



HOPE Happenings

October 2011

Mary's Notes

Dear Parents,
 Happy October! Daylight hours are dwindling down and we can sense a slight chill in the morning air. There is nothing quite like the change of seasons that make us all take notice to the beauty of Mother Nature's changing ways. Isn't Autumn just beautiful!

Along with the change of seasons comes the realization that we are sometimes forced to cram a bit extra into our schedules due to the lack of daylight hours.

Unfortunately, we don't always realize the impact this has on our children. Children must be given the opportunity to have some kind of scheduled down time. What better way to have down time than to take your child for a walk and see the beauty which is all around us. Encourage them to see the changing leaf colors, the smell of Autumn, and perhaps notice a squirrel rummaging through some leaves with an acorn in its

mouth.

I promise that if you take a break from your hectic schedules and take a walk with your child, you will soon feel like a kid yourself.

Happy Autumn,
 Mary & Katie



October

Highlights

- 10 Columbus Day
HOPE is Closed
- 11-13 Pumpkinville Field Trips
- 21 Original Works Due Date
- 24 & 25 Praise & Celebration*
- 27 & 29 Halloween Parades

*Donation:

Cereal & Diapers

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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.

HOPE is



Praise & Celebration

Each month the children of HOPE attend Praise & Celebration in the CUMC Sanctuary. A group of four parent volunteers work to create an enriching program that reinforces the monthly scriptures. Typically a non-perishable donation is requested to help support Loudoun Interfaith Relief which is located in Leesburg that helps the needs of families in Loudoun County.

This month we will be collecting:

Boxed Cereal & Diapers

Thank you - Betsy Good, Jen McNally, Brandy Smith and Jen Zitelli for volunteering your time and talent to entertain the students of HOPE Preschool.



Fundraisers

HOPE Preschool will be participating with "Original Works" for one of our fundraisers. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. Each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of products, such as: magnets, mugs, mouse pads and note cards. Your

child will be bringing home a packet with more information. Order forms and artwork are due by October 21st. Thank you in advance for supporting HOPE Preschool. Money raised will be used for enrichment opportunities for our students.

Orders will be received in time for the holidays!



Preschool Yoga

Tired of driving your kids to activities and waiting for them to be over? Need some quality time with your little one? Would you like to involve your child into something non-competitive and grow its creativity? Then Kids Yoga is for you!

Kids Yoga class combines fun,

creativity, music and a lot of yoga movement into one! You will have time to do poses along with your child along with a short opening prayer and quieting meditations for use at bedtime and nap time every day at home.

Classes are led by Magda Usiskin, a certified Kids Yoga

instructor and will be held on Sundays October 16, 23, and 30 from 3-4 PM. Visit <http://www.everydaylifewithgod.org/events/2011-10-16/preschool-yoga> to register today!

Contact Cathy Norman at cnorman@crossroadsnova.org for more information.

Pumpkinville Field Trips

Each October HOPE Preschool students attend a school-wide field trip to Pumpkinville in Leesburg. Over three days (October 11,12,13) students from HOPE will attend this field trip with their classmates. Each child must be accompanied by his/her own chaperone.

Cost: \$7.50 (ages 2 - adult)

Children under 2 years are FREE.

In the event we have inclement weather, please refer to the HOPE Preschool website for weather related updates.

www.hopepreschool.org

Specific information about your child's scheduled visit will come in the backpacks.

Field Trip Consent forms are due by October 5th.



I Spy...

I spy with my little eye... someone who lost a bet. Can you guess who?



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**.

Thank you for your continued support.



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.

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.

Monthly Tuition Rates for 2011-12

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

*Please note that if you have set up an electronic payment through your bank, we must receive the check by the 10th of the month or a late fee will be applied to your tuition account.



Security Procedure

Doors will be unlocked 5 minutes before arrival/dismissal times each day. You are welcome to enter at entrance #1 and wait in Fellowship Hall during inclement weather. For your convenience, there is a restroom located next to Fellowship Hall, as well.



October Bible Verses

Be glad and sing songs to God.

God gave us ears to hear and eyes to see.

God hears me when I pray.

Help one another.

Psalm 9:2

Proverbs 20:12

Psalm 66:19

Galatians 5:13



Upcoming Events

In November, your child will have their school photos taken, receive a visit from the fire department and attend our monthly Praise & Celebration in our Sanctuary. They will also discuss Thanksgiving and celebrate with a feast.

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

November

1 - 3

6

7 & 8

9 & 10

21 & 22

23 - 25

28 & 29

Picture Days at HOPE Preschool

Daylight Savings Time Ends

HOPE and LCPS are CLOSED

Fire Department Visits

Thanksgiving Celebrations

Thanksgiving Break - HOPE & LCPS are CLOSED

Praise & Celebration - Sanctuary

Collection: Canned Fruits & Vegetables & Diapers