

HUSKY CHAMPION CLUB NEWS



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Inaugural Morse Mini a Big Success

Runners from as far away as Arkansas and New Mexico came to participate in the Inaugural Morse Mini Marathon and as with anything the Hamilton Heights community does, the enthusiasm and unbridled support for the event was second to none. "When we started out on this journey I am not sure any of us knew all that went into putting on an event like the Morse Mini Marathon and 5K," said race director Todd Clevenger. "But as one runner put, if the word inaugural wasn't on the t-shirts, you would never had known it was a first-ever event. That in and of itself speaks volumes of the type of people our community is made up of and the support they have for the student-athletes at Hamilton Heights."

Hundreds of runners came out in support of Hamilton



Morse Mini Marathon Participants Begin Their 13.1-mile Journey

Heights athletics and because of that support the Husky Champion Club was able to provide each team that helped out with a check for \$300. "We had originally promised each team 1% of the profits after expenses if they helped us out with race-day logistics like manning water stations and setting up for the community

expo," explained Clevenger. "But as a club, HCC decided that a check for \$97 wasn't going to do much for any athletic team, so we took over half the profit and split it among the teams who helped and hopefully they can put the \$300 to good use."

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Special points of interest:

Husky Champion Club meets the first Tuesday of each month in room 500 of the high school...everyone is welcome to attend

2010
Morse Mini Marathon
Saturday, September 4th
www.morsemini.com



Husky Champion Club

Hamilton Heights All-Sports Booster Club

For many years now the school district and the athletic community has been very supportive of the endeavors of the Husky Champion Club (HCC). Through our growth as an organization, HCC has changed its mission from simply providing for capital projects to furthering the educational

mission of Hamilton Heights High School by developing the student-athlete as a total person. As a group, we want to foster a scholastic experience that promotes academic achievement, athletic excellence and social responsibility. We celebrate the success of our student-athletes to cultivate pride,

enthusiasm and commitment among faculty, staff, students, alumni and the greater Hamilton Heights community.

In order to continue the services provided by HCC, more involvement is needed by the parents of our

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In all, HCC has distributed over \$6,000 raised from the Morse Mini Marathon and 5k, to athletic teams and individual athletes. Unlike other events that are associated with high schools in the area, all the proceeds from the Morse Mini go directly to the athletic programs at Hamilton Heights High School and as the all-sports booster club, HCC is hoping to make this event the main fundraiser for the year.

The Husky Champion Club has already started working on the 2010 Morse Mini Marathon, which will be held on Saturday, September 4th and if you are inter-

ested in helping or want to register for the event you can go to the Morse Mini website (www.morsemini.com) and click on the "Want to volunteer" or "registration" link on the left side of the homepage.



Photos courtesy of RDK Photography

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athletes. We ask that you get involved by attending our monthly meetings and learning more about what HCC is doing and how you can help. The Husky Champion Club meets the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in room 500 of the high school.

There are a lot of things that need to be done so that we can ensure our student-athletes receive all the benefits from participating in high school athletics, but we cannot continue at the pace set by the founders of HCC without your help!

Please plan on attending an upcoming meeting and joining the Husky Champion Club. Everyone is welcome!

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.....OR AT LEAST IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Carpet and flooring, pulling a few wires, hanging a few lights, connecting the heat and air conditioning and pouring some concrete. Sounds like a lot of work, but to the hardworking, dedicated Husky Champion Club members and parents who have labored for more than 4 years on the locker room project, those things are nothing. "To see the locker room finally coming together and getting so close to being finished is an awesome sight," said part-time painter, part-time finish carpenter and Husky Champion Club President Robin Eckart. "A lot of dedicated people have spent countless hours out here to turn this dream into reality and I think the finished project is going to more than we ever expected it to be."

The expanded locker room will allow the players to each have their own locker, so no more two and three players sharing one. The team will not have stay outside in the elements at halftime or soak in a tub in the parking lot after practice and games. Thanks to St. Vincent's Sports Medicine the new facility houses a state-of-art athletic

training room where athletes can get treatment and there is a team meeting room, large enough to hold all the players at the same time. "There aren't any luxuries in this facility," said Eckart. "What was built is strictly a functional facility that will give our student-athletes some much needed space."

Now of course functional doesn't mean "bargain basement" by any stretch of the imagination. From the Colts' wooden lockers taken out of the RCA Dome to the granite counter tops and the plush carpet in the meeting room, the locker room facility is something that the Hamilton Heights student-athletes and school district can be extremely proud of and will enjoy for years to come.

The Husky Champion Club would like to thank all of our sponsors and community partners for their donations, support and commitment to making this project so successful.



Girl's Volleyball Receives the First-Ever Morse Mini Spirit Award

Morse Mini participants, enjoyed excellent weather, an excellent event and wonderful support from volunteers and spectators throughout what many are calling, "the best course" they've ever run.

And while the actual course was mentioned in a lot of their comments...what 90% of the runners raved about the most, were the enthusiastic and supportive student-athletes manning the water stations along the course.

This type of enthusiasm and support is what will bring runners back in the future and the Husky Champion Club wants to recognize the efforts of the Hamilton Heights student-athletes and has created the Morse Mini Spirit Award. The Spirit Award will be presented each year to the athletes that receive the most comments from the participants about how great they were at their water stop, the starting line or cheering them on at the finish.

At senior night Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Jeff Purichia and Husky Champion Club President Robin Eckart presented this year's Morse Mini Spirit Award to the overwhelming favorites of all the runners in this year's event...the girl's volleyball team.

Congratulations to Head Coach Marianne Collar, Assistant Coach Troy White and all the members of the Girl's Volleyball team on receiving the 2009 Morse Mini Spirit Trophy.



HCC Can Help With Your Holiday Shopping or Any Shopping!

Tired of selling candy, pizzas and gift wrap, the Husky Champion Club has joined thousand of non-profit organizations across the country that are partnering with popular retailers to raise money. HCC is part of the Scrip Program, a revolutionary fundraising method that does away with all the hassles of traditional fundraising.

With Scrip fundraising, people do their regular shopping with gift cards from America's favorite retailers. With each purchase, HCC earns cash rebates that can quickly add up to hundreds even thousands of dollars.

People generate revenue for HCC through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with Scrip. An organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families used Scrip for

theses purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for HCC --without spending an additional penny!!

For example, if you are shopping for a new flat screen television or appliance from Best Buy, you can purchase gift certificates through HCC for the amount of the items and pay for the items with the gift cards. Scrip then sends HCC a rebate anywhere from two to fifteen percent, depending on the retailer.

For a complete list of retailers you can go to www.glscrip.com and click on the retailers list. From the time the order is placed for the gift cards to the time they arrive takes about a week. If you are interested in purchasing Scrip gift cards for the Holidays or any other occasion please contact Robin Mills at 984-5435.

The deadline for Christmas orders is December 11th



HCC Proudly Sponsors Hamilton Heights Indiana East All-Star Soccer Players



Eight Hamilton Heights Boys and Girls soccer players were selected to the 3A Indiana East All-Star teams.

Representing the Lady Huskies were:

Taylor Carl, Danielle Duvall, Alyssa Goodnight and Emily Patterson.

The Boys selected were:

Jonathan Clevenger, Dylan Peck, Stephen Warner and Alex Webber.

"For these athletes to be selected to represent Hamilton Heights High School, the Heights soccer program and the state of Indiana, is nothing short of incredible," said Robert Dowhen, Director of Operations, Indi-

ana East vs West All-Star Games.

As with many All-Star games the players are asked to get sponsors to help defray the costs of uniforms, refs and facility fees and the athletes turned to the Husky Champion Club for sponsorship.

"The Husky Champion Club was honored that we could sponsor our All-Star student-athletes," said Robin Eckart, Husky Champion Club President. "Part of what we are building this club into, is to be an organization that has the ability to help all of our student-athletes with things like All-Star sponsorships and we were extremely happy that we were able to provide the \$800 needed for our 3A Indiana East All-Star soccer player's sponsorships."

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