

Parent/Teacher Connection

A Highland Heights Church of Christ newsletter just for parents and teachers of all children from Cradle Roll through 5th grade.

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Not your usual door—or door prize!

- The Cradle Roll class is the winner of our first door decoration contest! The 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms tied for 2nd place.
- Kudos to all the teachers who went all out for this fun contest—you're all winners!
- First place received a \$50 credit to purchase supplies for their classroom & the resource room; their students received a coupon for a free milkshake at Red Robin.
- Stay tuned...we'll plan another contest for this winter! Check out all the doors on our [facebook page!](#)



Time to Promote?

- Do you think your baby or preschooler is ready to move on up to the next class? It's really up to you - parents know best! Please remember **infants and preschool students should promote only at the beginning of the quarter**. This minimizes disruptions to established classroom routines and seating arrangements, which are important to our youngest Bible class students. It also helps us reduce unused classroom materials and supplies.



Mission Mmm-possible

Looking for a new adventure for you and your preschooler? Look no further: Destiny Locke and Tracy Deocales are ready to hook you up with Missions with Mommy. Twice a month, moms and tots get together and embark on a mission effort suitable for young hands and hearts. What a great way to train up the next generation!

Library News

The "library ladies" (Lori Winningham and Christy McClenney) have been working hard on our library! Some new DVDs are in stock and ready to check out. If you have book or video titles you would like to suggest, please see Lori or Christy.



VISIT
OUR
CHURCH
LIBRARY

Trunk or Treat!

Trunk-or-Treat 2009 will be on **Sunday Oct. 25**, after evening services. A chili dinner starts the festivities, then the costumed kiddos can safely cruise the parking lot to collect candy and goodies from the decorated vehicles. No scary, gory or occult costumes, please. Interested in helping with this event? Contact Stan Hunter.



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Teacher Talk

Ready or not, technology is quickly changing the way we approach Bible classes. It's still the same scriptures and stories, of course. But they're not necessarily taught in the same old way. As a teacher, you have a choice: high-tech or low-tech? Are you ready to make the leap?



Even if you don't want or need a computer in your classroom, you will find many resources available on the web that can add a lot of impact to your lessons while cutting down your lesson prep time.

We've put together a hands-on workshop just for our teachers. You'll see how technology is being used in our classrooms, plus get some hints and tips for sites and sources you can use for your lessons. If you're interested in attending, see Joshua, Terry Lea or Kim Lee for date and location.

Best of the Web

Hey teachers & parents! Are you looking for some online Bible coloring pages? This page from Linary.com contains several free pages you can use.

Puzzlemaker lets you make puzzles for free: School.discoveryeducation.com

Spotlight on: New Gradeschool Devos

Highland Heights children in the 3rd through 5th grades are encouraged to participate in new monthly devos held on the first Sunday of each month, after evening services.

Two devos have been held to-date: the first was September 6, with 12 children plus their parents participating. The kids designed their own canvas bags to hold worksheets and other goodies from the devo, which was titled "The Three-Legged Stool" and covered three "apologetics" (i.e., reasons for our faith):

1. There is a God.
2. The Bible is His inspired word.
3. Jesus Christ, our Savior, is His son.

The October 4 devo was titled "MAPS" which stands for:

- Manuscripts
- Archaeology
- Prophecy
- Scientific foreknowledge

If you have a child in this age group, please plan to attend! See John and Jeanetta Cothron for details and information.

For more Christian evidences and apologetics suitable for young readers, check out Discovery Magazine or the Jonathan Park website.

Did you know? The Young Families have a [special area](#) on the HH website. You can also have group messages sent out by phone, cellphone text or email. Ask Nedia for help!

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October

November



Bible Hour - 6 p.m., Sunday evenings, next to small fellowship hall for ages 4-8.

Bible Bowl practice - 6 p.m. Sunday evenings in the education building for 3rd grade - high school.

10/4 Devo for 3rd - 5th graders in education building after evening services.

10/5 Missions with Mommy. Meet at 10 a.m. for trip to [Walden's Pumpkin Patch](#).

10/21 Missions with Mommy. Meet in costume at 10 a.m. for reverse trick-or-treat at Northside Health Care Center in M'boro.

10/24

1. Coat Day. Bring your clean, gently used coats ahead of time, then come help with this great outreach project!
2. Meet at the building and head to [Honeysuckle Hill Farms](#) for a day of fall fun.

10/25

1. Education committee meets at 4:30
2. "Trunk-or-Treat" after evening services

10/30 National Candy Corn Day (Go ahead, eat some...you know you want to!)

10/31 Daylight saving time ends today. Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before bed!

Remember, directory pics 10/21-24 & 10/29-31!

11/1 Devo for 3rd - 5th graders in education building after evening services.

11/2 Bible bowl competition, MTCS at 7 p.m.

11/4 Missions with Mommy. Meet at 10 a.m. in the education building to decorate cookies for shut-ins.

11/18 Missions with Mommy. Church library activity, details TBA.

11/25

1. Final Wednesday p.m. class of fall quarter (First winter quarter class is 12/2)
2. Thanksgiving dinner & special midweek devo service.

11/26 A day to count our blessings, not calories. Have a happy Thanksgiving!!

11/29

1. Final Sunday a.m. class of fall quarter. (First winter quarter class is 12/6)
2. Education committee meets at 4:30 p.m.

Do you know of **December and/or January** events?

Let [Jeanetta](#) or [Terry](#) know by Wed., Nov. 25.

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From Joshua's desk

This fall, we began an effort to equip our classrooms with new technology that benefits teachers and students, starting with two new computers and oversized monitors in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.

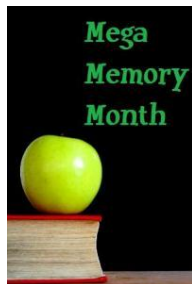
The third grade class uses their new computer each week to review each week's lessons on Acts, and for PowerPoint visual aids during many lessons.

K-5 teachers, did you know the education building classrooms have internet connections you can use? If you need a computer, projector or other A/V equipment for your lessons, please share your specific needs with me.

Parents, please help us keep our classrooms and children safe at all times. It is important to keep children out of the classrooms during non-class activities like fellowship meals. The doors are very heavy and a child's fingers can be smashed during play, and many rooms have been lovingly decorated by our volunteer teachers with hand-painted wall murals. A growing number of the classrooms contain computers and other fragile and heavy electronics (projectors and televisions) that could seriously injure a child if pulled over. Thank you for your help!

Joshua Pappas

Learn those verses



October is "mega memory month," a good reason for working on memory work! In every age and grade, Bible teachers work on key verses with our children. When your child brings home memory work, make it a priority to help them learn it. Better yet, learn it with them! Here are some tips on [memorizing scriptures](#). If you learned some of their verses as a child, share that memory with them—it can be a great conversation starter. The more they know, the more they will grow in Christ!

The door is always open!

As parents and teachers, you are encouraged to attend the **monthly education committee meetings**. The committee meets at 4:30 on the last Sunday of each month unless announced otherwise.

Tell us what you think...

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. Our goal is to publish on a bi-monthly schedule, with helpful news for parents and teachers. If you have story ideas or suggestions, or would like to volunteer to help in any way with this newsletter, please contact [Jeanetta Cothron](#) or [Terry Lea](#). We welcome your input or assistance!

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