



Pathways

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. Ps. 25:4

A Newsletter for Holden Christian Academy

May 27, 2014

Principal's Corner

Dear friends,

Only four more days to HCA's Giant 20th Birthday/ Reunion Party of the Century! Ok.... maybe of the last two decades!

Need a reminder of the schedule?

3:00-4:00 is the kid's delight time. We have a fire truck, petting zoo, nature explore playground, nature trail, and carnival- type games planned for kids of all ages- especially the younger ones.

4:00 is gathering time. Make sure you are present for this! Our worship teams will lead us in worship. We will then do some reconnecting and catching up on news, etc. Finally, we'll have a time to reflect on God's love and faithfulness toward us over the past 20 years at HCA with an open microphone for your thoughts as well (1 minute limit; plan your comments ahead). Monetary gifts will be collected at this time, if they haven't already been dropped into our giant gift box.

5:00-6:00 is the cookout, graciously bought and lovingly prepared for us by Holden Chapel.

After the cookout guests are free to visit one another and explore:

- * Art show, photos, and videos inside.
- * Garden walk, self-guided nature trail (recently renovated by HCA Alum, Eagle Scout, Ben Johnson) with question boxes and activities by the HCA staff; yard games, group games, our new gaga pit, etc.
- * Photo booth-bring your cameras...may the best photos posted on Facebook win!

7:45 Dedication of Outdoor Classroom to former science teacher Elizabeth Adams.

8:00 Giant Camp Fire on field with marshmallow toasting. We hope that alumnae will stay late, enjoy the fire, share memories, tell funny HCA stories and reconnect with one another.

It is going to be AWESOME!! Please continue to pray for every detail. Many thanks to those of you who have already helped. Yes, we need lots more help! Please

check the list in this issue of Pathways.

Now we are down to the final details and as I prayed this morning I asked the Lord what He would like the party to look and feel like. These are the words that came flooding into my mind... Unusually awesome, kindness, hospitality, gratitude, humility, testimonies to God's faithfulness and blessings that He has poured out on us and continues to pour out on the next generations. Please pray that this party reflects God in every way and that we can all be intentional about pleasing Him by making His party for His school reflect His wishes!

Please check out the list of things and help we still need. Thank you so much. Make sure you RSVPed; see you on Saturday!

Joyfully in Him,
Susan Hayward, Principal

How can you help?

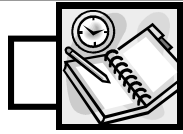
Please call Angela in the office at 508-829-4418 or email info@holdenchristianacademy.org if you can help with any of the following needs for the Birthday Party/Reunion this Saturday:

- * Help cut watermelon on Friday from 1-2:30.
- * Help set up stage at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.
- * Donate finger desserts.
- * Make simple flower arrangements for tables.
- * General set-up on Friday afternoon and Saturday late morning.
- * Hospitality Committee- greet, direct and help guests feel comfortable and welcome.
- * Check in ~Nametag table- 2-4 people to take turns; get current information from attendees.
- * Clean-up as we go along: empty trash, pick up trash etc.
- * Clean up crew at the end of the party.

Our Mission ~

To challenge children to a lifetime of learning, working in partnership with families, to integrate Biblical truth with academic pursuits.

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HCA Calendar

May 31	HCA 20th birthday party! (Rain date 6/1)
June 4	Fine Arts Day
June 6	Six Flags trip—Eighth Grade
June 8	Music lessons recital 2:00 p.m.
June 10	Grade 8 Graduation 7 p.m.
June 11	Last Day of school PK-Gr.8

Fridays: ice cream sales after lunch, \$1 each.
Parent Prayer group Thursday mornings 8:15 -9:00 a.m.

PRAYER (Psalm 68:19)

Prayer requests may also be submitted in writing and our Parent Prayer group will cover these requests in prayer. There is a prayer request box in the office; confidentiality will be maintained as requested.

- For our current families, that you will know of God's call and provision for your family, as you consider re-enrollment for next year.
- For our eighth grade students and their families, as they make preparations and applications for high school.
- For new families being called to HCA, that they will hear God's call and trust in Him.
- For our birthday party in May; that many will attend as we celebrate 20 years!

PRAISE & THANK YOU

- Thank you to Tamson Jensen for coordinating the Box Tops for Education program for HCA this year; and to all who have sent in those little Box Tops; our most recent check received was for \$215.56!
- Thank you to all who have sent in RSVP's and volunteered to help for the Birthday Reunion on Saturday!

Principal's Book of Excellence celebrates...

Kindergarten

Alexi, Emma, Jocelyn, and Ryleigh, for learning how to tie their shoes.

Mia, for volunteering to help clean the classroom without being asked.

Rebecca, for letting a friend take a turn in the hammock first.

Grade 1

Daniel J., for being a 1st grade Reader Extraordinaire.

Dayton, for asking good questions and staying on topic.

Erik, for making the effort in Term 4 to work more thoughtfully.

Jacob, for his enthusiasm for learning about all of God's creatures.

Nathan, for his enthusiasm for adding to our classroom rainforest.

Grade 2

Carlie, for beautifully using her God-given artistic talents and creativity.

Principal's Book of Excellence continued...

Ethan C. and Ethan E., for excellence in mathematics.

Liam, for tremendous improvement and effort in Spanish class.

Nandi, for being an outstanding reader with great expression and enthusiasm.

Grade 3

Alison, Brianna, Hannah, and Maddie, for expressing goodness by cleaning and organizing the book shelves.

Carlie, for sharing things from home that enrich our learning.

Liana, for showing gentleness and patience when taking turns with others.

Nate and Samuel, for serving others by cleaning messes that they did not make.

Grade 4

Bella, for her heart-felt prayers.

Breanna, for her kindness and patience for everyone.

Dan, for patiently helping classmates put their dodecahedron together.

David, for his honesty and integrity.

Isaiah, for his wonderful sense of humor and being a peacebuilder.

Noelle, for sharing her amazing creativity with her peers.

Tobias, for his great sense of humor.

Vincent, for his deep compassion for all.

Grade 5

Jeffrey, for sharing a "Mrs. T. buck" in recognition of a friend's outstanding behavior.

Matthew, for being ready first at the end of recess and encouraging others to be prepared as well.

Olivia, for her positive attitude & willingness to go above and beyond during Earth Day Cleanup!

Grade 6

Debbie, for diligence in math.

Hannah, for consistent effort and hard work.

Katie, for hard work and perseverance.

Nate, for respectful obedience.

Ryan, for honesty and integrity.

Sebastian, for an attitude of service.

Grade 7

Aidan, for making a strong academic comeback, never giving up and trusting God through it all.

Annabelle, for always being ready and willing to help whenever called upon, and doing so with joy.

Deacon, for renewed academic focus & attentiveness to his teacher that is motivational for those around him.

Deven, for his inquisitive nature and insightful questions which spark deeper class discussions.

Jacob, for his strong commitment to academics and striving to do his work "for the Lord" and

for his excitement over learning and diligence to do his best in every way.

Josiah, for his peaceful spirit which calms those around him.

Samuel, for trying his best and finishing strong and for his humor and enthusiasm that makes his teacher and classmates smile.

Susanna, for her great patience, kindness, and joy in serving others at HCA.



Classroom Happenings

Team A ~ Grades K-2

Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Caron will be sending something home later in the week—check your child's binder!

I have been truly blessed to have taught 2nd grade this year and I've learned *so much* along with my students! We examined the culture, sampled the foods, and had abundant hands-on activities as we studied our way through China, Israel, Kenya, and Brazil. More than that however we were reminded of God's great love for all the peoples of the world and that we can each have a part in "declaring His glory among the nations".

A sincere thanks to you parents for entrusting your precious child into my care this year; it has been my privilege to be their teacher—they have enriched my life and brought me great joy!

I would appreciate your prayers as my family moves to South Korea and a new area of ministry. We desire to be found faithful representing Christ in our new school and our Korean neighborhood, as well as amongst the internationals and American military that we will be in community with. We will GREATLY miss HCA; it has been a special part of our lives these past 5 years—but we are also excited to come alongside what God is doing in this area of His vineyard, for His honor and glory.

With love and a grateful heart,
Mrs. Poirier

Team B ~ Grades 3 & 4

It has been a wonderful year watching your children grow, facilitating their learning, and teaching them new things. The Lord has blessed this class with an abundance of energy, creativity, and love for His word. I pray that summer vacation provides your children with even more opportunities to grow and develop their interests. I have enjoyed the gift of time with your children this year and pray for a summer of blessings for your families.

With love,
Mrs. Mikol

I am SO grateful for the wonderful year I have had with 4th grade. We will have our last book report due on June 5th. The students earned **another ALL WORK party**. :) We are changing the day of the party from this Friday morning, May 30th - to **this Thursday, May 29th**; it may go even longer than just the morning, depending on how well they complete this week's work. Please make sure they bring in their goodies, sleeping bag, and dressed in their PJ's. Students still need to bring a snack, backpacks, and sneakers. We will have our Bible verse & spelling tests on Friday morning, as usual. Hope to see you all at the HCA Birthday party this Saturday. <3

~ *Mrs. Reed*

Team C ~ Grades 5 & 6

Dear Parents of Team C Students,

It is hard to believe we are in the last few weeks of school! This year has been full of interest as we studied world cultures. It has been full of challenge as we learned new skills. Most of all, the year has been full of blessings as together we got to know God better and love Him more. I have been blessed by the time I have had with the fifth and sixth grade students. I cannot help but know them better and love them more too. Thank you for that!

Thank you also for your continued partnership throughout the year. Like the gospels, we can often have two perspectives of the same situation. Together, we create a fuller picture that can help us better help the students. Thank you for your willingness to partner with me!

For the end of this school year, we have just a couple more weeks of hard work in order to finish strong. We are finishing our study of the rainforest this week, continuing our planting of the garden, learning more about plant anatomy and pollination, finishing our study of cultures, and continuing our math skills. At the end of all of this, we will plan to have a much deserved end of year celebration. (Details to follow, through engrade.)

Just a reminder: I will be offering math tutoring this summer. If you would like to take advantage of this, please let me know. Several have already expressed interest and I will be contacting you regarding a schedule this week.

Blessings,
Mrs. Cleveland

2015 D.C. trippers: ~ Grades 4-7

Dear parents and students: We are still seeing families sign up in advance for our trip to Washington DC in April 2015. But time is running out to save \$\$ by getting registered before June 1, which you can do online or the old fashioned way (that would be mail). Brochures are available in the HCA office if you do not have one or you can contact me through engrade with any questions.

-*Mr. Hayward*



Staff Changes for the 2014-2015 School Year

As most of you are aware the Poirier family has been called back into missions work in South Korea. We will greatly miss our wonderful second grade teacher, Dawna, her three sons Caleb, Joseph, and Sam as well as her talented behind the scenes husband Roger. Roger has given Mrs. Poirier's room, our special events, and the green house his own creative talents over the years. Combined with Dawna's flair for display and design they could start their own HGTV show! Mrs. Poirier has taught pre-school and second grade with love, dedication and quiet strength bringing many children to Christ and strengthening the faith of others for many years. We will miss them and look forward to another staff person on the mission field sharing Christ with children around the world! Godspeed Poiriers!

Mrs. Maggie Torres, our current fifth grade teacher, technology specialist and former librarian and office assistant, will move down to her favorite spot grade (2nd) at last! Mrs. Torres is a certified teacher and a reading specialist. She has taught in Christian schools in California, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and also served in the US Army earning the rank of Major. She is married, has three grown children, one who is married and gave her a beautiful grandchild, a daughter who is to be married this summer, and a daughter in college. With all of those positions here at HCA I am confident that most of you know and love her already.

I'd like to introduce to you our newest teacher, Mr. Jeff Reno. If that name sounds familiar some of your children may have already had the pleasure of taking his debate elective or his city planning elective. They may also have met him this year in the role of substitute teacher. Mr. Reno is married and has three children who will be attending HCA in the fall along with him, David grade 7, Jonathan grade 5, and Abigail grade 2. A committed Christian, Jeff teaches in the Junior Church section of his church, where he also leads elementary school kids in Pioneer Club. He too served in the Army. He attended Michigan State University where he earned a BA in Political Science and a Ph.D in Political Philosophy and American Politics. Although most of his professional teaching background is at the college level, Jeff feels called to teach younger children in a Christian school and considers this call a promotion! We look forward to welcoming Jeff and his family; look for them at the party on Saturday!

Attention Parents of 5th, 6th and 7th grade students

It is our tradition that the 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and parents provide the refreshments for our 8th Grade Graduation, which will be held this year on Tuesday, June 10 .

We ask all parents to provide the items for the reception; assignments are listed below.

Your contributions will be as follows:

5th-7th Grade Boys: Last names beginning with A-C bring 2 bottles Sprite, D-K bring 2 bottles cranberry juice, L-Z bring 1 can of fruit juice concentrate.

5th-7th Grade Girls: Please bring a variety of finger foods, 1 dozen each.

Bring your contributions to the kitchen beside the school office anytime during the day on June 10th. You are invited and encouraged to join us for the graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Holden Chapel Sanctuary.

Thank you for your help creating this special evening for our eighth grade students!

Honor Roll 2013-2014 Term 3

High Honors

(All A's)

Hannah Cleveland
Jacob Cleveland
Olivia Cyr
Lauren Dumas
Tom Goodhue
Jacob Hessel
Aidan Holgate
KK Legro
Susanna Oppong
Dylan Ramos
Ryan Singley
Faith Theodoss
Jonny VanderSea
Colin Wren
Katie Wren

Honors

(All A's & B's)

Mackenzie Bassett
Conway Campbell
Kyle Cheung
Grace Chu
Jeffrey Curtis
Anthony Gilbert
Emma Gillon
Deacon Hoffsommer
Erin Hong
Deven Kelley
Matthew Landadio
Samuel Landadio
Leah Perna
Bethany Peterson
Elu Tatis