

HTC @school Newsletter February 2008

Email Update

HTC is here to provide you with any assistance possible to help with classroom presentations, materials, and other resources. For more information, you can reach Nicole Hyman, HTC Senior Marketing Coordinator, by calling 369-8498 or emailing at nicole.hyman@htcinc.net. Visit www.htcschool.com for the latest information about HTC's programs for area schools.

This email update includes information about:

- ❖ And the winner is...
- ❖ Congratulations to Regina Treadwell, Ocean Bay Middle School
- ❖ Hometown Heroes Awards
- ❖ Children's Book Week Results
- ❖ Youth Tour to Washington, DC for high school juniors
- ❖ Bright Ideas Applications reminder
- ❖ REEL Kids Nominations reminder

Thank you for entering your email address to receive bi-monthly email updates from HTC. Congratulations to **Amber Elliott of Green Sea Floyds Elementary**, the winner of a flash drive. Look for more information in the future about special programs and opportunities to win more prizes.



Nicole Hyman congratulates Regina Treadwell of Ocean Bay Middle School for winning the i-pod from our first drawing held in December.



Do You Know a Hero in Your Community?

HTC is seeking nominations for the 2008 Hometown Heroes Awards, now through February 15, 2008. Hometown Heroes are individuals who go that extra mile helping out in the community without asking for anything in return. From volunteering at services, clubs, churches, youth organizations and elder care providers, the civic citizenship groups, local councils and community protection activists, these individuals genuinely make a difference.

HTC will honor one HTC member from each of the cooperative's eight districts, **a teacher and student who are also members**, along with one HTC Communications customer for a total of eleven awards. HTC employees and retirees are not eligible to win a Hometown Heroes Award.

Residents in HTC's service area may nominate individuals by visiting www.sccoast.net or www.htcinc.net to download the nomination form or by visiting any HTC branch office location to pick up a copy of the form. Nominations are due Thursday, February 15, 2008 and need to be sent to Lisa Beverly via fax at 365-0855 or via email at hometownheroes@htcinc.net. The award winners will be recognized at a luncheon held in March.

For more information about the Hometown Heroes Awards, please contact Lisa Beverly, HTC Marketing Coordinator, at 369-8714.



HTC, the *Horry Independent* and the *Loris Scene* were able to reach out to the children of Horry County and support a lifetime of reading through the 2007 Children's Book Week book drive benefiting First Book of Horry County. Over 97 books were collected during the drive and donated to local youth-serving non-profit organizations.



Nicole Hyman, HTC Senior Marketing Coordinator; left, presents Margene Willis, Chairperson for First Book of Horry County with several of the books collected during the drive.



Youth Tour 2008

This June, HTC will sponsor two High School juniors to be one of 100 students to attend the Foundation for Rural Service's 2008 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The tour is scheduled from May 31-June 4, and gives participants a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and the legislative process by visiting Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other governmental agencies. They will also see famous landmarks such as the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institution, Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, U.S. Capital, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Cathedral and Supreme Court. In addition, there will be fun activities to supplement the tour, including the night tour of the city and lunch at Hard Rock Café.

HTC must select **two** qualified candidates based on the following requirements.

Students should:

- Be a high school junior;
- Have at least a C grade point average (GPA) or above;
- Demonstrate leadership in organizations and interest in community through volunteer activities;
- Write a letter explaining why he or she would like to attend and stating his or her future plans beyond high school;
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official.

Parent must be an HTC member.

Guidance counselors at each high school must recommend one student to represent their high school by completing an application form. Guidance

counselors will be receiving a letter and application form for the 2008 Youth Tour the first week in January. All applications must be submitted no later than **Thursday, February 7**. After each application is carefully reviewed, two students will be selected from all applicants by Thursday, March 14, 2008.



Now is the time to Send in Bright Ideas Grant Applications

Although the final selection will not take place until September 2008, teachers and school representatives need to start now completing grant applications for the HTC and HEC Bright Ideas program. Applications can be accessed online at www.htcinc.net, www.htcschool.com and www.horryelectric.com. For more information, please feel free to contact Nicole Hyman, HTC Senior Marketing Coordinator at 369-8498 or Toni Gore, HEC Marketing and Public Relations Assistant at 369-6359.

REEL Kids Nominations are Due!

To date, HTC has received 37 of the 48 HTC REEL Kids nominations so far for Horry County Schools. Please take a moment to nominate students who have been successful despite overcoming obstacles in their lives. Administrators, Guidance Counselors and Teachers need to join together to nominate the most deserving students from their schools. HTC features a student from each school on RiverTalk airing each Friday on HTC Digital Cable Channel 4 at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., and at 6:30 a.m. on CW-21, HTC Digital Cable Channel 16. For more information about the HTC REEL Kids Program, contact Nicole Hyman, HTC Senior Marketing Coordinator, at 369-8498.