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The Little Read

Hickory Day School students in 1st through 3rd grades are to participate in “The Little Read” program which is coordinated by Lenoir-Rhyne College.

According to their website, “The Little Read is an elementary education community-wide reading initiative of Lenoir-Rhyne College’s Visiting Writers Series ‘In Their Own Words.’ It is designed to provide quality literature for classroom use and to involve in meaningful ways parents and other community members in the educational process.”

“The mission of The Little Read is to make reading come alive to elementary school children (and their parents) in Catawba County by organizing special reading and cultural programs in conjunction with the appearance of a major children’s author.”

This year’s author is children’s poet, Bruce Lansky, whose book, *If Pigs Could Fly and Other Deep Thoughts*, serves as this year’s Little Read book. His previous works

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4th-5th Grade PYP Exhibition

Thursday, April 9th @ 1 p.m.

Pavilion

Come see a play written and performed by the students about Energy



Above from l-r: Zack Beerli, Fahad Mohammed and Jacobo Vega-Albela rehearse for the POD Exhibition performance

Holidays/Breaks

Friday, April 10 to Sunday, April 19 — No Classes, Spring Break

Casino Night

There is to be a casino night April 4th as a fundraiser for the school. Invitations have been mailed.

Crawdads Night

April 9th is to be HDS night at the Hickory Crawdads. Make plans to attend the fun!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is to be April 27 to May 1.

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IB learners are *open-minded*.

They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

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Middle School Trip Changes

Middle school parents are by now aware of changes to the departure plans for the Washington, D.C. trip. Details about the revised itinerary are upcoming, including about the Hickory Hop Shuttle that will now take students from HDS to the train station. More information is forthcoming from instructors Harbison, Stewart and Christian.

Dribble Mania Results

The totals are in! The Hickory Day School community can be proud of exceeding the goal of \$1000 for the Dribble Mania event held recently. The total amount of \$1070 is on its way to help out St. Jude Hospital's kids in need of the funds.



Join us for our Spring Celebration on April 9th

10 a.m. (TK-2)

Egg Hunt
Bubble Machine
Various Relays

12:15 p.m.

Picnic style lunch on the Pavilion
All HDS families are invited
(RSVP to Kate Adair)

1 p.m. (K-8)

POD (4th/5th grades) Exhibition Presentation
3rd grade Performance of "The Hickory Song"
Cupcakes and Activities

2 p.m.

Early Dismissal

Hickory Day School

Is to Present

"Cinderella"

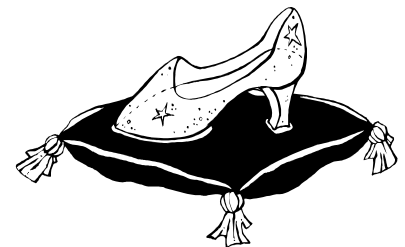
Thursday, May 21, 2009

1 pm & 7 pm

At the Catawba County Arts & Science Center Auditorium

With a Musical Revue for area Preschools

Wednesday, May 20 at 10 am



International Festival

Sponsored by the City of Hickory, the 5th annual International Festival is to be May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown on the Square.

Hickory Day School students are to participate in the festivities by performing excerpts of our Anglo-Western version of "Cinderella."

There are also to be reader's theatre versions of different telling of the Cinderella story by HDS students, including "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters" and "Yehshen," the Chinese Cinderella.

Our students are also to perform international wedding dances set by Sonya Briggs. Briggs' students from her private dance studio, Sonya's Dance Academy, are also to perform at the event with African dancing.

The International Festival is to promote the interests of international schools and businesses in the greater Hickory area. In addition to our students' performances, many other area groups are to perform. There are also to be international foods available at the event.

Please come out to support both our students and the international community at large.

The Little Read,

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are *Mary Had a Little Jam; If Kids Ruled the School;* and *Rolling in the Aisles*. Lansky is known as "The King of Giggle Poetry."

HDS 1st-3rd graders are to attend various events throughout the week of March 30th related to The Little Read. A public performance by Lansky is to take place Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 1 p.m. at P.E. Monroe Auditorium on the Lenoir-Rhyne campus.

In addition to attending performances, materials for use in the classroom have been prepared to go along with this year's Little Read. According to the website, "These materials have been written and/or compiled by elementary education students and professors at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina for the Little Read during the 2008-2009 academic year, as a part of their coursework." More information can be found at <http://thelittleread.net>.

Annual Trip to Earthshine Planned for POD

In May, the 4th and 5th graders are to visit Earthshine in Lake Toxaway, North Carolina. According to their website, "Resting atop one of the grandest ridges in the Appalachians, Earthshine Mountain Lodge is the storybook country inn of your imagination. Earthshine, open year-round for families or groups, is located between Brevard and Cashiers, North Carolina, in the famed Toxaway resort area. Our 83 acre 'grandmother's farm' borders Pisgah National Forest and is lovingly built upon a 100 year old homestead."

Earthshine offers programming for grades 4 and up in both science and social studies. Destination 1840 takes students back in time to study the lives of the Cherokee and the settlers to learn how to get along and live side by side. Earth Explorers is experiential science at its best as the students get to do geology, hydrology, botany as well as seeing how they are inter-connected.

POD parents can expect more information to be forthcoming about this annual trip.