



Schoerke News

A Quarterly Newsletter for Donors and Friends
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Dear Friends:

Thanks for making a big difference in our lives and the lives of our students and their families.

Special Thanks To:

--Jackie Glace and the teachers and students of Park Lane Elementary School in Darby who are currently organizing a book drive to benefit Heritage Academy

--Marc Dear, Vicki Shelter and the 3rd grade students at Westtown school who are getting close to raising enough funds to ship a container to Heritage in the spring

--Megan Rose & the 8th graders at Westtown School who are really close to their target of setting up an endowed scholarship at Heritage this year and for helping with Change for Heritage and exchanging letters with their counterparts at Heritage.

--The Westtown students who spent Martin Luther King day stuffing envelopes and packing boxes for shipment to Ghana.

--DeAnn Scherer for setting up a visit for us to talk about Heritage Academy to the national honors society at Penncrest High School.

--Melisa Koomson and Megan Rose for the enormous effort they put into producing holiday gifts; and to Katie Metzker for leading the alternative gift event.

--Bonnie Dalzell, Roy Ortman, Ruth Gordon, and the entire St. John's Episcopal Church for the second annual soups on event and quilt raffle.

UPDATES:

-Three Westtown students: Laura McLaughlin, Marisa Okoli, & Katie Metzker returned last month from their senior project at Heritage.

-Matt Zippin of Germantown Friends is currently two weeks into his seven-week stay at Heritage teaching computer science and coaching soccer.

Best wishes to the J3 students at Heritage who will start the National Exams on Monday, APRIL 19TH

Sustainable Farming at Heritage



Andrew Currie, a Westtown graduate and organic farmer in West Chester, PA, spent two weeks with the J3s (9th graders) at Essiam Heritage Academy over the Christmas holidays. Andrew taught the students about sustainability, performed some tests on the soil around the campus, and talked extensively with local farmers in order to better understand the interplay between culture and farming

practices in the region. Andrew's knowledge and experience will be a great benefit as we design a sustainability curriculum for Heritage Academy and plan to start a school farm this summer to produce vegetables for the school kitchen.

DIRECTOR EMERITUS



After many years of tireless work on the behalf of our scholarship students and their families, Captain Andrew C. Schoerke has retired from the board of the Schoerke Foundation. During his time as the director of finance, Captain Schoerke helped expand our donor base and led us through the creation of a financial plan that allowed us to double the number of our scholarship students in three years. Even though he is retiring from active

participation in the running of the foundation, Captain Schoerke will continue to help in our fund-raising efforts and share his experience with current board members when needed.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Enock Adu is a brilliant fourteen year old boy. He is an excellent soccer player, off the charts amazing in math and science, and the first recipient of **The Future Leader Award** which was created by Conestoga High School graduates Kyle Birmingham, Max Schultz, Matt Quinn, Mike Ackerman, Nick Shea, and Peter Hartsock to support a student who is resourceful, persuasive, empathetic, and actively involved in a project to improve his or her community. Enock is a member of the Reading Club which organized a fund-raiser, two reading competitions, and a trip to Accra for Heritage students last spring, and during the rainy season this year he will help raise vegetables for use in the school kitchen. As the oldest of five children, Enock left his parents and siblings in Nkoranza--in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana--three years ago to live with his grandparents in Ajumako so that he can help them with house work and get a better education.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Isabella (Izzy) Dickstein is currently a 7th grader at the Springside School in Philadelphia. During her 6th grade year at Plymouth Meeting Friends School, her class wrote letters to other 6th grade students at Heritage Essiam. As Izzy developed a relationship with her penpal, she realized she wanted to help raise money for scholarships at Heritage Essiam and Ochiso schools. So, in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah, Izzy designed canvas shopping bags to sell and give to friends and family, and encouraged them to donate to Schoerke Foundation. The message on her bag reads, "Harmony and peace, as simple as night and day, pass it on." Not only was Izzy able to provide scholarships for students to attend our schools in Ghana, but she also passed along a message very dear to her. If you would like a bag, contact lrbcraig@gmail.com.

GRANTS FOR SUMMER 2010

The Schoerke Foundation has awarded grants of \$750 each to four students to study with our scholarship students in Ghana for three weeks in the summer of 2010. The grant will cover boarding and lodging, transportation, and all living expenses while in Ghana. The grant recipients are: Phil Boser of Council Rock High School, Bella Dieckmann of Westtown School, Ashleigh Frank of Germantown Friends School, and Amy Kachel of McDaniel College.

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