



Branches

a school to home newsletter

November 25, 2022



7th Annual Deep Roots Campaign

We are so grateful for the donations coming in. Our current total raised is \$8650, just over a quarter of the way to our goal of \$25,000.

This year's campaign is dedicated to raising funds for an outdoor gathering place designed for outdoor learning and community-building events on our spacious school grounds. (More info in the brochure.)

Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give towards this cause. All donations over \$25 are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for the 2022 tax year.

WAYS TO DONATE

E-TRANSFER

deeproofs@houstonchristianschool.ca
Please include your email address and 'Deep Roots' in the message box.

IN PERSON

We are happy to accept cash or a cheque written out to Houston Christian School at the office.

ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit houstonchristianschool.ca and click on the DONATE top tab.

BY MAIL

Box 237
Houston BC
V0J 1Z0

*Poinsettia orders arriving Wednesday,
December 7*

*Purdys orders arriving Friday,
December 9*

Stop... before you shop!

Come pick up your grocery cards the next time you're in town!

- cash
- cheque
- e-transfer to:
groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca



What's Happening at HCS?

November 30

- Social Media Awareness Parent/Student Session

December 2

- 1st Report Cards go home

December 6

- Annual General Meeting 7pm

December 13

- Christmas Musical 'Carol and the Belles' 7pm



Did you know you can now find us on Instagram? This will be a place that we share simple snapshots of our school days, fun events and athletic accomplishments. If you're already on Instagram, give us a follow.

Our handle is: @houston_christian_school

If you're not interested in another app to keep up with, don't worry - all posts are linked and will be shared to the HCS app as well.



Congrats to the Junior Girls Volleyball team on their second place finish at the Northwest Zone Championships

We also congratulate two of our grade 12 students who joined the BVCS Senior Volleyball team and finished 1st at the Northwest Zone Championships. As the top team, they are headed to the highschool boys 'A' Provincials in Duncan next weekend. Keep up the great playing boys!



MEET THE TEACHER

ABOUT ME

I grew up in Geesthacht, Germany. In 1996, I married the musician Andreas Michalzik and started teaching at August-Hermann-Francke School in Hamburg-Bahrenfeld. We have two children: Jannik Emmanuel (24) and Lena Davina (19). In 2014, a sabbatical in B.C. turned into a permanent stay in Canada. This is my fifth year teaching at Houston Christian School.

FUN FACTS

- Watching Sesame Street in color traumatized me as a child
- I got lost in the Olympic stadium of Berlin
- I traveled to 20 countries before turning 20
- So far I have taught 8 sets of twins
- I have yet to play a Zimbabwean Marimba to complete my alphabet of instruments

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MRS. MICHALZIK



**GRADE 3/4 AND
MUSIC TEACHER**

MY FAVORITE..

FOOD: Chinese or Greek

MOVIE: Anne of Green Gables

BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9

ANIMAL: Cat

COLOR: Green

DEEP ROOTS

- little shoots



While we are in the middle of our 7th annual Deep Roots campaign we wanted to interview some of HCS's "Deep Roots" and a couple of their "Little Shoots."

WHEN WERE THE TWO OF YOU FIRST INVOLVED IN HCS?

George was a part of HCS's first body of students in 1962 and attended HCS in grade 3 when the school first opened its doors 60 years ago.

Ena became involved in 1986 when their oldest son Mark attended grade 1.

WHAT ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN AT HCS?

"I served on the School Board for many years and worked with Henry Hansma on the expansion project in 1995." - George

"I spent years involved with Willing Workers and then in 1995 I was part of the startup of Katee's Kitchen. I also worked in the library with the book mending ladies." - Ena

We're so thankful to still have Ena in our midst, mending books for the school library during weekly 'bun-rising' while she helps out in the campus kitchen with Life Skills programming.

FAVORITE MEMORY OF HCS:

George fondly remembers working on the expansion project for 2 months in the spring of 1995 and he always enjoys the fundraising evenings at the school.

"I think back about the good times in the library with the ladies who helped start the school and the laughs and stories they had. I also loved working with all the volunteers and students on the big catering jobs." - Ena

DESCRIBE HCS IN 3 WORDS:

George - Tight Christian community
Ena - God always providing

WHY DO YOU THINK CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

"We are both blessed to have had parents who put us through Christian school and taught us that education is home, school, church. The world has values that do not align with God's will and our children need constant reminders of who made them and how we are to live our lives for God in this world."

"We are so thankful that our kids had, and now our grandkids have the privilege to attend HCS. I am so thankful when I'm at school on Mondays and our grandkids come by the kitchen to give me hugs."



COBY GROOT

What is the coolest thing you've learned at school?

"Math and how to add and subtract in a way that's really easy."

What do you think are some really important things to learn at school?

"Learning about space!"

What do you think about your teachers?

"My teachers are fun!"

What have you learned about God at school?

"That he raised us and that he loves me."

What is your favorite thing about Houston Christian School?

"Science, Gym and Lunch."

BRODY GROOT

What is the coolest thing you've learned at school?

"Show and share! Someone brought a dirkbike... but it was fake. "

What do you think are some really important things to learn at school?

"To wait your turn."

What do you think about your teacher?

"She's fun and she teaches me about number 6 and 4"

How many years do you want to go to school at HCS?

"Two more years probably."

What is your favorite thing about Houston Christian School?

" I like to play on the playground."



hcs elementary

PRESENTS

How is it that a simple pageant proclaiming the birth of Jesus the Savior replaces the scheduled concert, and who are those singing waitresses? It all comes to pass with '50s fun, Christmas charm, cool tunes, and joy to the world in 'Carol and the Belles,' the newest kids' musical from Little Big Stuff.

Please join us on

TUES DEC 13

at 7 pm

(doors open at 6:30)

for a spectacular musical and dramatic event performed by our K-6 students

