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One-a-Day Prayer for HPCA: 2016-2017 School Year

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Greetings from HPCA! This is the last prayer letter of the 2016-2017. Our new school year starts in exactly one month! Along with all the excitement of a new year comes anxiety. There's so much to be done in preparation for the first day of school – by the administration, teachers and staff, parents, and even the students. Pray that we would remain in prayer during this time and remember Philippians 4:6-7:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Staff Highlight for August: Kevin Deane, Principal, and Jen Deane, Director of Development

Kevin and I met as teachers at HPCA in 2002 and the rest is history! We share an office, live around the corner, and have two boys who attend HPCA – Aaron is in 1st grade and Isaac is in 5th grade. We have loved getting to see HPCA from so many different aspects, as a teacher, administrator, parent, and community member. We are so blessed to be a part of what God is doing in this community! Below are our requests:



Kevin and Jen's Requests

- Praise God for time spent with Jen's family in San Diego. Pray for a restful time visiting Kevin's family near Erie next week.
- Pray for wisdom and peace for Kevin in hiring teachers for next year.
- Pray for healing for Kevin's dad, Ed, who is experiencing ongoing issues with his kidneys. Pray for healing for my grandmother, Ida, who is having heart issues. She is 92 and very independent and is trying to make decisions about whether or not she needs to move in with my mom.
- Pray for all the preparations needed for next year: school year theme, building work, staff retreat, new website (coming very soon!). Pray that it would not be overwhelming and that we would make wise decisions.
- Pray that Kevin and I would continue to be a light on our block with our neighbors.
- Pray that we would glorify God in our relationship and in our family. Pray that we are able to have some "non-HPCA" time together, which can be difficult this month ☺.
- Feel free to e-mail us. Kevin's e-mail is kevind@hpcaphilly.org and mine is jen@hpcaphilly.org.

Calendar of Events

Sat., Aug. 12th and Sat. Aug. 19th, 9 am – 3 pm –
Back-to-School Cleaning/Work Day

Monday, August 14th, 7 pm – Board Meeting

Monday, August 21st – Training Week begins

August 23rd and 24th – Overnight
teacher/admin retreat at Spade Inn

Tuesday, August 29th – Back-to-School BBQ

Thursday, August 31st – First Day of School
(1/2 Day)

Praise Report

- Praise God for our upcoming Back-to-School BBQ. This is our first time doing this and we hope that we have a great turnout and that we have great time with our parents! Praise God for Calvary Church, who will be partnering with us to put on this event.
- Praise God for a successful summer program. The students were very consistent and grew quite a bit.
- Praise God that we are mostly full next year (pray for new pre-k students!).

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- Pray that God would use our students to witness to their families and friends.
- Pray for safety and protection in the summer.
- Pray that any students feeling anxious about the new school year would be calmed.
- Pray that students would still keep reading over the summer!
- Pray for peace on the first day of school.
- Pray for our students to come to know Christ as their personal Savior.
- To be restored to who God made them to be.

Pray for our teachers:

- Pray for provision of a 2nd grade and 5th grade teacher (both full-time) and a music teacher (part-time) for next school year.**
- Pray for our staff retreat – that it would be a time of prayer for the next year and a time of growing close as a staff.
- Pray for rest during the break so they can return refreshed.
- Pray that our teachers would remain in prayer for their new students.
- Pray for peace on the first day of school.
- To be restored to who God made them to be.

Pray for our students' families:

- Pray that our parents would connect with a local church, especially over the summer months;
- Pray that families would be open to hearing and receiving the Gospel;
- Pray for provision for families who are struggling financially.
- Pray for a great turnout at our Back-to-School BBQ on August 29th.
- Praise God for our new families!
- Pray for peace on the first day of school.
- To be restored to who God made them to be.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin and Jen: see above
- For Cynthia, our receptionist and Tanya, our assistant principal: Pray that they can be a light to parents and students that enter the office. Pray that they are able to keep calm and during this extremely busy season of the year.
- Pray for peace on the first day of school.
- To be restored to who God made them to be.

Pray for our general needs:

- For continued provision of funding for this school year (our fiscal year ends on August 31st).
- For wisdom in strategic planning for the future, specifically: how to increase prep periods for our teachers, building decisions, expansion planning (possibilities of future pre-school or high school), and how to better serve special-needs students;
- For God to lead us to businesses to support our scholarship fund through OSTC.** Please pray for God to open doors and direct us to other contributors.
- For continued direction for our board of directors and provision of new members.
- Pray for continued protection over our building and the surrounding ministries in Hunting Park.
- That HPCA would be a blessing to the Hunting Park community.
- Pray for opportunities to support parents in Godly parenting.
- That HPCA will be a place where Christ continually abides.***

Thank you again for your prayers. Thank you for blessing HPCA so that we can be a blessing!

God bless,

Jen Deane
Director of Development