

THE Elementary Edition of HPCA NEWS



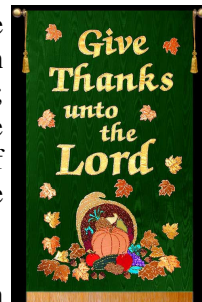
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A MODEL OF GRATITUDE

In 1621, when the Pilgrims began a Thanksgiving tradition at their new settlement, Plymouth, how grateful they were for God's provision! Three days were set aside to show gratitude to God!

What kind of year had they experienced? 102 people crowded on a heavily burdened ship because the 2nd ship had to be docked; several attempts to land and begin a new settlement; over two months on turbulent seas sailing against fierce westerly winds; a harsh first winter filled with disease and death; and, difficulty finding or growing food. When the Pilgrims joined their new native neighbors to give thanks in the fall of 1621, the 49 graves of their family members and friends dotted the landscape. Of the adult women, only four survived on that day of thanksgiving. And they bowed their heads in humble gratitude to God for His love, mercy and provision.



As we head into this Thanksgiving season after a year of multiple hardships in our community and in our nation, remember God's blessings. Remember His provision. Give thanks for all He has done for you. Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Kids, Cans & Ca\$h

November 2 – 13, 2009

We are participating again in this year's Guilford County Recycling Challenge! We will compete against other elementary schools in the area to bring in the most aluminum cans. Last year we were just short about 40 lbs from being the 1st place winner in recycling! Look in your Friday Folders for directions about collecting and turning in cans. The first pick-up will be Friday, November 6, from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. One more pick-up will take place on Wednesday, November 11th, at the same time. You have two opportunities to get those cans turned in! The top recycling student in K-2nd and the top in 3rd – 5th will have a pizza lunch with Mrs. Haire.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

Each year the HPCA students support Samaritan's Purse by preparing shoe boxes filled with small gifts for children around the world. You can read more about this effort at www.samaritanspurse.org. At our chapel service on Thursday, November 5, at 9:20 a.m., we will introduce OCC to our students and provide boxes to the lower grades. An ordinary shoe box can also be used. Further instructions will go home in the Friday Folder on November 6.



FINAL CALL FOR ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT

Time is running out! Get your fresh fruit ordered before Monday, November 16th, to enjoy delicious oranges and grapefruit during the holiday season. Go to www.hpcacougars.org and click on the left-hand tab, "Quick Links." The "Fruit Sale" link will appear. Invite your friends and neighbors to order. Orders can be taken on paper as well. Thank you for supporting our efforts to improve our technology and transportation equipment.



COMMUNITY WATCH

While traveling back and forth each day to and from school, be mindful of your driving behavior in the community and along your route. Safety should always be your number one concern; however, courtesy and grace are important driving traits as well! The car behind you may be a parent, a teacher or a teen-age student. We encourage all of our school family to drive carefully and considerately --- not just on our block, but all along the way. Thank You!

CHAPEL BLESSINGS

Thursday, Nov. 5-

Pastor Eric Davis, Family Pastor at GSBC
Kick-Off Operation Christmas Child

Thursday, Nov. 19-

Pastor Robert Steele, Executive Pastor at GSBC
Turn in shoe boxes for OCC

Chapel