



The Hilltopper

A Newsletter From The Headmaster's Office

February 5, 2010

Calendar

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- 2/8/10 – 1st Grade trip to see “Charlotte’s Web”
 - 2/10/10 – HPA Meeting 6:30 PM
 - 2/12/10 – Dress Down Day
 - 2/12/10 – Upper School Mardi Gras Party
 - 2/15/10 – School Closed
 - 2/16/10 – School Closed
 - 2/19/10 – 3rd Grade trip to Morris Museum
 - 2/19/10 – K-4 Movie Afternoon
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32nd Annual Hilltop Country Day School Art Exhibition and Sale

The 32nd Annual Art Exhibition and Sale held on October 10th, 11th and 12th was a big success for our school. This event is well respected throughout our community. This

year 88 artists from the tri-state area participated and over 500 pieces of fine art, sculpture, jewelry and photography were on display. The total profit from the event is approximately \$20,000.

This is a very work intensive event with planning beginning almost a year in advance. Co-chairs Mitzi Brettler, Nina Romano, Blake Hargrave and volunteer coordinator Dana Haggerty, are to be thanked not only for the wonderful job that they did in orchestrating the event, but also for their commitment to its success. There are so many people to thank including the numerous volunteers who assisted in so many ways to ensure the success and quality of this event and to all parents and friends of Hilltop that purchased the beautiful works of art and ads for the event Journal.

The event is a success because of the dedication and support of so many people associated with Hilltop. Several individuals do need to be mentioned for their assistance. Thank you to Hilltop parent volunteers Damon Arapkiles, Dana and Bill Haggerty and Blake Hargrave for donating their time along with the Development Director to paint and repair the panels. Many comments were made during the event as to how clean the displays looked. Thanks you to Mrs. Angela Menna, food and

kitchen coordinator; our Upper School student servers-Jake Borchers, Griffin Brettler, Frank Cutrone, Keara Jenkins, Devon Neufeld, Gregory Rogers, Sovann Stark and Brandon Taylor; for Ad Journal layout and production- Tony Rizzo; The Stahl Family for the donation of the printing of the Ad Journal and for their generosity with Wish List donations- The Brettler Family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cramer, Mr. and Dr. John Kovacs, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rizzo, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, Drs. Laura and Darren Sacks, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilson; student volunteers from the Newton High School Interact Club and our senior volunteer from Knoll Heights Village for their help with assisting in the gallery and with the art checkout process. Mr. Raymond

Bumper Sticker Blitz

In this reenrollment and new student sign-up season, help get the word out with a Hilltop Country Day School car magnet. These stylish additions to your car send out the message that there is a choice in education in Sussex County. Magnets are available at the school store for \$5.00. See Mrs. Field.

Rios, our school custodian, for his assistance with numerous tasks and to the entire staff and faculty for their patience, cooperation and inconvenience with the transition necessary within the school to accommodate this event.

Thank you to Mrs. Pacala for donating her time for the Cub Scout workshop and for her help with other tasks that needed to be accomplished for the Exhibition.

Thank you also to Will Pacala-Lakeview Landscapes- for decorating the front entrance of the school.

Each year we strive to make the exhibition and sale bigger and better. If you know of an artist who you feel may be appropriate for this event and/or if you would like to be on the 2010 Art Exhibition and Sale committee please contact Ginnie Ramberger in the Development Department at 973-729-5485-x 262 or at gramberger@hilltopcds.org.

Also, please consider one of the following area restaurants and eateries when making plans for your next at home party or when planning on dining out. These businesses generously donated various hors d'oeuvres for the opening Champagne Reception with the artists. They are *Andres Restaurant and Wine Boutique, Black Forest Inn, Café Pierrot, Casa Bellisima, Cheddar Alley, Jerry's Seafood, Lafayette Cheese Shoppe, Perona Farms and RoNetco Shop-Rite Supermarkets.*

Printer Cartridge Collection at Hilltop

Would you like to make 2010 a bit greener while helping Hilltop? Mrs. Handzus (Parent of Julianne in PS and Kaylee in PK) has set up a way

for Hilltop to participate in a toner cartridge recycling program. Just save your used ink and toner cartridges and drop them in the blue box next to Mrs. Field's desk in the school lobby. Thank you for your support of this effort.

Hilltop Country Day School Casino Royale 2010-Shake Rattle n' Roll

Information has been mailed to all Hilltop families regarding the 2010 Shake Rattle n' Roll casino night event on Friday evening March 26 at Perona Farms Restaurant. If you did not receive your information, please contact the Development Office at 973-729-5485-x 262 or at gramberger@hilltopcds.org.



Don't feel intimidated or apprehensive about coming to this event if you are not a gambler or do not have any "gaming" experience. Many members of the committee have expressed that last year they were apprehensive about coming to the event and ended up having one of the best times ever. The croupiers with the gaming company are very helpful and "beginner friendly". They want you to have fun! So mark your calendar, get your babysitter and be ready to have a great time!

Please return your donation envelope to the Development Office by Wednesday-February 17 so we may plan accordingly as to the number of items we can anticipate

receiving. If you need ideas for your donation, please contact Chairperson Dr. Jean Kovacs at 908-362-7999 or at drbak1@aim.com or the Development Office. This year items may be delivered to the Development Office prior to the event. Arrangements have been made for secure storage. Please call the office to make arrangements for delivering your item.

Many volunteers are needed for this event including those to solicit area businesses and organizations for gaming prizes and silent auction items. Each family has been asked to solicit at least one item from an area business or service provider that you frequent. Also, each family received a solicitation letter and donation form. **Please note that the date on the original solicitation letter was not correct. The date of the event is Friday- March 26 not April 26.** Each homeroom parent has been asked to email the correct letter to all of the parents in their class. In order to coordinate the solicitation of prizes and avoid duplications, please notify Dr. Kovacs-contact information above- or the Development Office of the business or organization that you solicit.

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