



HOPE Happenings

November 2011

Mary's Notes

Last week a friend of mine reminded me that it's never too late to learn something new. My husband and I were in need of guidance with removing a dead tree before it fell onto our house. Our friend came to help with the tree removal since we needed assistance on how/where to properly saw into the tree to ensure it didn't crash into the house. Instead of taking the chain saw from my husband, he reminded us that "experience is how you learn." For a moment, I had a legitimate fear of the tree crashing

into the house, but that soon passed. I realized that our friend was going to be present, offer guidance and support, and be there for the completion of the task at hand. I honestly had to stop and remind myself that this is one of the primary responsibilities we as parents have towards our children. When children are faced with a new task that may seem too difficult, scary, or time consuming, we as adults need to step back and allow them

the opportunity to learn by doing even if it is easier, more convenient for us, and especially if we fear they will ultimately fail. As adults we should be ever present to our children. Continuously offer guidance and support; no matter what the outcome may be, always be there for the duration of the task at hand. How beneficial my friend's presence was to us! The tree is now safely cut into fire wood and my house has its walls and roof intact!

Happy November!

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.

HOPE is



November

Highlights

- 1 - 3 Picture Day
- 6 Daylight Savings Ends
- 7 & 8 HOPE & LCPS Closed
- 9 & 10 Fire Department Visits
- 21 & 22 Thanksgiving Celebrations
- 23 - 25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 & 29 Praise & Celebration

Collection: **Canned Fruits & Vegetables & Diapers**

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Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated boxed cereal and diapers at our October Praise & Celebration. We were able to collect 195 donations! (315 pounds!)

November's collection will be: **Canned Fruit and Vegetables and Diapers**



Praise & Celebration Schedule

November 28th

Monday AM

9:15-9:30 Blue, Dolphin, Purple, Rainbow, Yellow

9:45-10:00 Brown, Cardinal, Dino, Green, Duck, Red

Monday PM

1:00-1:15 All PM classes

November 29th

Tuesday AM

9:15-9:30 All T/TH classes



Bella & Freddie



2011 18th Annual Ashburn Farm Race for HUMBLE School

The 18th annual Ashburn Farm 10K/5K/2K race will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, 2011. All proceeds from this race go to support the children graduated from and currently attending HUMBLE school in Lukojjo Village, Uganda. You may register online at www.active.com



or download an entry form at www.ashburnfarm10k.com.

For more information, contact Jen Score at (540)729-7563 or jscore@crossroadsnova.org. You may also visit the CUMC website at www.everydaylifewithgod.org.

Picture Day

Splendid Portraits will be at HOPE Preschool November 1st through the 3rd. Individual and group portraits will be taken. Photos are NOT prepaid. Portraits will be back in time for the holidays.

Some photos will display your child's name on the picture. Please let your child's teacher

know if you would like something other than what is on your class list; i.e. "James" instead of "Jimmy."

November 1 - All T/Th AM Classes

November 2 - All MW & MWF AM
All PM Classes

November 3 - All M-TH & M-F AM
Classes



Cold Weather

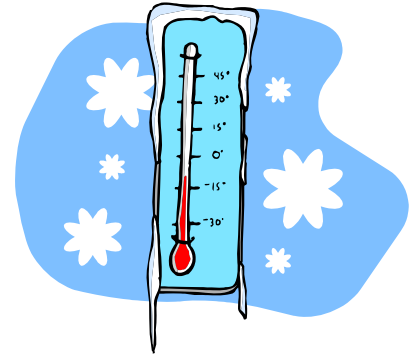
As the weather continues to change and the days are cooler, please remember these guidelines when sending your child to school:

- Dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Layers help children who may get cold outside and warm in the classroom.
- Children must be prepared to play outside. They cannot "opt out" of

outdoor recess due to chilly conditions. We do go outside everyday weather permitting.

- If your child is not well enough to participate in all activities at school, they are not well enough to attend school.

Thank you for
your assistance.



Scholastic Book Club

HOPE Preschool participates in the Scholastic Book Club program each month during the school year. We participate as a school, therefore we cannot accept online orders or orders directed towards specific teachers.

HOPE Preschool receives bonus points for items purchased,

which are used to order books and equipment that benefit the entire school.

- Checks should be made payable to: **Scholastic Book Club**.
- **NO CASH ACCEPTED!**
- **Please be sure to fill out your child's name on order form.**



Absentee Policy



THANK YOU to those parents who have kept their child home when they weren't feeling well. Your assistance goes a long way toward keeping HOPE a healthy learning environment for children and staff.

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 with a potentially contagious condition, we will send an anonymous letter to all applicable parents.

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.

Keep your child home with the following symptoms:

- Fever
- 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

Tuition

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 10th of each month will incur a \$25 late fee.

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

Payments may be placed in the tuition box located in the HOPE office or mailed. **No payments should be submitted via your child's backpack or given to any staff member.**

Monthly Tuition Rates for 2011-12

- 2 day - \$210
- 3 day - \$260
- 4 day - \$310
- 5 day - \$350



*All late fees collected (tuition or late pick-up) go towards the Sandra Rolston Fund which awards scholarships to families who show financial need.



Mary and former Director Sandra Rolston

November Bible Verses

Bring an offering to thank God.

God gives us food.

Being cheerful keeps you healthy.

Share what you have.

1 Chronicles 16:29

Psalms 136:25

Proverbs 17:22

Hebrews 13:16



Upcoming Events

In December, your child will be performing in HOPE's Christmas Program. This is a wonderful time for children and families. Due to space constraints, some classes will perform first then celebrate in the classroom after while others will party first, then assemble for the performance in the sanctuary. **The following are the performance times.** Check your December class calendar for specific party information.



Tuesday, December 20th

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Blue Butterfly, Dino, Green Frog, Purple Panda

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Cardinal, Lucky Duck, Red Balloon, Yellow Bird

Wednesday, December 21st

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Blue Butterfly, Purple Panda, Rainbow, Yellow Bird

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Brown Bear, Green Frog, Dolphin, Red Balloon

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dino, Dolphin, Lucky Duck, Purple Panda, Rainbow