



The Buzz

Hampstead Hill Academy

March 1, 2010

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MSA for Grades 3-8 Starts Tuesday, March 9th Be on Time!

We have six school days left before the Maryland State Assessment (MSA) is scheduled to begin. Our students are ready. The MSA reading test will be administered Tuesday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 10th. The MSA math test will be administered Tuesday, March 16th and Wednesday, March 17th. Parents can help by making sure students are relaxed, rested and have a good breakfast on test days. Remember that breakfast is free to all students starting at 7:45. Students MUST be on time at 8 a.m. and present every day to do their best.

Rules for Special Raffle during MSA Testing Weeks

To promote attendance, effort and conduct, students are eligible to earn raffle tickets Monday through Friday during MSA testing weeks. Each student can earn up to four raffle tickets each day, one for coming to school on time, one for good effort and conduct in the morning, one for good effort and conduct in the afternoon and one ticket that is up to the teacher. There are 10 possible days to earn tickets. Ten times a maximum of four tickets each day equals 40 POSSIBLE RAFFLE TICKETS. There will be a raffle held on Friday, March 19th with BIG prizes, including cool bicycles.

SAT10 for Grades 1-2 Starts Monday, April 12th Be On Time!

The Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 10) will be given to 1st and 2nd graders starting Monday, April 12th. Passing this basic test is important and is part of the decision to promote students to the next grade level. Make sure your child is present for testing. Children do significantly better on tests when they take the test with their class rather than in a make-up test setting. Help your child do his/her very best. Parents can help by making sure students are relaxed, rested, and have a good breakfast on test days. Please put these dates on your calendar and make sure NOT to plan any activities outside of school on test days!

Join Us for Student Celebration Night, Thursday, April 15th

Due to weather-related delays, Student Celebration Night has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010. You and your family are cordially invited to join your child's class for this event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will start at 5:30 in the auditorium with a general meeting that includes greetings and a budget presentation from Mr. Hornbeck and information from your PTO. The general meeting will be followed by classroom activities and presentations by students. The final part of the evening will be a special scavenger hunt that takes you to stations in the Food for Life classroom, library, computer laboratory, music room and gymnasium. Scavenger hunt cards will be passed out after the general meeting. In other words, please come to the general meeting to get your scavenger hunt card! Each completed scavenger hunt card will be entered in a drawing to receive one of three special gift baskets: a movie basket, a games basket or a reading basket.

Important dates this month:

- 3/1, Rally in Annapolis
- 3/2, K Trip to Goucher College
- 3/4, PAT Meeting
- 3/5, Early Release Day, Interims Sent Home
- 3/9, 10, 16, 17, MSA Testing
- 3/11, PTO Conversations
- 3/14, Daylight Savings Time
- 3/17, Council Meeting
- 3/19, Community Dinner
- 3/19, 20, 21, Wizard of Oz
- 3/24, International Night
- 3/26, 3rd Grade Trip to Goucher College

What's New

New Attendance Incentive Policy

Attendance is critical to success at school. Hampstead Hill Academy is implementing a new attendance incentive program. Traditionally delayed openings and early release days result in an absentee rate that is much higher than normal. In an effort to improve attendance and to applaud students who do come to school on these days, a special raffle will take place on delayed openings and early release days.

Students who attend school on these days will receive a special raffle ticket. The ticket will be placed in a drawing that will be held at the end of the day. The student must be present at the time of the drawing to win. The winner will receive an individual prize as well as a gift card for a family outing. The first drawing will take place Friday, March 5th, which is an early-release day.

Snow, Snow, Snow! Where Did it All Go?

Special thanks to Ms. Chris, Melanie Wright, Ronald Rucker, Wiesenia Davis and Fariydah Rasheed, along with tremendous support from community member John Chojnacki for their efforts in shoveling, snow-blowing and removing the snow from around the school. What a team!

Spring Musical Postponed

Due to the historic winter storms these last few weeks, The Hampstead Hill Players production

of *The Wizard of Oz* has been rescheduled for March 19th, 20th and 21st. After careful consideration, we know this change is in the best interest of our young actors and actresses. If you already purchased tickets, we will reissue your tickets for the corresponding performance that you originally requested. For example, if you purchased tickets for Friday night, your tickets will be reissued for Friday, March 19th. Ticket availability is very limited and we expect to sell out for each performance. We will try to accommodate ticket exchanges on the day you would like to see the performance. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Kaminaris at mkaminaris@verizon.net.

Students and Staff of Hampstead Hill Academy Reach Out to the Survivors in Haiti

When news broke about the earthquake in Haiti, students and staff of Hampstead Hill Academy moved quickly to begin a giving campaign for the Red Cross. Mr. Swann, a fourth grade teacher, immediately stepped up to the plate and agreed to have his head shaved if the school could raise \$2,500. Mary Howell, coordinator for the Builders Club, gathered her middle school students and began to collect money. When the final count was taken, \$2,040 had been collected.

The Builders Club did not stop

there. In a span of ten minutes, a pledge drive over the school's intercom system netted an additional \$1,400. The final amount collected was \$3,500 which will be given to the Red Cross. The festivities celebrating this event will take place on Friday, March 5th at 9:40 a.m. The program will begin with a MSA Pep Rally to build excitement for upcoming testing and end with the shaving of Mr. Swann's head.

Congratulations to Principal's List and Honor Roll Students

Students at Hampstead Hill Academy who achieve the highest levels of performance are recognized on the Principal's Honor List. In the lower school, the Principal's List distinction recognizes students with all E's on their most recent report card. In grades 6-8, Principal's List students must achieve a 95 or better in each of their core classes. Students that make Honor Roll are recognized by the entire school community for outstanding academic achievement. Honor roll students are noted for receiving all G's and E's on their latest report card. In grades 6-8, Honor Roll students must achieve an 85 or better in each of their core classes. Principal's List and Honor Roll students receive certificates as well as recognition in the parent newsletter and online at www.hha47.org. The list of second quarter recipients will be sent home shortly.

Interim Reports will be sent home Friday, March 5th,
which is also an early release day.

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Club News

Please note, students will not be permitted to join multiple clubs that meet on the same day.

Primary Clubs

NEW CLUB!!! Spring Yoga for Grades Pre-k - 2

Jessica Crowley is teaching yoga for children from grades Pre-K - 2. Class will include flowing from postures into drawing, music, and storybook improvisation. Space is limited to 35 participants. By signing up your child early, you have secured his/her space for yoga class. If you choose not to participate in class, please let us know as soon as possible to allow someone to join from a waiting list. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Erin Bell at etaylorbell@gmail.com or 443-622-4955.

Garden Arts Club

The Garden Arts Club had its final

meeting at the end of February. Each club member got to take home a garden marker and a bar of homemade herbal soap. Garden markers and soap will be for sale at the next Community Dinner along with stepping stones, goodwill flags and birdhouses.

Garden Club

The Garden Club will begin meeting on Tuesdays starting on March 16th. In addition to growing our regular vegetables, the club will be testing special varieties of vegetables. They will determine how well they grow in city gardens and report their findings to a gardening website.

Young Rembrandts Cartooning is HERE!

We are now into our cartooning lessons until the end of the school

year. Join us for fun sequence drawings and funny themes. You can join in at any time. We will be participating in the Afterschool Alliance's poster contest for Lights on Afterschool 2010. If you would like to know more about this program, go to <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaSubmitArtPoster.cfm>.

After School with Audubon Patterson Park

The Audubon Center is looking forward to another semester of after-school programming with Hampstead Hill Academy. On Monday, March 1st, PPACs after-school program, Winging It In Baltimore, will begin. This program teaches 2nd - 4th grade students about the many birds that call Patterson Park home.

Middle School Clubs

NEW CLUB!!! Flamenco Dancing

A Flamenco workshop will take place after school on Tuesdays in March. Participants will have the opportunity to perform a short dance at International Night. Please see Mrs. Easton for a permission slip.

NEW CLUB!!! Middle School Girls Soccer to Begin in April

The Hornets girls soccer team will begin first week of April. Practice begins Tuesday April 6th. Practices will be held on Utz Field Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30. The girls will play games against other middle schools. Permission slips for the season are available in the school office as well as from any of the coaches (Ms. Georgie Smith, Ms. Duprey or Mr. Powers). Stay tuned for our spring game schedule. GO HORNETS SOCCER!!!!

Culinary Arts Club

The second semester Culinary Arts Club is in full swing, and club members are testing recipes for the next Community Dinner. The club is looking forward to preparing the final Community Dinner with Tony Geraci, Director of Nutrition Services for City Schools. Ms. Carlson is hoping to take the club on exciting field trips this spring.

Middle Grades Partnership (MGP)

Attention middle school parents! It's not too early to start thinking about summer plans for your child. The Middle Grades Partnership offers a FREE summer program for any student currently in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. The Middle Grades Partnership is an organization composed of public and private middle school students and teachers. Mr. White and Ms. McKinley will be the lead teachers from HHA. Students will have fun sharpening their math, language arts and science

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skills while also enjoying time to swim and take part in sports activities. The program will run for five weeks during the summer, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FREE transportation is provided to and from Hampstead Hill Academy. The program is held at the Friends School located on Charles Street. For more information, contact Mr. White at 410-396-9146, or send an email to hha7thgrade@yahoo.com.

News from the Music Department

March Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule:
Tuesday March 9th, and Tuesday, March 23d

News from Chrissa Carlson, Food for Life Educator

In Like a Lion...
By Chrissa Carlson, Food for Life Educator
It has been a winter to remember in Baltimore, but spring is on its way marking the start of the planting

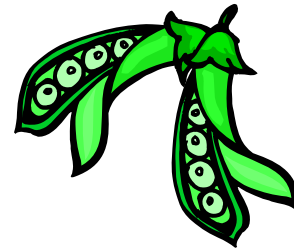
season. Gardeners can start planting peas and potatoes as soon as mid-March. While we won't be eating foods from the garden for several more weeks, it's a good time to remind ourselves of the light and refreshing vegetable dishes that show off produce once it arrives. This recipe for a pea "hummus" is flavorful, light, and delicious on pita or toasted baguette, and its beautiful color fits right in with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Recipe of the Month

Fresh Pea "Hummus"

Ingredients:

- 2 cups frozen or fresh peas
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (suggestions: parsley, chives, scallions, mint)
- Crackers, toasted pita wedges or baguette slices



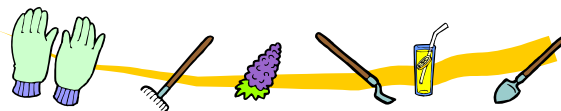
Method:

1. Puree peas, yogurt, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and olive oil in food processor.
2. Pour into a bowl and top with herbs and a drizzle of olive oil.
3. Serve as a dip for crackers, pita or baguette.

The Culinary Arts Club cordially invites you to the third Community Dinner of the school year, to be held Friday, March 19th at 6 p.m. You'll enjoy foods that taste great at a picnic, at the beach, or in your backyard. Invitations will be sent home March 5th; be sure to RSVP to guarantee a meal for you and your family. If you are interested in volunteering to assist before, during, or after the dinner, please see or call Ms. Carlson at school or email her at chrissacarlson@gmail.com. The final Community Dinner of the school year will be held Thursday, April 29th. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on this great event.

Garden Workday

We will be enhancing our beautiful HHA garden with a new arbor, rain-barrels, benches, and a tool shed. We'll need a lot of hands to get the garden set up, so the HHA community can learn and participate in Earth-friendly gardening. Please join us for a garden workday Saturday, April 24th at 10 am. Students are welcome to accompany their parents. Please let Ms. Carlson know if you plan to be there by calling the school or emailing her at chrissacarlson@gmail.com.



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Garden Workshop

No yard? No problem! There are many vegetables that grow well in containers on a porch, balcony or roof. Join Ms. Carlson and other Baltimore gardeners for a workshop April 14th at 5 p.m. to help you get started growing some of your own vegetables in containers. Participants may get to take home a potted vegetable plant!



Family Information

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to contribute information to the newsletter that you feel would be helpful to other parents, please submit your article to hhaparents@hotmail.com or see Ms. Swann.

The Countdown Continues

57% of the school year is complete, 104 of our 180 student days have ticked by. There are only 6 school days left until our 3rd - 8th graders sit for the MSA reading and math tests beginning March 9th. Mark your calendars.



What Does the MSA Look Like for Your Child?

You can go online to see sample MSA items for 3rd through 8th grade in reading and math at http://mdk12.org/assessments/k_8/index_c.html Spend some time learning what is expected of your child by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Parent Meetings for March

These meetings are open to all parents and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss issues relating to our school.

PTO, Monday March 1st and March 15th at 3 p.m.

PAT, Thursday, March 4th, 8:20 a.m.

PTO Conversations, Thursday, March 11th, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Council meeting, Tuesday, March 16th at 3 p.m.

International Night at HHA

On Thursday, March 25th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., HHA will host the first annual International Night. You and your family will have the opportunity to travel the world just by stepping into our school. Countries such as Spain, Columbia, Australia and many more will be featured. This will be a fun opportunity for your family to learn about countries around the world.

Career Fair

The third annual career fair will take place at Hampstead Hill Academy Friday, April 23, 2010. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in the fair, please contact Ms. Duprey at 410-396-9146.

Uniform Items Needed

If your child needed a uniform item due to an accident or otherwise, please send it back as soon as possible. We need those items to be available for other students that may need a change of clothes. Also, we are always in need of gently worn uniform items.

Current lost and found items will be given to charity April 6, 2010.



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A special thank you to students, staff and parents who completed a City Schools Climate Survey for 2010. Approximately 365 families returned the survey. The winner of the raffle for the \$100 Visa gift card was the Williams family.

Family Eggstravaganza

On Saturday, March 20th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., the Audubon organization will host the Family Eggstravaganza. This event will take place at Hampstead Hill Academy. Bring your own hardboiled eggs and discover the colors of nature with the whole family, while you use natural dyes to create colorful Easter eggs. Registration is required. To register, call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com.

Hampstead Hill Nights

Spring is just around the corner, and we are planning our 6th Annual Hampstead Hill Nights. There will be fun festivities for all including live music and food. Mark your calendar now for three nights of relaxation, musical harmony and gathering of the friends of Hampstead Hill Academy. The dates are as follows: **Thursday, May 13th, May 20th and May 27th** Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monthly Behavior Incentive

March No Uniform Day is Friday, March 26th

Any student who did not have detention for the month of March can participate! Please refer to the Family Information Guide 2009-2010, page 37, for the student dress code.

Spectacular Express is Rolling Along

Students nominated for a train car for doing a spectacular act during the month of February are:

Travis Blount
Zoey Bunce
Gordan Cefaloni
Patricia Coleman
Rohan Donaldson
Kameron Eggleston
Kyle Farousi
Brayden Geleta
Aleshia Hicks
Elizabeth Ibarra

Ronald Jackson
Alex Kapela
Anthony Keseling
Mavishka Lanketilleka
Ayo Laveau
Ismael Lopez
Dario Lopez-Manzano
Julio Lugo
Tyler Mandel
Talita Medrano

Martin Murray
Haley Owens
Clarissa Palafox
Evelyn Perez
Daniel Perez-Rodriguez
Eleanore Reale
Kyle Roberts
Craig Robinson, Jr.
Belen Rugerio-Mejia
Alexis Scott

Saad Shaikh
Scott Siebor
Ian Simko
Jonathan Smith
Shariahya Snowden
Alex Teluk
Catarina Trulick
Arianna Warren
James Winterstein

The winner of the February raffle was Anthony Keseling.

Meal Planning

Brought to you by Jodi Naasz, owner/personal trainer of Charm City Fitness

Let's face it, when it comes to food, we all have a pretty good idea of what's "good for you" and what's "bad for you." The bigger obstacle seems to be time, or lack thereof. You get home from work, you're tired, you're hungry and cooking dinner seems like A LOT of work. This inevitably leads to unhealthy eating. Try writing down your meals for the week on Sunday, and make sure you have all the necessary ingredients. Plan to make enough for lunch the next day. This will save you time, money and calories. If you're really ambitious, you can do some food prep and cooking along with all the planning.



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Important Dates

- March 9-17, 2010 - Maryland School Reading and Math Assessment (MSA) for grades 3-8
 - April 12-16, 2010 - Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) for grades one and two
 - April 27, 28 - MSA Science Assessment for grades 5 and 8
 - Report Cards: 4/16 (3rd Quarter), 6/10 (4th Quarter)
 - Wednesday, June 16, 2010 - LAST DAY (weather permitting)
- Please put these dates on your calendar and be sure NOT to plan activities outside of school on test days!
Remember, scores on the tests help decide whether students move on to the next grade.

Thank You

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN EVERY TIME YOU VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL.

A Big Thank You to Julie Bryan, Jill DeCastro, Jeanne Pasko, Cathy Geleta, Ms. Trish, Ms. Rebekah, Helen Peterson, Kevin Venable, Kevin Bonner, Joyce Hiotes, Tanesha Mitchell, Cara Joyce, Jean Grinspoon, Alice Gosse, Claudia Towles, Anne McNamara, Ms. Vivian, and Theresa Shafer for volunteering in various places throughout the school.

A Big Thank You to Beth Hawks of Zelda Zen for donating a variety of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves.

A Big Thank You to John Magness and Diane Abate from Canton Railroad for donating school supplies.

A Big Thank You to Scunny from Pizza and Wings Factory, Mama's on the Half Shell and Nacho Mama's for donating pizzas each week for parties in the classrooms.



Family Fun

Family Together Time

- Ask your child to read to you.
- Sing a song with your child.
- Go for a walk with your child and look for signs of spring.
- Have your child draw a picture on a heavy piece of cardboard. Then, cut it in pieces to make a puzzle.
- Plant a seed in a cup of dirt, and talk with your child about how it needs water to grow.
- Show your child pictures of spring flowers and tell the names of the flowers.

Events at the Southeast Anchor Library Children's Department March 2010

The library offers a variety of activities for children from birth on up. Activities include: a nursery rhyme program, story time, an art program and lots more. For a complete listing of activities at the Southeast Anchor Library, please call 410-396-1580 or visit <http://www.prattlibrary.org/>.

Audubon Activities for March

Activities for March include monthly bird walks, Tiny Tots program and a visit from some reptiles. For more information, call 410-558-2473 or email ppaudubon@gmail.com.

Family Filmgoer

A helpful guide for parents on what kids should and should not see. Reviews appear each Friday and are available free online at: <http://www.postwritersgroup.com/archives/film100225.htm>.

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Daylight Savings Time is Coming.
Remember to turn your clocks one
hour ahead Sunday, March 14th.



Taylor Uhlick and a friend enjoy sledding at Patterson Park.

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Activities and Lunch Calendar

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Lunch Menu Subject to Change	1 Math Club Builders Club Audubon Play Rehearsal-Gym Rally in Annapolis 4:30 to 9 p.m. vegetarian lasagna	2 K Trip to Goucher College Junior Chess Band Open Minds Art Club Homework Club Debate Technology Club k hamburger/cheeseburger	3 Play Rehearsal-Gym Young Rembrandts Yearbook Cttee. Ceramics diced chicken and gravy	4 PAT Meeting Advanced Chess Steppers Open Minds Art Club Play Rehearsal-Gym Culinary Arts Homework Club Debate pork bbq sandwich	5 Early Release Day Interim Reports Sent Home pizza	6 Play Rehearsal-Gym	
	7	8 Math Club Choir Builders Club Audubon Play Rehearsal-Gym bean and cheese chalupa	9 MSA Testing Technology Club 1 to 3 Junior Chess Orchestra Open Minds Art Club Homework Club Yoga Debate tuna pocket	10 MSA Testing Young Rembrandts Play Rehearsal-Gym Faculty Meeting chicken tenders	11 Advanced Chess Steppers Open Minds Art Club Culinary Arts Homework Club Debate Play Rehearsal-Gym PTO Conversations 6 to 7 asian stir fry and rice	12 Play Rehearsal-Gym	13 Play Rehearsal-Gym
Daylight Savings Time	14	15 Math Club Choir Builders Club Audubon Dress Rehearsal-Gym pasta shells with cheese	16 MSA Testing Junior Chess Band Open Minds Art Club Garden Club Homework Club Yoga Debate Technology Club k beef and rice tacos	17 MSA Testing Young Rembrandts Yearbook Cttee. Ceramics Dress Rehearsal-Gym Council Meeting chicken nuggets	18 Advanced Chess Steppers Open Minds Art Club Student Council Culinary Arts Homework Club Dress Rehearsal-Gym beef and broccoli teriyaki and rice	19 Community Dinner Opening Night for the Play Call Time: 6 p.m. Show Time: 7 p.m. pizza	20 Eggstravaganza 10 - 12 cafeteria Show Night Call Time: 6 p.m. Show Time: 7 p.m.
	21 Show Day Call Time: 1 p.m. Show Time: 2 p.m.	22 Math Club Choir Builders Club Audubon black bean nachos	23 Junior Chess Orchestra Open Minds Art Club Garden Club Homework Club Yoga Technology Club 1 to 3 hot dog on a roll	24 Young Rembrandts Yearbook Cttee. Ceramics sweet and sour chicken	25 Advanced Chess Steppers Open Minds Art Club Culinary Arts Homework Club International Night 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. turkey and gravy	26 3rd Grade Field Trip to Goucher College pizza	27
28	29	30	31	<p>Spring Break March 27th to April 5th School Reopens April 6th</p>			