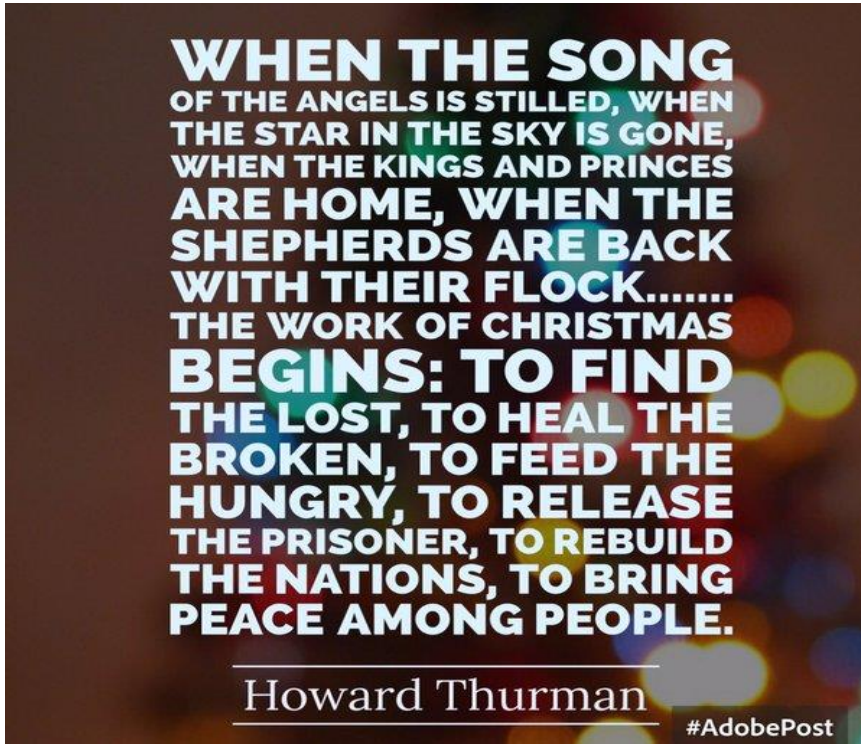


# CHILD & FAMILY OUTREACH NEWS

January 2019



## LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

With the holidays behind us, many of us find ourselves settling back into the routines of months prior. While the slower pace is nice, it is sometimes a bit disappointing to have the joy and celebration of Christmas behind us (especially when January is gray, wet and cold!!). I saw the poem Now the Work of Christmas Begins by Howard Thurman several times right after Christmas, and it really spoke to me. What a wonderful way to begin the new year! There is a lot going on right now in the life of our church, providing us many opportunities to share the warmth, love and light we celebrated at Christmas. Let's begin!

Warmly,  
Heather

## UPCOMING EVENTS & SIGNUPS

1/24 – Parent Literacy  
Night

2/7 – Father/Daughter  
Dance

2/21 – BELL parent  
information dinner

3/7 – Mother/Son  
Superhero Competition

4/11 – Talent Show

### Sign up for:

[Parent Nights](#)

[Special Events](#)

[Attendance Incentives](#)

[Snacks and detergent](#)

[Project Backpack](#)

[HELPS tutoring](#)

## HOLIDAY BOOKAPALOOZA UPDATE

Our congregation once again stepped up and supported Westerly Hills Academy, allowing us to purchase enough books for each student to select three to take home this year! Thank you to all who contributed and helped with our event! The children were so sweet and polite and very grateful for the books (and the donut holes!)

If you weren't able to be a part of our holiday Bookapalooza but want to get involved, stay tuned! We will be staging more events in the spring!



## EVENING OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTERLY HILLS ACADEMY

Several special events are coming up during the evenings where volunteers are needed. These events are great for building community at the school and improving parent involvement. Please sign up above if you are able to help!

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Help serve dinner to parents after the parent literacy night (6:30–8:00)

February 7<sup>th</sup> – Assist staff with Father/Daughter Dance (6:00-8:00)

February 21<sup>st</sup> - Help serve dinner to parents after BELL Summer Camp information session (6:30–8:00)

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Assist with Mother/Son Superhero Competition (6:00-8:00)

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Assist with Talent Show (6:00-8:00)

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TO BE A TUTOR !

HELPS tutors are still needed to serve EIGHTEEN children at Westerly Hills Academy, and training opportunities are still available! HELPS is a research-based, scripted fluency intervention supported by both Read Charlotte and Augustine Literacy Project. Tutors work with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for one hour per week. The curriculum is provided and easy to follow! Progress is graphed at the end of each lesson, and it is very exciting for both tutor and student to see improvement! Afterschool sessions have been added so that youth may participate as well. You may sign up [here](#) or email [Melissa Walker](#) with questions.

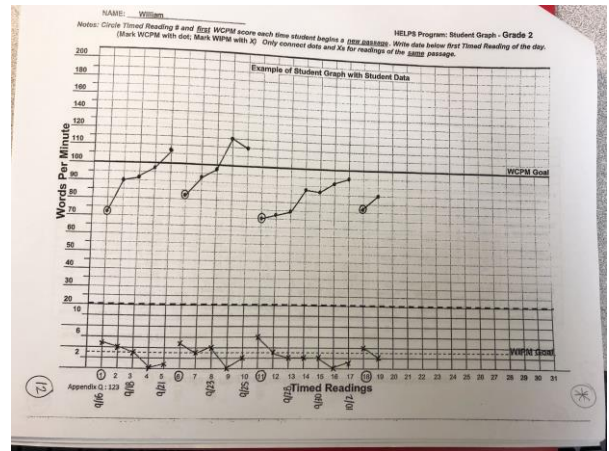
Literacy not your thing? Heart math tutors are needed, too! Heart Math Tutoring works with several grades for 30 minute or one hour sessions each week. You may sign up [here](#).

Even if tutoring isn't your gift, you can still advocate for the school by sharing this information with friends and neighbors! Westerly Hills isn't a convenient spot, and finding tutors is always a struggle. Thank you for your help!

### GIFT CARDS NEEDED

As a result of the new boundaries feeding the school, Westerly Hills is struggling with student attendance this year. The school administration and Communities in Schools site coordinators are working with both parents and students to educate them around the importance of consistent attendance. As part of this process they are offering parents and students the opportunity to win small prizes as a reward for improved attendance.

If you aren't able to make it out to the school, this is a great way to show your support! You can sign up to purchase a gift card in the sign ups above.



### DO YOU OR YOUR CHILD NEED CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING?

Training is coming up! Sessions will be held on the following dates/times in the chapel.

January 22	@	5:00pm
January 28	@	9:30am
February 5	@	8:00am

