



Heritage Christian remembers Megan Hill

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For Heritage Christian School, October is a time of fundraising, support and celebration.

Each year, the school designates a day as Megan Hill Celebrate Life Day, which this year will be Oct. 15, said April Wood-

ing, assistant administrator and early education director.

"It's a day when we're remembering a student who passed away from an illness," Wooding said.

Megan Hill was a student at Heritage Christian School who suddenly passed away at the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year, Wooding said.

"She was actually 3," Wooding said. "She was in preschool at the time."

The memory of Megan Hill is still honored at Heritage Christian School, 14 years later.

"Every year, we just try to do something with the students in honor of her," Wooding said. "The students in preschool through second grade, they

draw pictures of a theme. Every year we have a different theme. This year our theme is 'Rooted in God's Love.' The high schoolers are writing essays."

The school is also hoping to have a balloon launch, although that has not yet been secured, Wooding added.

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"What we're doing is, every year, we're choosing a different organization to donate to," Wooding said.

Each year, the chosen organization is one that supports children, she said.

This year, all proceeds from the day will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand, an organization that raises money to fight childhood cancer.

"The students are asking parents, grandparents, members of the church for a donation for Alex's Lemonade Stand," Wooding said.

Names of each student are then written on ribbons that will be displayed during the day's event, she said.

Last year, the school donated its proceeds to Timmy's Fund, a local organization that was formed when the

founders' younger sibling died of cancer, Wooding said.

"One of the founders of it was a student who actually went here," she said.

Although today's students do not remember Megan Hill, it's still important to hold the Celebrate Life event each year, Wooding said.

"We definitely want to celebrate life," she said. "We don't know how many days we have on earth. We want to make sure we're celebrating and enjoying life."

Additionally, Heritage Christian School will be holding a golf fundraiser at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at Clarksburg Country Club.

The fundraiser will benefit Heritage Christian School programs, said Steve Mohr, chairman of the golf committee.

"It's a four-person scramble. Lunch is going to be provided before. There's going to

be a lot of door prizes," he said.

These prizes will include passes to nearby golfing areas.

"It's probably the second largest fundraiser we have at the school," he said.

The annual fundraiser was started five years ago by Mohr and his family.

"It's kind of close to me and our family. My dad was involved in a car wreck on Route 50 going to one of the plays at the school. He loved Heritage Christian School," Mohr said.

Mohr's father passed away following the accident, so the family decided to begin the fundraiser both to support the school and honor his father, he said.

"Even though it doesn't have his name, it has a lot of meaning to the Mohr family, and it's a way to raise money and help the school



Students of Heritage Christian School release balloons in memory of Megan Hill during last year's Celebrate Life. (Submitted photo)

out," he said.

There are spots still open for the day of golf, Mohr said.

"We have about 10 or 11 teams right now," he said. "We'd like to get up to 18 teams."

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