



The Hutson School

# Mighty Oak Minutes

January 27, 2012

A Letter from the Head.....

## *Taking the High Road*

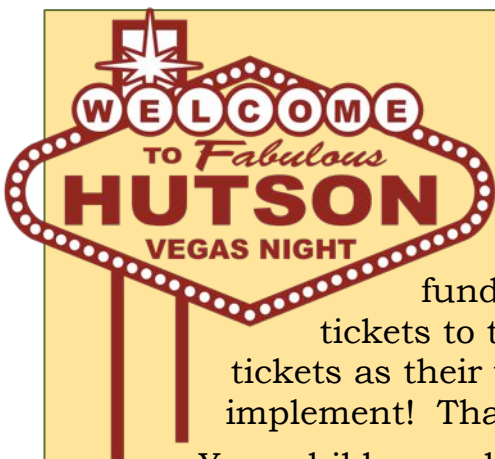
*I love the ability to teach our children virtues that are universal. We have discussed generosity, caring, compassion, honesty, and the like. Most of our children understand these virtues, but practicing them can be tough-even for adults.*

*I was cruising the Internet and decided to check in on a site called "Great Schools" (greatschools.org). The Hutson School is listed along with data about the school. There is also a place for anyone to write an anonymous post about the school. Hutson has around six wonderful posts. There are two posts however, which are very negative to the school. We are very certain that the posts were made by a former disgruntled parent who was taken to court to fulfill her contractual obligation. I believe she was angry and operating from fear. These comments could, however, keep a prospective parent from even coming through our doors. These comments hurt children who may benefit from Hutson. That is when I become upset. Upset for our students who attend. Upset for the staff that works so hard day in and day out. Upset for our parents who believe in this school. However, I need and will take the high road.*

*I believe we have an opportunity to share about our school to a large audience. I would like to encouraging everyone to go to the Great Schools website and post anonymous comments. Let's provide visitors with a multitude of comments rather than just 5 or 6 comments. Truth and knowledge are power. Desperate parents seeking hope look to comments for guidance. We are a Great School!*

*Yours for Hutson,  
Mrs. George*

*\*\*Editor's Note: A negative post has also been added to Education.com. If you would like to post your positive experience with Hutson please post on BOTH sites! Let's not let one ruin it for many!!*



## Parent-to-Parent Ideas

Wondering what you can do to help promote the fundraiser and how to sell raffle tickets. Last year a Hutson family drafted a personal letter to family and friends via email and facebook about their son, Hutson and the fundraiser. In it they suggested ways to help: sponsorship, tickets to the event and raffle tickets. Many of them purchased raffle tickets as their way to show support! This is a great idea and easy to implement! Thank you for sharing your idea!

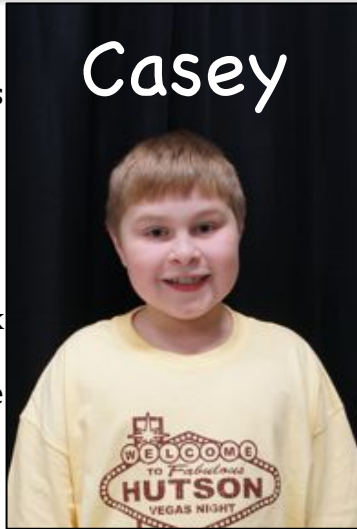
Your child came home with a Vegas T-shirt which can be worn as a uniform shirt in the months preceding the fundraiser!

# WELCOME

Get to know the new additions to our family.....

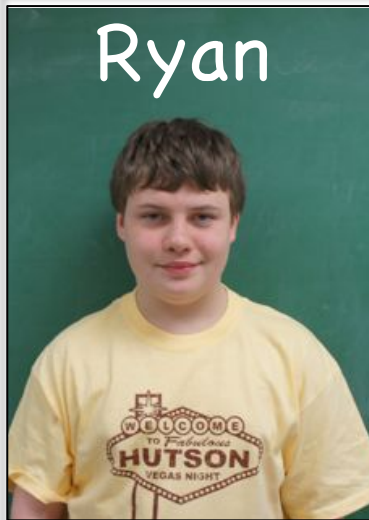
## Casey Greene

Casey is 10 years old and loves outdoor playing especially with buddy, Ben Lurie (also a Hutson student). He likes riding his bike and electric scooter and his favorite toy is legos. He has a 90 pound black lab, Sara, and a rowdy calico cat named Trinity. His favorite summertime activity is swimming & traveling with his Dad!



Casey

## Ryan

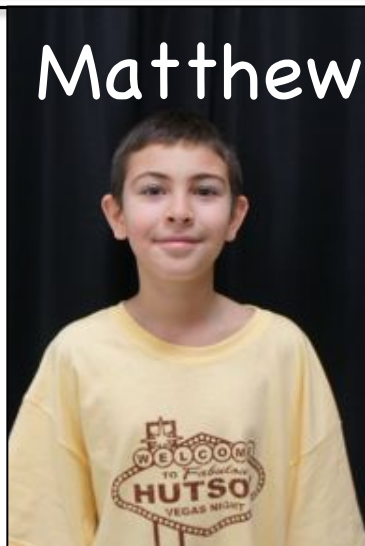


## Ryan West

Ryan is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has an older brother Kyle who is 16 years old. He loves to read and also enjoys playing video games. He has a Cockatiel and a turtle named Gamera! His teacher, Mrs. Ahearn, said he is a pleasure to have in class and is extremely good in math!

## Matthew Doll

He is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and in his free time Matthew enjoys playing with his brother Mark (8). He is a LEGO maniac, loves Star Wars (Clone Wars). He does Tae Kwon Do and likes swimming. His Mom said he knew he belonged at the Hutson School the first day he visited.



Matthew

# VIRTUE

of the Week:

**Honor**...To help explain this virtue Mrs. George had high school students, Matt Fredericci (a young Marine) and Grant Stewart (an Eagle Scout) explain what honor means to them which is loyalty, being faithful and showing respect to others. Mrs. George stated how Honor means to not make promises you can't keep, not to take what isn't yours and to choose to do the right thing!

Ask your child what honor means to them and how they can exhibit this virtue!



The Student Council is doing it again. They have organized a way for our students to learn the value of giving back while having fun! The fundraiser is *Pennies for Patients*. The Lower School (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) will have boxes in each room where they can bring in change to raise funds for this cause. The one with the most change gets an ice cream sundae party!

The Junior High and High School will compete against each other. Whichever group has the most pennies wins.....but there is a catch. If SILVER coins are put in the competitor's box then points are subtracted!! So this could get very competitive between these two groups!

## Mark Your Calendar

### January

30	3:30-5:00	Art Club - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
30	3:30-5:00	Drama Club - 7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
31	12-12:45	StuCo Meeting

### February

1		Hot Lunch - Pizza
2	3:30-4:15	Jump Rope Club
3	8:30am	Family Meeting
3	12:30pm	Early Dismissal
5		SUPERBOWL