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NEWSLETTER

A Lower School Newsletter
from Harrells Christian Academy

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION THROUGH CHRISTIAN MOTIVATION

First Grade + Fall = Fun!



First grade is such an exciting time in a child's life! They start to read fluently, develop critical thinking skills, and enhance their social skills. In first grade, we focus on developing the students' reading skills by teaching phonics and incorporating small group reading instruction into our day. We also increase their math skills

by integrating hands-on learning activities to enhance engagement. Each month, we focus on a "theme" to make learning fun for the students.

In October, we will be focusing on fall items which include apple tasting, pumpkin drawing, and learning the life cycle of a pumpkin. We recently kicked off our fall activities by learning about the famous "Johnny Appleseed." We read about his life and contributions, and then we created our own "Johnny Appleseeds" to hang in the hallway. When possible, we try to bring in as many subjects as we can during a lesson.

During our Johnny Appleseed discussions, we will integrate Social Studies (history of Johnny

Appleseed), Science (5 senses with the apple tasting), Math (we will make a bar graph of favorite apples), and Reading/Writing (the students will write in their journals as to why they picked the apple they did and something they learned about Johnny Appleseed).

Integrated learning is so important in a child's education because they are able to make connections in many different ways. It is fun to see the "lightbulb" turn on when a child finally grasps a concept. We love to see the kids become excited to learn new things every day!

For Your Fridge

OCTOBER

5

PTO MEETING

8:15 am Cafeteria

12

END OF 1ST 9 WEEKS

11-15

SPIRIT WEEK

15

HOMECOMING

7:00 pm

22

K-5 SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT FOOTBALL GAME

6:45 pm Murphy-Johnson Field

NOVEMBER

2

PTO MEETING

8:15 am Cafeteria

2

SCHOOL WIDE VETERAN'S DAY CHAPEL

9:45 am Foundation Center

4

HCA BAZAAR

3:30-7:30

11

NO SCHOOL

Veteran's Day

17

INVIEW TESTING

Grades 3, 6, 9

That's a Wrap!

HCA's Fall Fundraiser a Success

HCA's annual fall fundraiser, Charleston Wrap, kicked off on August 24, 2021 running through September 8. This year, the HCA family sold a grand total of \$70,318 surpassing their goal for the event which was set at \$40,000. These efforts would not have been possible without the hard work of students, parents, staff, and family and friends of HCA.

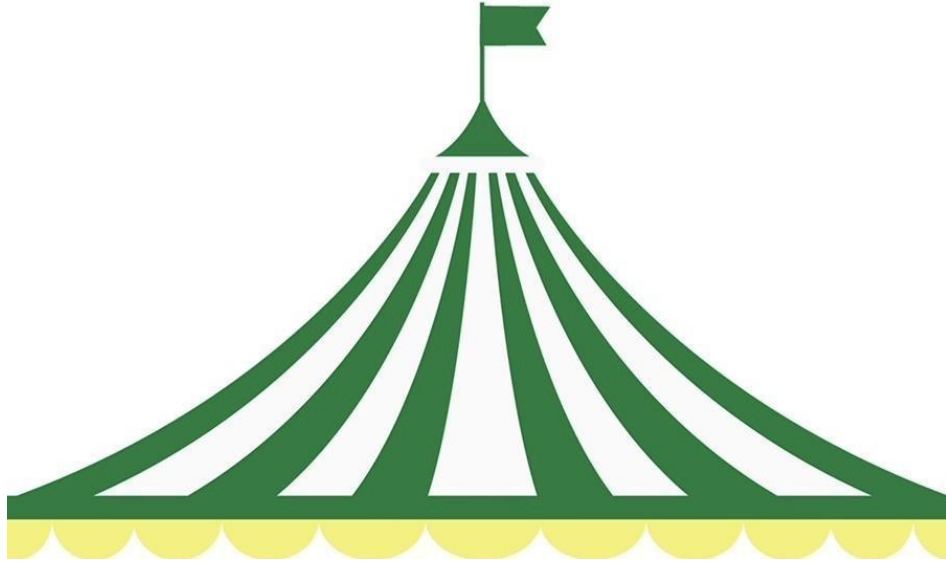
With more than 26 years of experience, the Charleston Wrap family prides itself on helping schools and organizations across America with fundraising through exclusive, high quality products. Charleston Wrap offers over 2,500 items which include wrapping paper, gift bags, wrapping accessories, candy, kitchen items, personalized items, and more. Through participating in this fundraiser, families not only help HCA raise important funds, but they are also able to purchase quality gifts for themselves and others.

Although there were many superstars in this year's fundraiser, the highest seller, who will be rewarded with \$100, is kindergartner Laura Blake King. In a very close second for top sales was 3rd grader Brody Hilton who will receive a prize of \$50.

Homerooms with 100% participation and highest sales are also rewarded for their unified efforts. Mrs. Iannuzzelli's first grade homeroom brought in the highest sales, with Mrs. Osborne's kindergarten class in a close second, only \$4.34 behind them. Both homerooms will receive a pizza party to celebrate their success. Homerooms with 100% participation, earning their class an ice cream party, include Mrs. King (kindergarten), Mrs. Page (1st grade), Mrs. Long and Mrs. Thornton (2nd grade), Mrs. Retherford and Mrs. Sessoms (3rd grade), and Mrs. Boone (4th grade).

Congratulations to the top selling homerooms and students, along with the lower school homerooms who had 100% participation! Most importantly, thank you to all who worked so hard to help our school raise crucial funding through this year's Charleston Wrap event. We couldn't have surpassed our goal without each of you.





HCA Bazaar

Join us for **HCA Bazaar** on **Thursday, November 4th from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**

We are excited to bring back this HCA tradition that will include:

- **Carnival 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Outside Foundation Center (Johnson Gym if weather doesn't permit):** games with prizes, bouncy houses, cake walk, popcorn, cotton candy and more! Armbands will be sold in advance and at the door.
- **Live Auction 6:00 pm Foundation Center:** featuring "family tradition" items
- **Student Entertainment 6:15 pm Foundation Center:** This is your chance to see the special family atmosphere that makes HCA home. The K-5 classes will be entertaining along with 9th-12th grades.
- **Class Auction & General Auction Items 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center:** Come view class made items and more. Online Bidding on OneCause will be live one week prior to the event. If you have items to bring, *please have your items at school by Thursday, October 28th. PTO will be at school to collect items.*
- **Bake Shop 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center:** There will be delicious cakes, cookies, frozen casseroles and more. Get your holiday side dishes and desserts!
- **Santa's Secret Gift Shop 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center:** Let your child shop for a personal crafted item to give to a special family member for Christmas. You might be surprised and find the perfect gift for your friend or family member also.
- **Dinner 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Outside Foundation Center:** Three food trucks will be on campus including Southern Smoke BBQ, M&M Concessions, and the Somethin' Good Food Truck. Dinner options will be BBQ, hamburgers and hot dogs, soup, and tacos. It's all sure to be yummy!