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THE HOBOKEN CHARTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

Monday - Thursday, May 13 - 16 - NJASK Testing for Grade 3

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Thursday, May 16 - Parent Association Meeting at 7:00 pm - Sts. Peter and Paul

Friday, May 24 - 1:00 dismissal for Grades K-12 (no after school)

Monday, May 27 - School Closed for students in grades K-12

Monday, June 3 – Dress Rehearsal for the Summer Gathering – Details to follow

Tuesday, June 4 – Summer Gathering (rain date on Wednesday, June 5)

Wednesday, June 12 - Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 - Professional Development – 1 p.m. dismissal for students in grades K-12

Thursday, June 20 – Field Day (rain date on Friday, June 21)

Thursday, June 20 – June 25 – 1:00 p.m. dismissal for Students

Monday, June 24 – 12th Grade Graduation – St. Matthew Lutheran Parish Hall at 4:00 pm

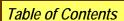
Tuesday, June 25 – 8th Grade Graduation – St. Matthew Lutheran Parish Hall at 4:00 pm



Empty Bowls was a Success!Thank you to everyone who participated.

THE HOBOKEN CHARTER SCHOOL CORDIALLY
INVITES FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO OUR ANNUAL
SUMMER GATHERING CELEBRATION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4th AT FRANK SINATRA
PARK AT 6:00 P.M. TO SEE AMAZING PERFORMANCES BY OUR K-12
STUDENTS LED BY OUR
FABULOUS MUSIC TEACHER MR. GAVARNY







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Field Day is Thursday, June 20th at Pier A Park for K-12.

2013-2014 School Year

Calling all families! ~

HCS needs to hear from you!

Attached you will find a letter that you need to fill out and return to the main office regarding enrollment for the

KINDERGARTEN CLASS NEWS - May 2013

<u>Language Arts</u>: Now that we have learned all the letters of the alphabet, we have been studying "word families." We will also continue to work in our guided reading groups.

<u>Math</u>: With 1st grade fast approaching, we are practicing our addition and basic subtraction facts within 5 to make sure we are all set for 1st grade! We will begin reviewing 3D shapes, learning about odd/even and exploring with areater than and less than!

Science: April showers bring May flowers and May flowers bring along butterflies!!! Our classroom is the new home to 10 caterpillars that we are raising to become beautiful butterflies!! We have learned all about their life cycle and what they need to live a healthy life. Once they are full grown, we will be releasing them outside in the park. Watching them grow has been very exciting!

THE PENNY HARVEST/ Care Cans WERE A SUCCESS!!! TOTAL: \$106.00!

Our field trip to the homeless shelter was a great success!!! We hand delivered all the supplies that were bought with the \$106.00 we collected through our Care Cans. We were able to help the shelter by providing plastic silverware, paper plates, napkins, paper towels and plastic bowls, plastic cups, and cleaning supplies...much needed supplies!!!

Where Did The Time Go?

Kindergarten has officially begun the countdown until the last day of school. There is an exciting energy in the air that makes it difficult to focus this time of year., but we will continue tackling new material and respecting class rules. We will be doing lots of outdoor activities to help us release this energy.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

We can not thank each and every kindergarten family enough for all your generous donations of snacks and classroom supplies this past year. You're generosity is greatly appreciated.

Also, many thanks for your caring, cooperation, and support over the past school year. You have helped make this a great year! Have an amazing summer!!!

- Courtney, Marie, and Cait





Keep your eyes open for a permission slip for our last field trip and for information about Summer Gathering and our Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony!

News from First Grade

Wow! It's hard to believe that May is already here! With second grade fast approaching, the children have been busy learning and practicing all of the skills that they will need to keep them the "super students" that they are.

Math - The children continue to practice breaking down two digit numbers by their tens and ones values, and then completing addition and subtraction equations. They are also learning all about word problems, and identifying the important



formation within each and whether to add or subtract. They are becoming "math wizards!"

Reading and Writing - The theme for the past few weeks has been poetry. The children have learned that poems can not only rhyme, but they can be



about nature, about feelings and about events. They are learning to write poetry "thorough a poets eyes," and use their senses to describe the topic, along with learning poetic writing techniques such as line breaks, and creating a picture with their words.

Service Learning and Empty Bowls - One of the annual events that Hoboken Charter School focuses on is Empty Bowls. Our class

focused on the issue of homelessness and how we could help. Beginning in March, the class decided to raise money for our project by selling Valentine cards and school items. After all of the counting was done, the class decided to use the money to create "I Care" kits for residents of the Hoboken Homeless Shelter. Each kit contained shampoo, soap, socks and other toiletry items. We were able to present them to the residents of the shelter during

the Empty Bowl luncheon that was held on May 4th. The children also created a wonderful mural that was displayed at the Empty Bowls luncheon depicting "Who is homeless?," "How did this happen,?" and "How I Can Help!" The children did a fantastic job on this project and demonstrated, once again, their understanding of the event and how each person can make a difference!

Social Studies - Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us on our trip to the Children's Museum in Paramus. While there, the children were able to explore many of the services that you find in Hoboken, such as the Fire Department, a post office and even a grocery store. The children had a wonderful time!

As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to thank our first grade families for all of the support you gave, not only to your child, but to us. With your help, we were able to rebuild the classroom quickly, and even add books to our library - that were already leveled!

Thanks again!

Have a wonderful summer!

Jackie Piersanti Courtney Collins



2nd Grade News

Check out our pictures of working on our Empty Bowls mural and cheering on our friends at the pep rally!

We are in our last unit of math on geometry and graphing. Students will be identifying characteristics of quadrilaterals, pentagons, and hexagons and will be learning how to make line plots and bar graphs.



Science

We are wrapping up our recycling unit!
The students are working on a school wide project to encourage more recycling in the school.

Writing & Reading

We are studying poetry in both reading and writing as the last units of the year. We are floored by the poetic talent in the classroom. We will be studying poetic

elements like imagery, similes, tone, rhythm, repetition, beat, and much more!

Social Studies

We will be taking a trip to the Hoboken Historical Museum on May 31st to practice our geography and mapping skills.



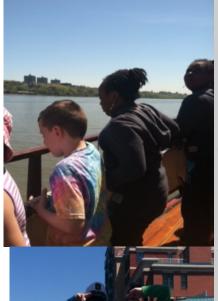


Classroom Wish List

- -Kleenex
- -Clorox wipes
- -Hand Sanitizer

News from the Third Grade





An exciting month in the life of third grade!

Poetry Publishing Party

This month the students studied poetry extensively. They learned how to rhyme, create rhythm, and build meaning into their very own organic poems. They published their anthologies at a French style coffee house complete with hot chocolate, pastries, and berets.



The third grade showed their school spirit at HCS's first pep rally. They enjoyed dancing to YMCA and listening to the awesome Pep Band play the Final Countdown.



The third grade voyaged along the Hudson River on the Mystic Whaler! The students learned sea shanties, how to raise a sail, details of the Hudson River's pollution, and got to meet some of its wildlife. We all had a great time bonding on the beautiful sunny day.

Campfire Storytelling

As a way to end our fairytale, myth, and fable unit the students wrote their very own. They shared them while sitting around the campfire and "toasting" marshmallows









Upcoming Units

Math: More area and multiplication

Reading: Roald Dahl Unit

Writing: Interview Writing and other Genre Writing

Science: Hudson River Ecosystems

Social Studies: Hudson River geography and changes over time

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 22nd: Carnegie Hall Trip

Thursday, May 23rd: Rescheduled Alpine Hike Trip please

bring a bag lunch!

Friday, May 24th 1 P.M. Day

Monday, May 27th: No School

Tuesday, June 4th: Summer Gathering

Friday, June 7th: Moving-Up Day

Thank you so much for all of your contributions and support for our Sloop Trip. We were able to raise the entire remainder through all of your and the students hard work! We are looking forward to many exciting end of the year activities. Please visit our website for weekly updates! hcsthirdgrade.weebly.com

Warmly,
Miss Bobb and Miss Berger



4th Grade Tribune Ms. Leahy & Miss Foschini



May, 2013

<u>Wish List</u> Needed for Lenape Museum

- *Brown Clothes or Fabric (sheets, felt), any size (will not be returned)
- *Paper Plates
- *Shells
- *Dried Beans
- *Feathers
- *Model Magic (natural colors)





Field Trips:

Carnegie Hall Concert: 5/22/13 (morning trip)

Lenape Village: 5/23/13 (all day trip, leave school by 8:30; drop-off at Hoboken bus stop at approx. 3:30)

*Chaperones welcome



Upcoming Dates:

Friday, May 24th-1:00 Dismissal Monday, May 27th-No School Tuesday, June 4th-Summer Gathering

May/June Units of Study:

Math: Capacity; Multi-step word problems

Writing: Poetry and Plays

Science: Sound, Light & Heat Reading: Poetry and Plays

Social Studies: Lenape Indians

Having fun at the pep rally!



Pictures from our trip to the Hoboken Historical Museum

We were investigating maps to determine reasons why and how immigrants were coming to Hoboken.





Shipping Charles

Hoboken Charter School

A K-12 community of learners, the Hoboken Charter School seeks to develop the academic, artistic, personal, and civic growth of all its members through its commitment to service learning and learner-centered education.

April 23, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:			
We are checking with all of our families to see if there is anyone who may not be returning next year, thereby making an additional space available to those on the January 12, 2013 lottery waitlist. If you are definitely sure you will be making alternate arrangements for next year and will not be returning to HCS, please sign and return the form below as soon as possible, but definitely before June 1, 2013. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Maria Spinella Lottery Facilitator			
		☐ My child/children, will not be returning to the Hoboken C 2014, feel free to give my spot for next year to a family waith	
		Child's name	Current grade
\square I am considering other options for my child/ren (listed bel my spot(s).	low), but am not yet prepared to give away		
Child's name	Current grade		
Parent's Signature	Date		

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