

The Kid Lowdown



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From the lips of children you have ordained praise! Matthew 21:16: (part)

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Playground Construction and Raffle

We continue to provide exciting ways to raise money for our new playground. On April 12th, two exciting things will be happening! One is you will begin to see our creative construction people begin work! We are so excited to watch the transformation! The other is we are going to be having a raffle for some AMAZING prizes!! Just in time for Mother's Day!! Here is the information:

- Raffle tickets cost ONLY \$2 a ticket
- We will begin selling tickets on April 12th
- The winners will be drawn on May 3rd (just in time for Mothers Day!)
- The prizes:
 - Grand Prize: \$150 Gift Certificate to the Chrysalis Spa
 - 1st Prize: \$25 i-Tunes Gift Card
 - 2nd Prize: TWO winners will receive a \$15 Gift Card to Albertsons

Special thank you to Brett Dionne (PK2) and his mom and dad for their help in putting together this great raffle!!!

Book Fair Diner!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming again! This time we will be having it the week of April 5th. That is the same week as the Public Schools Spring Break! The theme is Diner with an Endless Buffet of Books! Grab a flier on the Sign-in table. Remember all purchases help benefit our school library! And even better, we are encouraging your children to read!! We love books!!

Easter Services at Hillcrest Chapel

HE IS RISEN! This month we will be celebrating Easter and sharing with the kids God's deep love for each one of us. How awesome to serve an everlasting God at Hillcrest Kids! May His love touch your lives also.

If you are looking for a church to attend Easter Services, Hillcrest Chapel service times are:
Sunday, April 4th

9:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Summer Updates and Sunscreen Forms

Don't forget to turn in your Summer Schedule. Summer comes quickly and we begin looking at schedules so we can staff accordingly. Also, as the weather gets warmer, we need to apply sunscreen! So make sure to get the sunscreen forms turned in SOON! Feel free to bring in bottles of sunscreen for your child now. Thank you!

Kindergarten Info Night

If you have a child in Preschool or PreK this is a night you don't want to miss! Sheila Clark, an HK parent and Kindergarten teacher at Happy Valley, will be coming to talk about the transition to Kinder and how we as early learning teachers and parents can make it a smooth and successful transition. This will happen on Tuesday, April 13th 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Your child may remain in their class with their teacher. Stop by the HK office and we can help you. Mrs. Clark will also be available to answer questions you might have about this upcoming transition for your child!

Week of the Young Child Event

The week of April 12th is called the Week of the Young Child (WOYC). It is a week set aside to celebrate children and how we, in our communities, can help guide children in their development and learning about the world around them. Whatcom Community College and the National Association for the Education of Young Children will be hosting a special WOYC event at Whatcom Community College from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m in the Syre Building.

Here is a rundown of the events:

4:00 - 6:30 Showcase of Early Learning Programs (HK will have a booth!)

6:30 - 7:30 "Power it up with Song" presentation by Nancy Stewart

This event is for parents **and** childcare providers!

Chef Lori's Corner

Hot Cross Buns

Ingredients:

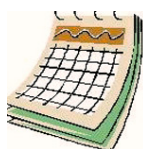
- 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm milk, divided
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup currants or raisins
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk or cream
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

How:

1. Sprinkle yeast over 1/4 cup milk in small bowl; stir to dissolve yeast. Let stand 10 minutes or until bubbly. Meanwhile, combine flours, granulated sugar, salt and nutmeg in medium bowl. Blend eggs, butter and remaining 3/4 cup milk in large bowl.
2. Stir dissolved yeast into egg mixture. Gradually beat in flour mixture until well blended. Add currants; mix until evenly distributed. (Dough will be sticky.) cover, and let rise in warm place 1 hour.
3. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 12 standard (2 1/2-inch) muffin pan cups. Vigorously stir down dough with wooden spoon. Spoon about 1/4 cup dough into each muffin cup; smooth tops.
4. Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool buns in pan on wire rack 5 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool completely.
5. For icing, blend powdered sugar and milk in small bowl until smooth. Spoon into small resealable plastic food storage bag. Cut off tiny corner of bag; pipe cross on center of each bun.



Calendar of Events



- April 4** - Easter Sunday HE IS RISEN!!
- April 5 thru 9** - Bham Public Schools Spring Break (HK Smooth Sailors in session)
- April 5 thru 9** - Scholastic Book Fair in the HK Foyer
- April 26** - Early Release for Bham Public Schools

Program Happenings

Have you had the chance to visit your child's classroom and see all the wonderful projects and photos displayed on the walls? Teachers have been providing wonderful opportunities for your child to grow and learn about the world around them! We are looking forward to Spring as this is a time for new growth and excitement. Classes will be planting seeds and learning how God can make something beautiful from a small seed in the earth. They will be learning about Jesus' love for us and how we can have new life with Him. We will be exploring all the wonderful things that happen during Spring as trees begin to grow leaves once again, butterflies come out of their cocoons, and what happens when the rain comes down on the dirt.

Teacher Bethany is now PM Program Coordinator

We are so excited to announce that Teacher Bethany V. is now our PM Program Coordinator! T. Melissa (AM Program Coordinator) and T. Bethany will work closely with one another to create the best program possible for your children. We are so happy to have her expertise and enthusiasm on board in this new position! T. Bethany has her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and comes with experience as a teacher here at Hillcrest Kids and also as Program Assistant for the past three months. Congratulations T. Bethany!

School Age Program Happenings

Spring Break for our school age kids is April 5th - 9th and we are looking forward to a fun week of Smooth Sailors! Field trips are planned as are fun activities. You can check the website for the calendar of activities for Smooth Sailors and also check with T. Ben or T. Melina if you have any questions.

Sign ups for Summer Smooth Sailors will be available April 16th. Be sure to sign up early as space is limited and fills up quickly.

Talent Show Coming Soon!

Our annual Talent Show is coming on May 13th. This is our third year having this event and the classes are in the very beginning stages of deciding their songs and talents. Our theme is LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! John 8:12 says: *Jesus spoke to the people again... "I am the LIGHT of the world. Those who follow me will NEVER walk in darkness. They will have the LIGHT that leads to LIFE."* We hope to convey that as we walk in the LIGHT and take it into ACTION through our talent show! More info to follow so stay tuned!

Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 5th** - Happy Birthday T. Amanda (PM Assistant)
- 8th** - Happy Birthday T. Megan! (AM Teacher Assistant)
- 15th** - Happy Birthday T. Kyle! (Substitute)
- 29th** - Happy Birthday T. Shawn! (AM PK1 Lead Teacher)