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Thomas Hart Academy

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Headmaster's Corner.

Another busy week is ahead of us! Our last set of interim reports for the year go home next week. The April PTO meeting/Spring Basket Raffle/Spring Musical is Thursday, April 17. The evening's activities begin at 6:00 PM (vice 6:30) so that we can squeeze in everything. Please come out and support our students and the PTO!!! Also, don't forget that Friday, April 18 is a teacher workday. School will be closed but After-school care will be open.

Mrs. Crouch is still seeking volunteers to help with book labeling and shelving as we prepare for our upcoming accreditation visit. Can you devote a few hours between now and April 23? If so, we need your help; please contact Mrs. Crouch.

The 5K class starts standardized testing on April 16. This is a greatly-reduced version of what the older children do but the scores are a useful benchmark nevertheless. Parents will receive a letter summarizing score results for their child.

The following week promises to be very busy. Our Accreditation visit is Wednesday, April 23. On Thursday, April 24, we are hosting a "Business After-Hours" for the Darlington Chamber of Commerce. The following day, Friday, April 25, is our annual Field Day and "Moving Up" Day. Ms. Selena needs volunteers to help with field events. Please contact her if you can do this!

Enrollment is looking great and we have already enrolled 163 students for next year. We are continuing to interview prospective teachers and expect to make additional hires very soon. We welcome Mrs. Rebecca Moree as a second teacher for first grade and we will hold an Open House for her and Mrs. Denise Brown on Tuesday, April 29 at 3:15 PM in the Library.

As you can see, there is no rest for the weary! I expect May to be nearly as busy as we prepare for the end of the school year. I trust you are enjoying the spring colors!

John Horlbeck
Headmaster

Compliment Corner

- To Mr. Lee Davis for detecting a problem with the front brakes of the school bus that could have been serious if not detected.

THA Upcoming Events

April 16-5K Standardized Testing Begins
April 17-Spring Musical
PTO meeting/Basket Raffle
April 18-School closed/ASC open
April 21-Interim reports to parents
April 23-SCISA Accreditation Visit
April 24-Darlington Chamber of Commerce
Business After Hours 5:30-7:00 p.m.
April 25-Field Day
April 26-Track and Field Meet at Byerly Park
9:00 a.m.
April 28-Begin Teacher Appreciation Week

Auction Wrap-Up

The March Auction raised over \$13,000 for THA projects! Thanks again to all who participated or donated to this very successful event.

Basket Raffle

Our annual spring basket raffle will be held at the PTO meeting this Thursday, April 17th. Each class has assembled a basket with a theme, such as the Pamper basket, Gardening basket, and Games basket, and Webkinz basket!

You can purchase raffle tickets this week in the office or get them the night of the meeting. It's always exciting to see who wins these baskets! Purchase tickets and come on Thursday!

Staff Features

Mrs. Denise Brown

1st Grade Teacher

Birthday: April 17

This has been Mrs. Brown's first year at THA and what a great one it has been for her first graders! She has taught previously for many years at other schools. She enjoys the positive, friendly attitude at THA! She calls herself a transplant from Northern Maine by way of Florida to S.C. Her hobbies include sewing, raising Toy Chihuahuas, and collecting anything that has to do with roosters and farm animals. A favorite quote is "A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influences stops." Henry Adams

Mrs. Brown is a wonderful addition to our THA family and to her students who are very fortunate to have her!

Jr. Beta Club News

On April 4 the Jr. Beta Club visited the Darlington County Humane Society. They walked the dogs and took donations of food and money. They also raised \$700 for the Pennies for Leukemia. The Beta Club very much appreciates the support of THA in this effort. During the year they have also raised money which will be donated to St. Jude's Hospital.

Thank you to Mrs. Linda Edwards for coordinating and supervising these charitable activities for Jr. Beta Club.

New teacher News

THA has hired Mrs. Rebecca Moree to teach an additional section of first grade for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Moree graduates from Coker College in May with a degree in Early Childhood Education. We are excited about her working with Mrs. Denise Brown to teach our large upcoming group of 1st graders. We have scheduled an Open House on Tuesday, April 29 at 3:15 for parents of rising first graders to meet Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Moree.

Looking for a Digital Camera

Do you have a digital camera that you would like to donate to the school? The school is in need of a decent camera to keep on hand for those "photo worthy" occasions! Also, Mrs. Crouch could use one to take photos of our AR Hall of Fame superstars for her "Wall of Fame." If you can help out, please let Miss Patti in the office know.

Happy Birthday to You !

April 16	Nathan Cannon
April 23	Annemarie Morrell
April 25	Dustin Kennedy
April 26	Caroline Lee
April 27	Karlyn McCaleb

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April 17	Mrs. Denise Brown
April 23	Mrs. Linda Ann Moore

Wednesday Activities

What's up on Wednesdays during this nine weeks? Our 4th -8th graders are participating in a variety of workshops. Topics include: Money Management, Art Appreciation, Canada, Scrapbooking, and Journalism. Plus we have students working with our 3K and 4K children. Thanks to Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Mixon, Mrs. Clemons, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Joyce for teaching these workshops. If you would like to help next year with a workshop or if you have suggestions for other topics, please let Lyn Joyce know at 383-0167.

Sports News

- **Hoops 4 Heart**

Hoops 4 Heart Donations are due on May 1st. Please continue to collect for this great cause.

- **Field Day**

April 25th 9:00 a.m. -2:20 p.m.

Students: plan to get wet so bring a towel/ change of clothes!

Parent volunteers still needed!!!

- **Track and Field Day**

April 26th-9:00 a.m.

Byerly Park in Hartsville

Come out and support your Hornets!

- **Middle School Soccer Games**

April 21st (Away at Kings Academy-4:30 p.m.)

April 22nd (Home vs. Kings Academy-4:30 p.m.)



Summer Camps

Don't forget to sign up for our summer camps!

We're offering Art, Basketball, and Soccer. These camps are offered to the community so we expect slots to fill up fast.

Reserve your spot now! You can talk to Ms. Selena, Mrs. Mixon or the office staff for more information.

Basketball Camp Registration Deadline

Early registration deadline is approaching- April 25th

Pre-register to receive a Camp T-Shirt

Beginners -June 5th-6th-\$35.00

Advanced -June 16-18-\$45.00

Third Grade News

Third grade was hard at first but I got it now. I work hard and I put a 110 percent in to it. That is all I got to say.

By Josh

We went to Columbia and we saw the state tree the palm tree the protected Sullivans Island. Then we saw an old classroom we saw what that building looked like years ago. We also saw the picture of the Presidents. Then we went to see an orchestra play awesome music and we went back to school. After that we went home.

By Jacob B.

I drank coffee this morning so it's hard to sit in my seat. I LOVE 3rd grade. We have cool stuff like...science, math, and all things that include projects and much more. We've learned a lot more since 2nd grade. 3rd grade is the BEST!!!

By Kelly Moyd

In third grade we did a third grade science fair project. We were trying to see if children can tell the difference between full-fat and fat-free ice cream. Our hypothesis was that people could not tell the difference. That is third grade happenings.

By Jacob Caldwell