

PATHWAYS

"SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, LORD, TEACH ME YOUR PATHS." PSALM 25:4

HCA's vision is to inspire students to love learning and live lives worthy of the calling of Christ.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 4 - Term 1 ends

Nov. 8 - No School, Staff Development Day

Nov. 10 - Thanksgiving Reenactment - [Sign Up Here](#)

Nov. 11 - No School, Veteran's Day

Nov. 14 - Veteran's Day Program, 1pm

Nov. 15 - Term 1 Report Cards sent via email

Nov. 16 - 1/2 day ~ Parent Teacher Conferences (afternoon)

Nov. 16 - Square 1 Art orders are due

Nov. 23-25 - No School, Thanksgiving break

Nov. 28-Dec. 2 - Scholastic Book Fair

Nov. 29 - Noah Play (K-8), 1pm



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

"Then God said, 'Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.' And that is what happened." (New Living Translation, 1996/2015, Genesis 1:11)

My favorite parts of this verse are the beginning and end - "Then God said," "And that is what happened." Planting a garden isn't quite as simple as that for us, but once it is established, it can work just the way God describes in this verse. For HCA, the garden has been a place to learn, enjoy the company of friends, or even just meander through for some quiet moments of reflection.

It was more than ten years ago that God gave our founding principal, Susan Hayward, the idea for the Food for Life program, including the school garden. The purpose of the garden, as an integral part of this unique HCA program, is for students to know where their food comes from and how food is used to care for the bodies God gave them. Being good stewards of all that God created takes practice, though, and we want to partner with families to equip students in this area! The value of the garden has gone well beyond its original vision. Over the years it has been used for lessons in math, science, history, Bible, and literature. It has also been the setting for great events like storywalks, a grandmothers' tea, and poetry readings. The garden has been a valued place to build community, find satisfaction in working hard, and just enjoy getting dirty.

I am so pleased with the learning, planning, and creativity that has contributed to the new garden design that is now taking shape. We are moving from the beautifully formal French garden to a wonderfully sustainable garden with permaculture principles. There will be a wide path through the middle to guide our walk around fruit trees, shrubs, perennials, an arbor for climbing vines, and curriculum-related plants. There will be opportunities for each class to become the 'expert' on something completely different, and so much variety for the senses. I hope the renovated garden is a place that builds community and enjoyment for HCA as much as the original garden did!

~Mrs. Cleveland
HCA Principal

Honoring God through
Creative learning and
strong
Academics in a caring, fun-
filled school!

Interested in learning more about
the Parent Teacher Council?
Click [HERE](#) to sign up for more
info, or to join!

The next meeting will be
Monday, Nov. 14th at 3:15pm

Our Thanksgiving Reenactment is happening next Thursday 11/10!

Our teachers and students have been working hard, and it's almost time for our Thanksgiving Reenactment.

Please click [HERE](#) to see what is needed for the event. We are looking for food donations as well as volunteers for the day (or a half day)!

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITY!

We know December is a month full of worthy opportunities to give to others, and this year we are simplifying our mission of generosity into one project. In the past we have had multiple opportunities to give to those who are less fortunate, but between November 20-December 16th we will be collecting donations to provide Belarusian orphans a New Years gift of chocolates. Our dear friend, Olga, and her family have worked tirelessly for years to make “the least of these” in Belarus feel the love of Jesus Christ. Olga’s family is now part of our HCA family, as 2 of her daughters are enrolled in our school this year. Next week we will send out a “Count Your Blessings Giving Guide” with some fun, optional ways to help your family decide how much to give. Flat rate donations are welcome too!

Every \$5 will buy 1 orphan a box of chocolates, which may be the only gift they receive this holiday season. Online donations may be made [here](#).



PLEASE TAKE NOTE...



From Mrs. M's Art Room:

Square 1 Art will be going home next week and orders are due by Nov. 16th and will be shipped to your home in time for Christmas! Square 1 Art makes wonderful Christmas gift keepsakes for the whole family, and HCA receives a portion of the proceeds.

Also - Mrs. M always needs plastic or foam egg cartons to use as paint trays! Please send donations of clean, dry cartons in anytime throughout the year. Thank you!

Did you miss school on Picture Day, or are you unhappy with your Lifetouch photo?

No worries - we will have Picture Retake Day on Tuesday, Nov. 29th! (Pk-4th graders don't need to wear their PE shirts that day if they are having their photo taken - or retaken!)

Calling all prayer warriors!

Prayer is a powerful tool that can be exercised anywhere and on behalf of anyone. The Lord tells us to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). With that in mind, consider joining the HCA **prayer chain** to support our school community when needs are expressed. **We are looking for people to pray!** If you are interested in being on this list please email Rebecca Burley at beckabur@gmail.com. If anyone has a PRAYER REQUEST for our warriors to pray over, please fill out [this form](#).







Preschool News!

Upcoming Dates:

11/8 and 11/11

NO SCHOOL

11/16 - 11:30am

Dismissal for
Parent Teacher
conferences

Nature Explore
Volunteer

Opportunities:
see forthcoming
email with Sign
Up Genius

11/22-
Friendship Feast:
see forthcoming
email with Sign
Up Genius

What a memorable Trike-a-Thon we shared together in mid-October! Our Preschool and Kindergarten students pedaled their hearts out with a soft drizzle raining down on them, and they seemed to love every minute of it! Many thanks to their sponsors who supported our school—we are so grateful for the generosity of family and friends.

As we wrap up our Pumpkin Week and our fall leaves, our students weighed and rolled pumpkins, explored the inside and outside of pumpkins, worked together as a class to make pumpkin muffins, and learned a catchy tune about God's life cycle for pumpkins.

November is upon us, and with that we focus on prayer, our thankful hearts, and our emotions! We begin our month by thanking God for a new student in our classroom! Preschoolers are learning to decipher emotions through games and songs, and through interactions with their peers. We are reminding each other how no matter what we are feeling (happy, sad, scared, angry, etc) we can talk to God, because He loves us and He is always with us! We are learning to love each other well, pray for each other, and care for each other's needs. It is amazing to see God's love reflected through our students as they help or care for a classmate or teacher.

We've started to learn about the animals God created that live in the forest, and our students have loved singing about Gray Squirrel shaking his bushy tail, and exploring through their senses by finding camouflage squirrels hiding in the "forest" of beans, acorns and tree logs. We give thanks to God for his great order for forest animals who prepare for winter by storing up their food in the fall months so when winter comes, they are provided for!

We will continue our month discovering what Thanksgiving is all about, and retelling the story ourselves with our own Friendship Feast. Preschoolers will share about their own families, will learn what it means to be thankful and practice their manners. We can give thanks to God for so many things!

Team A News!

Kindergarten Update from Mrs. Coombs:

It is hard to believe that Term One is coming to end. It has been a blessing getting to know the students. Each student brings something special to the class and our classroom community continues to grow.

Kindergarten has been working hard to get ready for The Thanksgiving Reenactment. We have been working on our Wampanoag outfits, with the rest of Team A. From beading each individual fringe on the t-shirts, making colorful headdresses, and making necklaces and bracelets, Kindergarten has really been exercising their fine motor skills. Along with preparing



Shirts for our reenactment!

our outfits for the Big Day, we will also be

preparing a tasty blueberry slump to share at the feast.

Parents please make sure to dress your child in brown/tan pants or leggings to wear under the Wampanoag outfit on Nov 10, 2022. (See the photo on the left to see what shirts the students will be wearing.)

As we move into term two we will continue to work on our letter sounds and letter formations of the lowercase letters. We will also begin our letter of the week unit that will continue through to the end of the year. During term two we will also be learning about planets and weather and much more!

Grade 1 Update from Mrs. Richardson:

As Term One comes to a close, we have been BUSY getting ready for our BIG DAY next week on Nov 10, 2022. Team A will be dressing up as Wampanoags on the Thanksgiving Reenactment. Grade 1 will be making butter today to share on the BIG DAY. Girls can wear tan or brown leggings and boys can wear tan or brown pants for our Thanksgiving reenactment next week.

As we finish up Term One, 1st grade has been SOARING in their reading. We now know how to read words with digraphs! First graders are also experts in doubles math facts. Our next step in math will be finding the missing addend in both addition and subtraction equations. In addition to our new math topic, we will be learning about the planets, 13 colonies, reading words with double consonants, and much more!

Grade 2 Update from Mrs. McGrail:

We are at full speed towards the end of Term One! Your children have been working diligently getting into the full routine and swing of second grade, and believe it or not, grades closed today.

Next week is our B I G D A Y - The Thanksgiving Reenactment school-wide event! Please look for communications from both HCA as well as Team A.

As for clothing for the big day :

Girls: If you are able, please provide your daughter with tan or brown leggings for this event. I have provided links for both Target and WalMart for options:

<https://www.target.com/p/girls-cozy-rib-leggings-cat-jack/-/A-86118732?preselect=86066864#lnk=sametab>

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Wonder-Nation-Girls-Core-Jeggings-Sizes-4-18-Plus/782570532>

Boys: If you are able, please provide your son with tan or brown pants for this event. Khakis work great if they already have them ! I have provided a link to Target for an option:

<https://www.target.com/p/boys-stretch-straight-fit-pull-on-woven-pants-cat-jack/-/A-54549387?preselect=54480077#lnk=sametab>

Now our second term kicks off during the week of the Big Day (which so happens to be a three day school week.) So please keep a lookout for my weekly Sneak Peak of the Week letters so you are up to date with all the happenings in a very busy second term! In between holidays and vacations, we will be busy learning about the 13 colonies, colonial life for kids, revolution, our earth's atmosphere, weather, planets, and much MUCH MORE !



Team A Making Wampanoag shirts for the Thanksgiving Reenactment



Team B News!

Team B Update - from Ms. Rennie and Mrs. Velarde

Hello 3rd and 4th grade families!

We are so excited about the Thanksgiving Reenactment!! Thursday, November 10- all day. We hope you are able to join us. Here are some answers to some questions you may have:

- 3rd grade students should come to school dressed in beige, brown, or black shirts and pants. The Wampanoag costumes are here at school, so they just need to put it over their clothes when they arrive.
- 4th grade students should come to school dressed in their Pilgrim outfit from the Plimoth Preview.
- Everyone should bring a snack. We will be eating it before our day begins at about 8:50am
- Please feel free to bring lunch if you are concerned about allergies. Thank you to all of you who have already signed up for Sign-up Genius!! (Ms. Graham sent an email on 10/31 labeled "Important Dates".)

Third Grade will be making Hasty Pudding on Wednesday, and 4th grade will be making Squash Surprise for the feast. Yum! Our class Food For Life budgets will cover the cost of these ingredients. (Third grade parents, ask your child what samp is, or what a mishoon is, or what the staple crop is for the Wampanoag Indians.)

3rd grade students are going to start learning about how to read food labels in Food for Life during Term 2. If you could start collecting labels and cutting them out with the name of the food item, that would be so appreciated.

In 4th grade, students have begun NaNoWriMo, or National Novel Writing Month. During this time, each student will do their best to write a novel in a month. Their stories are each as unique as they are and I love to see their creativity shine already through this challenge. Ask your child about their novel, their characters, their plot, and their setting!

On Thursday, November 29th, our students are participating in the Noah Production at 1:00 PM. Please mark your calendars! This will be a wonderful celebration of learning which ties theater and Bible together.

Team B Announcement:

Saturday, December 3rd, Team B has been invited to represent our school and sing for the Holden Tree Lighting Ceremony. We will be singing around 4:00 PM. We are still waiting for final details about time and place so be on the lookout for an email with details closer to the date. We have been practicing very hard and they sound awesome! Dress code for this event will be: Nice black pants or skirt, a nice black or white shirt and a red or accent of some sort (i.e. scarf, hat, bowtie, shoes, gloves).

Please click [here](#) to RSVP so we can get a head count.



Middle School News!

Students in Middle School are grouped in two distinct groups for our Thanksgiving Reenactment - the Pilgrims and Wampanoags. They have been working on authentic activities and conducting research throughout the term.

Wampanoag students will be participating in two separate activities: training participants in the arts of tracking animals and hunting, and storytelling around a fire. Students should be gathering leather, fur, and looking for items to make up their festive attire for the day. If they have moccasins those would make a great addition to their ensemble.

Pilgrim students will be participating in different activities consisting of teaching others how to make their own corn husk doll, as if they were Pilgrim children. They also will facilitate a Pilgrim perspective on hunting in the new world. Students' attire for the day should be formal-wear, consisting of skirts or dresses for the girls and dress pants or khakis with a button up shirt for the boys, appropriate for the time period we are representing.

Fifth Grade Update from Ms. Legro

Mathematics is a building project. It begins with a strong foundation which was laid in early childhood to which layer upon layer is added each school year....from learning how to use distributive property; to multiply using expanded form in fifth grade; to learning how to solve proportions using the distributive property with cross products in eighth grade. Our 8th graders, especially, recognize this building process and continually say things like, "I remember this from last year" and "We've done this before" to which I respond, "Yes! And now we're going to add another layer."

P.S. If you can't remember what the distributive property is, ask a middle schooler to tell you about the Amazon Delivery Driver delivering the same package to every house in the neighborhood.



Sixth Grade Update from Mr. Shea:

As we come to the end of Term 1 we are fervently preparing for our Thanksgiving Reenactment. The Middle Schoolers are studying Wampanoag culture through their myths and stories in Language Arts. We started off by simply reading and trying to understand the lessons and morals that some select myths were trying to pass along to future generations; we then spent time looking at how each story was told. Students have been able to identify tone and voice, intended audience, and style of a few of the different myths we've worked with. As we finish the term, students are taking what they've learned about Wampanoag stories and storytelling to create their own myths and stories in the same style as the Wampanoag.

Some of our storytellers are also bringing their knowledge of Wampanoag stories to the re-enactment! I have had the pleasure of coaching a group of students through performing some of the myths and stories from class around a cooking fire (something students are bringing in from Mrs. Gordon's Science and Outdoor Education classes). Please encourage your students to be practicing their parts and working on their projects as we close in on the event next Thursday!

God bless,
Jeremiah Shea
Grade 6 Homeroom



To rake or not to rake, that is the question...



Mr. Curtis' Corner:

Welcome back to another episode of Mr. Curtis' Corner, I hope you've got yourself a nice cup of tea or a pumpkin spice latte because we are in the throes of Fall, which we all know is the perfect time to take a moment and survey the beauty of creation through the foliage that God created for us to enjoy. In Bible class, our students have continued journeying through the book of Genesis, most recently learning about the Tower of Babel and how when we directly disobey God there are consequences. The people who were constructing the tower were disobeying God by building a tower to heaven out of their own pride, all the while ignoring God's command to continue to spread throughout the earth and multiply. This led God to give them a consequence so that they would obey his command. We attribute this story to the formation of different languages, and it also highlights our sin nature and how we can wrestle with doing what we know we are supposed to do and what we want to do. Students then participated in the Tower of Babel Challenge where they were paired up and asked to create a free standing tower out of gum drops and tooth picks. The catch in this challenge was that each person could only use one hand at a time, so the importance of teamwork and communication is emphasized. As you can see students had a sticky good time and created some pretty awesome towers. The record on the day was over 26 inches tall.



Science Update from Mrs. Gordon:

5th and 6th grade began the year learning about the practices of science and engineering. These include things such as: planning & carrying out investigations, asking questions & defining problems, and using Math. We all use these practices in our work and everyday lives, and when we do them in a specific way and put them together, that's called Science!

7th and 8th grade started "in the beginning" learning about the origin of life together. We worked through a wonderful resource called Beyond the Evolution vs. Creation Debate which you could check out [here](#) if you're interested. It offers a viewpoint for lovingly and respectfully engaging with all sorts of beliefs about origins and design - how stuff interacts (physics) to what the stuff is (chemistry). May we marvel together at the order and beauty of the building blocks of God's creation!

All of the grades then went on to study physics for the remainder of Term 1. We applied Newton's Laws of Motion to an engineering project and studied energy together, even wondering about a possible connection between God and energy as the two things we know of that cannot be created or destroyed.

Looking ahead to Term 2, 5th and 6th grade will continue delving into their studies of sound and light energy, as we look into the properties of waves and our body's ability to interpret them through our incredible eyes and ears. 7th and 8th grade will take it back a step from how stuff interacts (physics) to what the stuff is (chemistry). May we marvel together at the order and beauty of the building blocks of God's creation!



Student-engineers hard at work!