA - 43	6 Musical Rehearsal - gym School for the Arts Field Trip - Middle School Pizza Days to MSA - 42	7 Musical Rehearsal - gym
8	9 4 th Grade Math Club 4 th Grade Language Club Page Turners - 6 th and 7 th grade girls - 2:45-4 pm Yoga - k-2 - 5-5:30 pm Basketball-gym Cheese-Stuffed Shells Days to MSA - 41	10 Chess Elementary Debate Basketball-gym Cheese/Hamburger Days to MSA - 40	11 Chat With Matt - 8:30 am-library Orchestra -morning - gym Musical Rehearsal - gym Sweet and Sour Pork Days to MSA - 39	12 Culinary Arts Club Middle School Debate Page Turners - 6 th and 7 th grade girls - 2:45-3:30 pm Basketball-gym Friends of Rachel - 2:50-3:30 pm library Townhall meeting 7-9 pm Dr. Alonso Fiesta Beef and Macaroni Days to MSA - 38	13 1 st Terrific Kids Program Session Ends Musical Rehearsal - gym Pizza Days to MSA - 37	14
15	16 School Closed Martin Luther King's Birthday	17 Chess Elementary Debate Life Skills Class Basketball-gym Fish Fillet Sandwich Days to MSA - 36	18 Parent Workshop - Parenting Resources, 8:30 am-library Council Meeting Orchestra -morning - gym Musical Rehearsal - gym Daisies Field Trip 5 th grade - Walters Art Gallery Chicken Tenders Days to MSA - 35	19 Culinary Arts Club Student Council Middle School Debate Page Turners - 6 th and 7 th grade girls - 2:45-3:30 pm Basketball-gym Friends of Rachel - 2:50-3:30 pm library Chicken Stir Fry Days to MSA - 34	20 Second Quarter Ends Musical Rehearsal - gym Pizza Days to MSA - 33	21 Musical Rehearsal - gym
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