

LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS

What does a "diamond in the rough" look like? For us at LOGAN Hope School, it is seeing each of our students develop into amazing people, just as coal is formed into diamonds. For the last 15 years, our school recognizes that each child is a blessing from God.

We believe that every child is precious and unique and offers rich perspectives and experiences from their own culture and life experiences. Through a holistic educational approach, teachers and administration advocate for both the child and their families in the Logan Hope community. Our goal at LOGAN Hope is not only to have students meet and exceed the national standard, but also to develop the whole child, promote an altruistic character, and develop a passion to faithfully follow Christ and become leaders in the community.

- Ken and Anita MacBain

ALUMNI

Our recent alumni are going on to do great things! In 2016, eight students graduated from LOGAN Hope. Our students are attending a few different schools: Science Leadership Academy, Northeast Magnet, Franklin Learning Center, ASPIRA Olney Charter, Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School and TECH Freire Charter School. Two of our recent graduates are currently working at two major companies in the region as interns. We certainly enjoy hearing from our alumni on all of their achievements. Please contact Rondaya Woodbury at rondaya@loganhope.org with your alumni updates.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

LOGAN Hope Core Values:

Humility Thankfulness Grit Neighborly Love Integrity

In December, we are proud to announce students that represent each core value.

Grit - Sophia (1st)
Humility - Kyran (2nd)
Integrity - Allen (3rd)
Thankfulness - Kayla (4th)
Neighborly Love - Belinda (8th)

We encourage all students to demonstrate five core values while in our building, representing our school out in the community, and at home. At LOGAN Hope, we hope that students not only increase in academic knowledge, but also continue to build character traits that make them good citizens. Students of the Month is one way to reward these students.

READING OLYMPIC TEAMS

Reading Olympics - Each year, students cannot wait for Reading Olympics club to begin. Although LOGAN Hope students are reading all year round, Reading Olympics gives students the chance to use reading for building teamwork and friendships. The club is collaborative and emphasizes student leadership and cooperation as we prepare for our interscholastic team competition in May. We have two Reading Olympic teams based on grade level. The teams meet weekly.

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION BY: CHRISTA ISSLER

Every morning when students begin to gather in the school yard of this Christian school, they enter an environment where there is freedom to share their beliefs. Cambodian-Americans, African-Americans, and others enjoy sharing the stories and beliefs they learn from their families of origin. One student, who describes her descent as African, Italian, German, Irish, and Japanese, loves the melting-pot of ideas she encounters at school. She especially loves learning about Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Thai beliefs about Buddha from her classmates. Students feel secure at LOGAN Hope in sharing any of their beliefs, despite the fact that it is a Christian school.

While Ken and Anita MacBain, the founders of LOGAN Hope, are followers of Jesus Christ, they know that cultivating an environment focused on love and openness is a foundational step in sharing the truth of Jesus Christ. Students hear the gospel message once a week during chapel. But it is the openness, love, and care they receive from the Christian teachers and staff of LOGAN Hope that allows them to lend credence to the content they hear during chapel.

Additionally, LOGAN Hope is blessed to have students like Philip, a seventh-grader, who can engage with students about Christianity on a peer-to-peer level. His efforts have gained enough momentum to initiate a club. Receiving the approval of the principal and the sponsorship of the fourth-grade teacher, Philip regularly meets with eight to twelve students during lunch. Let us lift the students and staff of LOGAN Hope up in prayer in their efforts to cultivate an environment in which the truth of Jesus Christ can be accepted.



Philip reading verses at Bible Club.

LOGAN HOPE UPDATES

- Wonderful donors from St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church and Studio 454 and Company Salon blessed our students and faculty with holiday gifts.
- Our Indoor soccer team advanced to the championship and the final game was on Tuesday, December 13th. We lost, but are grateful to have played in the championship game.
- Our annual Hope Café was a success. Current students, staff, and alumni performed.
- On December 16th, our fifth graders created a European Explorer Museum. Each fifth grader was a different explorer from the 1400-1500's and educated guests about their particular explorer.
- Grace Covenant Church came to our school to bless our children with shoeboxes filled with holiday gifts.
- Cradles to Crayons supplied some of our students with winter coats and winter clothes.
- We are blessed to welcome new staff: afterschool director, part-time accountant, and a development director.
- Our 8th grade students are busy applying to high schools.



- LOGAN Hope is looking to hire a part-time van driver. Please contact Ken at: Ken@loganhope.org.
- Want to get involved? Do you have an idea for a LOGAN Hope fundraiser? Please contact Kimberly Brennan at kimberly@loganhope.org.

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