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HDS Wins Race for the Cure Award



Hickory Day School not only participated in the local Komen NC Foothills Race for the Cure on Oct 18, but walked away with the award for the school with the most participants.

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival & Turkey Bowl

The annual Turkey Bowl flag football game and Fall Festival is to be on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m. on the HDS field. The middle school students and alumni are to play against faculty, staff and parents. The HDS Sunshine Cheerleaders are to provide encouragement. There are to be games and activities for younger children. Bring your family's picnic lunch or snacks and join in the fun.

Animal & Magic Show

There is to be an animal and magic show featuring our own Jeff Briggs (father to Anissa in 3rd grade) as magician on **Monday, November 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**. The animals are part of Wild Sky's free flight demo and is to be presented by Kevin Gaines. The animals to be featured include a red tailed hawk, a great horned owl, a black vulture and a Burmese python. Mr. Gaines is to discuss the role of these animals in the environment and encourages everyone to come with questions about the animals.

Celebration of Thanks

This annual event is to take place on Friday, November 21. Students will rotate among four activity centers between 11:15am and noon. At noon there is to be a program of seasonal songs held on the pavilion, led by Mrs. Christian. A potluck lunch is to follow.

Upcoming Holidays

- ❖ No School on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11.
- ❖ Thanksgiving break is to be Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28. Tuesday, November 25 will be a full day of school, not an early dismissal day.

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International Auction a Great Success!

Belly dancers traveling around the room as well as faculty, staff and friends of Hickory Day School dressed in international attire set the mood for the International Auction, Saturday, November 1, at the Lake Hickory Country Club.

The total funds raised during the event were \$65,000. \$27,000 of the money, raised during exciting special appeals at the event, is to be used for the school's Diversity Scholarship Fund. The rest of the money is to be used for the general operating budget.

Amidst the buzz of good conversations, delectable international foods were on offer. The dance music for the evening was provided by the local band 20/20 members of which include our own Brian Adair, Alan Finley, and Trey Oursler.

HDS thanks the following underwriters: Sara and Forest Gaines, Trey and Jennifer Oursler, Lee and Lesley Brown, Doug and Leslie Davidson, Greta and Dale Mull. Gratitude is also sent to the following list of sponsors: Nick and Kim Frankel, in honor of Natalie Frankel; John and Lena Eldridge in honor of Will and Hayden Eldridge; Dr. and Mrs. Sung Whan Chang, in honor of Maggie, Max, and Molly Chang; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Del Campo; Dr. and Mrs. Peter Bradshaw; Mr. Davis Thompson, in honor of Maggie, Max, and Molly Chang; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Thompson, IV; Christine Getty and Johnny DY, in honor of Maya Dy; Dr. and Mrs. W. Martin Evans, in honor of Tina Farr.

Special thanks from the whole Hickory Day community to Amy Chang for organizing the event. We can't wait to out-do ourselves at next year's event!

Middle Years Program IB Visit

Representatives from the International Baccalaureate Program are to be on campus November 20 & 21 for our Middle Years Program authorization visit. The three person team are looking to see that our curriculum follows the IB program which includes Health and Social Education, the study of Environments, looking at Human Ingenuity, exploring Approaches to Learning as well as Community and Service. They are also to look at the eight subject areas of Arts, Humanities, Languages A & B, Math, PE, Sciences and Technology. We are to find out the results of the visit this coming spring.

International Education Week

The week of November 17-21 is International Education week. It is celebrated all over the world in over 100 countries. Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education, explains that it is, "a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of Education and State. This year's theme, *International Education: Fostering Global Responsibility and Leadership*, recognizes that to meet the challenges of our global world, all nations must work to develop future leaders who possess an open-minded, comprehensive worldview. International Education Week 2008 is a time to celebrate our efforts to prepare students for success in the global community and the promise of student exchange in training the next generation of leaders."

At Hickory Day School an international view towards education is the norm, "but this week gives us a chance to highlight and celebrate what we do here," said Janice Dollar, Head of School.

In celebration of this special week, various classes are to incorporate international activities, for example, the third graders are to explore a rock collection from all over the world while the fourth and fifth graders are to try new foods.

"We're even having international animals this week," said Dollar, "for the Magic & Animal show there is to be a Burmese python as well as a tarantula."

Illness Policy

If your child has a fever, he or she must be fever free for twenty-four (24) hours before returning to school. In addition, if your child has been vomiting, he or she will not be allowed to return to school until he or she has not vomited within a twenty-four (24) hour period.

If you send your child to school and they have not been fever-free and/or have vomited within the last twenty-four (24) hours, your child will be sent home.

Strict enforcement of this policy is to everyone's benefit. We all need to join together to minimize disruptions to our educational program. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Parents' Association Update

The Parents' Association held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November ??, at 7:45 am. In attendance at the meeting were Mirtha Cabello, Amy Chang, Christine Getty, Adele Mangon, Jennifer Oursler and Sharon Whitener.

- Brent Harrison spoke about the upcoming Middle Years Program authorization visit.
 - ~Among Ms. Chang, Ms. Getty and Ms. Oursler morning coffee is handled. We still need someone to help with lunch on Nov. 20.
 - ~The conference room needs to be cleaned (but has been cleaned since this meeting).
- The Parents' Association voted to put the funds raised at the auction towards the annual fund.
- There is to be a post-mortem auction meeting soon.
- Janice Dollar spoke about International Education Week coming up the week of Nov. 17-21.
- Elizabeth Beadle has found a caterer who is interested in catering in lunches. If this works out, the cost is to be \$3.50 per meal. There is to be one choice per day, but the caterer wants to do this everyday of the week in order to make it cost effective.
 - ~Ms. Beadle is to get menus and is to ask about tapering in (starting on Fridays at first and then adding on days of the week).
 - ~ We are looking at starting this in January.
- The Turkey Bowl flag football game between the middle school students and parents is to be Sunday, Nov. 16. The Fall Festival is to take place at the same time and is to include fun events such as face painting, donut grab, and cheerleading for the game by the lower school kids.
- Our annual Celebration of Thanks is to take place on Friday, Nov. 21 (details on the front page of this newsletter).
 - ~Help with set up and clean up is still needed as well as for people to sign-up for specific foods to bring. E-mail Jennifer Oursler if you are willing to help and to let her know which food you will be bringing.
- Christine Getty is to send everyone an e-mail with information on doing online purchases through an online mall that will give HDS a percentage of each purchase.
- There are discussions ongoing with Lake Hickory Country Club about having an art show there in the spring as a fundraiser for HDS.
- Amy Chang is discussing with Copperbean about having a booth at various events of ours where they provide the supplies and we staff the booth for a share of the profits.
- There are plans for a Tug of War/Wife Carrying contest as a fundraiser in the Spring.
- There is also to be another major Spring fundraising event, chaired by Christine Getty.

Staff Profile



Isaac Stewart teaches science and co-teaches the Humanities in the middle school at HDS. He is a first year teacher, having just finished the course work for his Master of

Science in Biology last spring.

His favorite thing about teaching is sharing his fascination and love of science and the natural world with his students. He enjoys finding ways to keep students engaged with hands-on science activities. Embracing the IB profile he encourages his students to develop as independent learners and thinkers.

An avid musician, Stewart sings in a choir and plays the tuba, guitar and Dobro. He grew up in High Point, North Carolina and is an Eagle Scout.

Hickory Day School Needs:

Hickory Day School needs the following items or assistance with the listed projects. If you are able to help out with either a donation or time, please let Sharon Whitener in the office know:

- ❖ DVD and VHS players are needed for various class rooms.
- ❖ Donations are needed to help pay for the folding chairs that were purchased for Grandparents' Day and are to be used for our Celebration of Thanks as well as future events.
- ❖ Riding Lawnmower - the current lawn mower is no longer usable. We are unable to mow until we get a new machine.
- ❖ Help painting the exterior - there are still parts of the building that have not received a fresh coat of paint from the summer painting project.