



# The Hilltopper

A Newsletter From The Headmaster's Office

November 13, 2009

## Calendar

- 11/18/09 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Headmaster Meeting
- 11/18/09 – SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE DAY
- 11/19/09 – Author Visit
- 11/20/09 – Dress Down Day
- 11/20/09 – Food Drive Basket Assembly
- 11/20/09 – Trimester 1 Ends
- 11/24/09 – Young Alumni Day
- 11/25/09 – School Closed for Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/30/09 – Classes Resume
- 11/30/09 – Toy Drive Begins

## A Few Items From the Upper School

### Eighth Grade Pie Sale

Please remember the 8th Grade Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Proceeds from this sale offset the cost of the 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC in late May. Pies are being baked by the Apple Pit and orders will be accepted until

Monday, November 16. Delivery will take place on Monday, November 23rd. The order form went out as an email from Hilltop Country Day School on November 11.

### Student Council Food Drive

The Student Council will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for needy, local families. **The drive will run from Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 20<sup>st</sup>.**

Letters went home listing the items needed to make Thanksgiving baskets for these families. The goal is to gather enough food for 45 families for their Thanksgiving dinner. Please donate as much as you are able to help us achieve our goal.

We also ask for you to pledge a turkey. Last year we collected over 180 turkeys and it would be wonderful to exceed that number this year. **Please bring in a FROZEN turkey on the morning of the 20<sup>st</sup> before 9AM.**

### Save the Date for a Photo with Santa

The Student Council will be holding its annual Picture with Santa event on **Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.** Well behaved family pets are welcome to have their photo with Santa taken between 12:00 and 3:00. Proceeds from this event support Project Self-Sufficiency.

## Author Visit!

On Thursday, November 19, HCDS is thrilled to welcome picture book author, Jane Lovascio.

She will be speaking to the entire school giving age appropriate presentations. Ms. Lovascio will also sign books in the library. A portion of her book sales will benefit a special charity and our library. Please be on the lookout for order forms coming home soon. Please note that Jane will also bring extra copies of her book available on the day of her visit.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hilltop Country Day School Art Exhibition and Sale

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Exhibition and Sale held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> was a big success for our school. This event is well respected throughout our community. This year over 100 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 \$19,000. Thank you to all participants. Specific details on the sale and its hardworking volunteers will follow.

# Juice Pouch Drive Continues

Hilltop Girl Scouts in Daisy Troop # 4224 and Brownie Troop # 101 are continuing their Drink Pouch Drive. They report that more than 200 Juice and Drink Pouches have been collected by Hilltop Girl Scouts, and have been sent to the recycling company, TerraCycle, in Trenton, NJ. The Girl Scouts send a sincere thank you to the Hilltop Parents who collect Juice and Drink Pouches at home and send them in to Hilltop to be recycled! This effort has made a significant impact on the number of Juice and Drink Pouches being sent in for recycling, and the proceeds earned from each collected Juice and Drink Pouch are paid directly to Hilltop twice a year.

Just a few reminders about the drive:

- o Any brand of Juice or Drink Pouch (not juice box) can be recycled by placing in the marked receptacle outside the All-Purpose Room. They have collected and submitted Juice and Drink Pouches from Capri Sun, Kool-Aid, Minute-Maid, and Honest Kids-- all are welcome!
- o Empty? Almost empty? Still full? Drop it in. Just don't throw them away in the garbage! They are rinsed dried, and sent to TerraCycle.
- o The products manufactured by TerraCycle from these recycled Juice and Drink Pouches include backpacks, tote bags, pencil cases, folders and binders, which are available at national retailers such as Target and Walmart.
- o A Juice or Drink Pouch recycled is one more item that won't end up as trash in a landfill!

## FOURTH GRADE and EIGHTH GRADE ART EVENT

Recently the students of Fourth and Eighth Grades learned about the British artist Andy Goldsworthy. Using nature's gifts (rocks, sticks, leaves, ice, etc.), Andy constructs beautiful outdoor works of art. He photographs his

finished pieces, knowing that they will soon disappear in the wind.

Working in groups, students chose an area off the lower parking lot on Hilltop's campus where they could construct their artworks. They gathered rocks, leaves, grasses, moss and other natural material from the grounds. Their results would make Andy proud! Both grades had a very enjoyable experience and suggested that we do this project on a seasonal basis!

You can check out more of Andy Goldsworthy's work, "Rivers and Tides", on youtube.com.

## Border's Shopping Day!

Please join us for Hilltop's shopping benefit days at the Border's bookstore



just outside the Rockaway Mall at 327 Mt. Hope Ave. Hilltop will receive 10% of any eligible purchases made on Friday, Nov. 13 &

Saturday, Nov. 14. Proceeds from this event will benefit our visiting authors program. Please feel free to copy and distribute this coupon to family and friends. If you have any questions, please contact Maryann Doherty or Joanna Guarda.

## HPA Flash...

### Jean Kovacs & Christy Cramer

The Hilltop Parents Association has seen a tremendous couple of weeks with a well attended meeting held on Nov. 10. Many thanks go out to Laren Wilson for her chairmanship of the Halloween Spooktacular, to Lucy Lubertazzo for her leadership in the Sally Foster Fundraiser Wrap-up and the Holiday Shop, and to the innumerable parents who are in school and at home working towards fulfilling the Hilltop Mission.

\*The HPA is excited to be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Hilltop Holiday Classic to benefit the new playground. The playground initiative is being led by Dr. Laura

Sacks and the Holiday Classic by Amanda Spina. We applaud both of these parents for, in addition to their full-time jobs at home and in the workplace, being inspired to take on these projects. They are in need of many kinds of support and if you're interested in lending a hand or an encouraging word please contact them or Jean Kovacs and Christy Cramer. AND be sure to purchase your tickets for a great kick-off night (good food and drink, music, & prizes too) of Holiday cheer on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Adam Todd in Andover.

\*Please remember to order your ShopRite gift cards right away. All denominations make GREAT stocking stuffers and gifts for those folks in our lives that we'd like to help and/or remember. Download your order form now and return to Jean Kovacs or drop at the reception desk.

Let's continue to support those people and businesses that care about and support our school. Be sure to mention Hilltop so that they know we appreciate them. This week our featured businesses are:

- o **Cheddar Alley** in Newton
- o **Vernon Dental Association** in Vernon
- o **Jerry's Seafood** in Sparta
- o **Willowlake Daycamp** in Lake Hopatcong
- o **European Connection** – European Travel Specialists in Lake Hopatcong

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