

Congratulations, Señora Hall!

Twenty educators were chosen this summer to be members of the 2009 All-County Teaching Team. They were recognized at the Summit County Education Celebration in October.



Members of the Teaching Team were nominated by the community and chosen to represent their school systems by a selection committee comprised of Summit County superintendents and a representative from each Education Celebration sponsor.

Our very own Señora Danna Hall was named the member of the Teaching Team representing the Private School sector. "Danna Hall is one of the kindest, most inspiring teachers I have met. She teaches with creativity, enthusiasm, and love. She is dearly loved by her students and is held in high esteem by her peers. Students learn there is a whole other world outside the four walls of Chapel Hill Christian School." - *Nominator*

The following article was a part of the publication for the *Summit County Education Celebration 2009*:

"Danna Hall has been an educator for thirty-seven years. Thirty-four of these years have been spent at Chapel Hill Christian School (CHCS), where she teaches elementary Spanish. She coordinates the school's missions programs by overseeing annual projects for schools in need, both near and far.

Some of her personal pastimes include reading and spending time with her husband, Ron, of thirty-four years. Together, they have three grown children and twin grand-

daughters. She loves Starbucks, Macaroni Grill, watching "The Ultimate Gift", and reading the Bible because it has had a profound impact on her life.

She "would love to continue connecting children in the U.S. with families in Guatemala." Danna believes that teaching subject matter is best accomplished in an environment that helps children feel loved and free to learn so they can reach their full potential. With this nomination, she considers herself to be a representative of the many dedicated and hard-working teachers at CHCS and accepts this honor on their behalf."

Announcing Beacon's Best

Chapel Hill Christian Preschool was ranked #5 in the Akron Beacon Journal's 2009 'Beacon's Best' award for best Preschool! After 7,800 ballots were cast, representing 40,000 votes in numerous categories including favorite stores, restaurants, and other service establishments throughout Summit County, CHCS was in the top ten for Preschool programs!

Mrs. Vicki Jennings (Green campus) and Mrs. Gale Truthan (North campus) teach our three year old programs. They are also being recognized by CHCS as the Employees of the Month at each campus. We are blessed to have them at CHCS as they continue to show great enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication to our Early Childhood Program.

LEGACY GIVING

Would you like to make a donation to CHCS in loving memory, or in honor of someone? If so, please complete the form and mail it to CHCS in the enclosed envelope.

The following gifts have been given to Chapel Hill Christian School:

**In Memory of our Beloved Granddaughter
Denise Lynn Provence
from
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What's "News"?

Help us keep our families, past and present, up-to-date on what's new with the CHCS alumni! Please send information to: alumni@chapelhillchristianschool.org Digital photos may also be e-mailed as attachments. Thank you!

*Each snowflake is original,
Quite perfect and unique;
Crafted by the hand of God –
He only has to speak,
And icy crystals fall in line;
The snow dance has begun,
To wrap the shiv'ring evergreens
In fluffy cardigans!
Above these tiny miracles
Looms one beyond compare,
When God Almighty sent His Son,
That people everywhere
Might know the scope and majesty
Of His redemptive plan –
To save the world from hopelessness,
Bring Truth and Life to man;
For lying in that manger,
Quite perfect and unique,
The King of Kings was born to rescue
Those who choose to seek,
Who trust, by faith, the timeless Word
That promises the Way –
A beacon through the darkest night
To those who've gone astray.
Come, celebrate the wonder
Of this holiest of births,
That prompted heav'nly hosts to sing
'Rejoice! Goodwill on earth!'*

- P. Burk

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The Real Christmas Story

It is the most wonderful time of the year! Our prayer this year is that every student at CHCS understands the true meaning of Christmas. What is the true meaning of Christmas?

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us. We remember His birth by giving gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take the punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

May we all remember the true meaning of Christmas this year.

Merry Christmas and blessings for a wonderful New Year!

Greg McAbee
Administrator



Merry Christmas!

Chapel Hill Christian School is committed to keeping tuition costs affordable for families in the Akron area and surrounding communities. The **CHCS Annual Faith Fund** makes up the difference between what tuition covers and the actual cost of educating a student at Chapel Hill Christian School. The 2009-2010 goal is \$90,000.

For more than 40 years, Chapel Hill Christian School has been providing academic excellence, traditional values, and the cultivation of Christ-like character through a nurturing environment.

Your tax deductible gift will be a source of encouragement to CHCS as we strive to ensure that God's work continues to move forward. Thank you for investing in the lives of our students as we teach them to soar academically, socially, and spiritually.



"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- Isaiah 40:31

We Would Love to Hear From You

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NORTH NOTES

If you had walked into the Art Room at the North campus a couple of weeks ago, you would have seen forty helmets lined up on the countertop. Why helmets? Our sixth graders made them and took them to kindergarten classes at a nearby Christian school to help them learn about the Armor of God.

Our second graders have been collecting pennies. Why pennies? Because they fit nicely in little baby bottles! They have collected over \$400.00 in loose change to help the Pregnancy Care Center of Akron.

Part of our responsibility as Christians is to reach out to others. Our community outreach projects give the students opportunities to show God's love to people that live close-by. Whether it's visiting an inner city school and fostering

relationships with students there, visiting a nursing home, making place mats for Thanksgiving dinner at the Haven of Rest or adopting a local fire station, students are experiencing what it means to minister to others. They are learning to live out Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

Teaching children to give to and help others is part of the "other curriculum" at CHCS. While we work hard to teach those important academic objectives and state standards, we also want to give our students opportunities to live out their faith in the real world. We want to give them practice in sharing their lives with others; being the hands, feet, arms, legs and mouth of Jesus Himself.

So, if you see a bunch of helmets on a countertop or baby bottles filled with pennies, know that we are learning how to share our faith with others. It's just another way that we are "Praising God in All We Do!"

Mrs. Sharon Ausbury
Principal, CHCS North Campus

GREEN GREETINGS

As you walk around the halls of CHCS Green, you can see example after example of our staff, students, and families actively living out our theme, Praising God In All We Do! Our Chapels are filled with glorious, heartfelt singing that is sung for no other reason than to praise and worship our living Savior! Our new Praise and Worship team, made up of 3rd-6th grade students, is an excellent illustration of just one way we implemented our theme this school year!



As we head into the Christmas Season, we are praising God for Chapel Hill Christian School and for our families, students, and staff. We are

blessed to be a part of such a wonderful school. Because we are so fortunate, we want to share our blessings with those around us who are in need. In addition to our big mission projects through the Connecting Hearts Ministry, each class adopts a service project that will make a difference in our community. Every teacher chooses a project that is close to his/her heart. The students love to get involved and make a difference in the lives of others. We have classes collecting snacks for inner city schools, and collecting hats and gloves to give to children as the weather gets cooler. We even have a class taking a field trip to Build-a-Bear, where the students will pick out and build a bear to give to a child for Christmas! What great experiences for our students to learn to share their blessings!

This Christmas season, our calendar is full of opportunities for the sixth grade Bell Choir and Ensemble to perform at different venues. They will visit nursing homes, a mall, and a local church to perform beautiful music and to share the Good News of the birth of Jesus!

In these uncertain times of economic instability and negative news reports, isn't it comforting to know that we have a real relationship with the Creator of this world, to know that He is in control, and that He has a perfect plan for each and every one of us? Just one more reason to praise Him in all things!

Merry Christmas to you! Enjoy this glorious season of wonder and joy.

Mrs. Jennifer Paredes
Assistant Principal, CHCS Green Campus

REACHING OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Green Campus Community Outreach Service Projects

Preschool: January: Students will collect items for birthday bags. These bags will be donated to Mrs. McKinnon to share with families at her school who cannot afford to make a birthday cake for their child. March: Students will collect candy and Christian Easter resurrection eggs to make Easter baskets for donation to a needy family.

Pre-Kindergarten: Build-A-Bear field trip to make bears for children in need. The students will be Christmas caroling at a homeless shelter.



Kindergarten: Fall: Fran Kitchen (Wildlife Rehabilitation Center) visited CHCS to introduce her animals and talk about her organization. Spring: Students will collect and deliver items necessary for Fran to run her center.

First Grade (Ellwood) - Backpack Program (The Chapel-Urban Ministries for Leggett School). October and November: The class brought in selected items that are used to provide lunches for children who have little to eat. They receive a backpack full of nutritional, packaged items on a Friday so they have food for the weekend.

First Grade (Maher) - Fall and Spring: Students collect baby items to donate to Mariah's Closet, an organization located in Wadsworth that helps families in need.

Second Grade: Backpack Program (The Chapel-Urban Ministries for Leggett School). October and November: The class brought in selected items that are used to provide lunches for children who have little to eat. They receive a backpack full of nutritional, packaged items on a Friday so they have food for the weekend.

Third Grade: Helen Arnold Community Learning Center. Fall: Hat, glove, scarf Christmas Tree Collection (a Christmas tree was displayed for the students to adorn with hats, gloves, and scarves for children in need.) Spring: Students will create "book baskets" for the classroom teachers of the Community Learning Center.

Fourth Grade: The Haven of Rest. Fall: Students donated \$2.00 to provide a full meal for a person in need. Also, students created decorative, laminated placemats for that special dinner. Spring: Students will write a class letter of

encouragement to the Haven of Rest and then take a field trip to the facilities.

Fifth Grade: Throughout the school year, 5th and 6th grade students will conduct a recycling program at CHCS, in order to be good stewards of God's creation. November/December: Students will collect items for and write letters to military personnel.

Sixth Grade: October: Sixth graders raised money from sponsors and sold AHA goods before participating in the Akron American Heart Association Heart Walk. The class walked 2.5 miles in support of healthy hearts. December: Students will create cards to take to the residents of Pleasant View Nursing Home. The students will walk the halls and sing Christmas songs as they pass out their cards.

North Campus Community Outreach Service Projects

PreSchool/PreKindergarten: These two classes will be visiting the Haven of Rest. At Christmas, they will collect mittens and hats for the children staying in the Harvest Home. At Easter, they will collect Easter candy for the children's Easter baskets.

Kindergarten (Shafer): Mrs. Shafer's class will be visiting the Briarwood Nursing Home. At Christmas and Easter, the students will create cards for the residents. They will visit the facility to share songs, bible verses and poems.

Kindergarten (Ucker): Mrs. Ucker's class will be visiting the Haven of Rest. In November, they made placemats and raised money for Thanksgiving dinner. In April, they will tour the buildings, learn about the children's ministry and donate toys.

First Grade (Osborne): Mrs. Osborne's class will be ministering to the Sunrise Assisted Living facility. In the fall, they made no-sew fleece blankets and delivered them to the residents. They sang with them and made crafts. In the spring, they will perform a play or do a Reader's Theater.

First Grade (Baker): Mrs. Baker's class will visit the Traditions at Bath Senior Living facility in Cuyahoga Falls.



They visit the facility twice during the school year; once before Thanksgiving and once at Valentine's Day or Easter. Each time, they will sing, recite poems, and make a special craft for the residents.

Second Grades: The 2nd graders will minister to the Pregnancy Care of Akron organization. They will fill baby bottles with coins, have a baby shower, and have a speaker come to the school. They will visit the center for a tour and do a small project for the new moms.

Third Grade (Hall): Miss Hall's 3rd graders will be visiting students in 3rd grade at Firestone Park Elementary School in Akron. They will build relationships with them in hope of sharing the love of God with them. They will visit the school in December and in April.

Third Grade (Quast): Mrs. Quast's 3rd graders will be ministering to men and women serving in the U.S. military. They sent home a questionnaire to all CHCS students to determine who in our school family is in the armed forces. They will correspond with military personnel and send care packages at Christmas and Easter. They have sent Thanks-

giving cards and will be sending Valentine's Day cards.

Fourth Grades: The 4th graders toured the Haven of Rest in the fall to learn more about the ministry. They will collect canned goods and socks. During the year, they will send crafts, cards, placemats, etc. as encouragement for the holidays.

Fifth Grades: The 5th graders will be working with True North, a ministry to incarcerated youth. At Christmas, they will put together gift bags with cards and items requested. They will also bake cookies for the True North party. At Easter, they will decorate cards in which students write Easter poems. Prior to the projects, Beck Retzer, the director, will come to speak to the students about the ministry and their involvement.

Sixth Grades: The 6th graders will be partnering with the Kindergarten classes at Lake Center Christian School. In the fall, they made helmets. They delivered the helmets and prayed with their partner. They will visit again in the Spring to conduct a storytelling/prayer session.



North Quilt

Pictured here are the hand-painted squares made by each of our CHCS classrooms, which were then crafted into these beautiful quilts. What a wonderful example of "Praising God in All We Do!" The Lord continues to bless CHCS!



Green Quilt

OUR MISSION

Building a solid foundation for future generations through quality elementary Christian education.

OUR VISION

Chapel Hill Christian School, in partnership with the home and church, cultivates a Christ-like character in students through a caring and nurturing staff by providing a quality elementary education that integrates Biblical values and academic excellence.

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