



HOPE Happenings

September 2011

Mary's Notes

Dear Parents,
Welcome to HOPE Pre-school! The final days of summer are winding down and the smell of newly sharpened pencils fills the air. We are thrilled to have your child and family join us for the 2011-2012 school year. The staff is anxiously waiting to welcome the nearly 265 children who are beginning their educational journey here at HOPE. As with each school year, we at HOPE strive to provide your children

with the very best foundation. We have hired the most qualified, and enthusiastic staff to support you throughout this endeavor. A close partnership between home and school will foster a successful school year. Each month the pre-school office will publish "HOPE Happenings" which will provide valuable information about what is happening here at HOPE and also throughout our community.

Please be aware that the office is always available to support you in any way possible. We will continuously strive to live up to our school name: HOPE.

Helping
Our
Preschoolers'
Education

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to be a part of your child's early educational experience.

Mary



Welcome Back!

September Highlights

- 6 - 9 Conferences
- 12 First day of classes at HOPE Begin
- 20 & 21 Music Classes Begin

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General Information

Phone: 703-729-HOPE - Please call to report absences

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Preschool Hours:

AM: 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

PM: 12:45 - 3:30 p.m.

TUITION

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 10th of each month, including automatic payments generated from your bank, will incur a \$25 late fee, which will automatically be applied to your child's tuition account.

Please make checks payable to [HOPE Preschool](#).

Payment Methods

You can pay your child's tuition several ways.

- Check or money order. You can mail your check or drop it off in the tuition box located in the preschool office.
- Automatic payment through your financial institution.

Please contact Shelley in the preschool office if you have any questions at

slarrabee@hopepreschool.org.

*Any collected late fees will go towards the Sandra Rolston Fund.



Monthly Tuition Rates for 2011-12

2 day - \$210

3 day - \$260

4 day - \$310

5 day - \$350

HOPE Snack Policy

HOPE Preschool attempts to be a PEANUT FREE facility. Children with any food allergy to any degree must provide their own snack on a daily basis. This also includes children who have dietary restrictions. Otherwise, snack is provided for the entire class by families on a rotating basis. Check your child's calen-

dar for his/her turn.

When providing snack for your child's class, opt for healthy choices. Beverages are not required as we encourage the children to pour their own water. This reinforces independence, while providing a beneficial option to juice boxes.



Carline Policy



HOPE Preschool offers a carline during drop-off and pick-up for your convenience. We ask that you follow these rules to ensure the safety of all children:

- Drive Slowly
- NO CELL PHONES
- NO Left-Hand turns out of our parking lot
- If you see the orange flag displayed on the building, carline is

OVER, and you will have to park your vehicle to walk your child to his/her classroom or pick up from the office. Late pick ups may result in a \$15 late fee.

- Children using carline must have a child restraint device in the vehicle. This includes grandparents, nannies, or others who will be picking up your child.
- Once your child has been placed in your car, pull into a vacant

parking space and secure your child properly if the teacher is unable to do so.

- DO NOT get out of your car for any reason while in carline.
- Follow the one-way loop as shown in the parent handbook.
- Place your car in park when loading and unloading children.
- Please relay these rules to others who may be transporting your child.

Inclement Weather Policy

HOPE Preschool follows a similar schedule to Loudoun County Public Schools when closing or delaying school opening. The following is our Inclement Weather policy:

If LCPS is delayed 1 **OR** 2 hours, HOPE will open at 10 am.

Delays **DO NOT** affect PM classes.

If LCPS is **CLOSED**, HOPE Preschool is **CLOSED**.

Check our website at:

www.hopepreschool.org

for updates on weather related delays or closings.

Email notifications will also be sent to families.



Scholastic Book Club

HOPE Preschool participates in the Scholastic Book Club program each month during the school year. This is a voluntary opportunity for families who wish to purchase items for their children. Families may participate in the program by purchasing items and making checks payable to **Scholastic Book Club**. Items will be ordered and delivered to your child's classroom teachers when

they are received. HOPE Preschool receives bonus points for items purchased. These points can then be used to order books and equipment that benefit the entire school. Thank you for participating in the Scholastic Book Club Program.

Please note that HOPE Preschool does not participate in online ordering.



Absentee Policy

HOPE Preschool values the importance of keeping parents informed of the various childhood illnesses affecting our students. We encourage all families to notify the HOPE office of all student absences by calling 703-729-4673 (HOPE). If a child has been diagnosed by a physician, we will send an anonymous letter to all applicable parents. This is just another endeavor to keep communication between

home and school at the forefront.

If we send your child home early from school due to a potentially contagious condition, he/she must remain out of preschool for at least 24 hours. This means that a child may not return to HOPE the day after being sent home.

Keep your child home with the following symptoms:

- Fever or unusual behavior
- Vomited in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Excessive coughing or sneezing
- Crusty nose or mucus
- Pink eye / oozing eye
- Unusual spots or rash on skin



HOPE Preschool Website - www.hopepreschool.org



Bookmark HOPE Preschool as a favorite on your computer!! We will attempt to keep all HOPE Happenings and calendar information up to date. In an effort to save a few trees and go green, the HOPE Happenings newsletter will be online. Since the HOPE office will be utilizing email correspondence, please keep us updated with new email addresses. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate staff member for assistance.

Tuition information, contact Shelley Larrabee at slarrabee@hopepreschool.org

Additional carline number requests, contact Francie Chiado at fchiado@hopepreschool.org

CUMC/HOPE facilities, contact Glenn Colucci at gcolucci@crossroadsnova.org

Email address changes, contact Katie Carroll at kcarroll@hopepreschool.org

Security Procedure



HOPE Preschool is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the children and its staff. Throughout the school year, we will have our front doors and Fellowship Hall doors locked while children are in attendance. Doors will be open and unlocked during drop-off and pick-up times. This procedure allows us to maintain a secure facility. If you visit during school hours, please use the door bell at entrance #3 to gain admittance. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Please make every attempt to arrive at your scheduled arrival time. Once the doors are locked, we have fewer staff available to personally unlock doors.

September Bible Verses

Let's go to God's house.	Psalm 122:1
God made us and we are His.	Psalm 100:3
Do not be afraid, God is with us.	Isaiah 41:10
We work together.	1 Corinthians 3:9



Upcoming Events

October is a busy month at HOPE Preschool. The children will visit the pumpkin patch, attend their first Praise and Celebration and participate in a Halloween parade.

Your child's teacher will send home a monthly calendar, which will specify your date and time for these events.

October

10	Columbus Day Holiday - HOPE is Closed
11 - 13	Pumpkinville Field Trips
24 & 25	Praise & Celebration Begins! Donation: Boxed Cereal and Diapers
27 & 31	Halloween Parades (Before you purchase your costume, please know that your child cannot wear masks during the parade. Also, NO witch, devil or scary costumes.)