



# HOPE Happenings

## February 2012

### Mary's Notes

Dear Parents,  
Happy February! We have so many terrific things happening around the preschool that you will want to make a copy of this month's newsletter and have it handy for reference throughout the month. It promises to be a fun time for all! As many of you are aware, each month I like to use the newsletter to write an article that impacts children. I think by now, all families have come to expect my continued attempts to keep cell phone use off during arrival/dismissal in our parking lot. Many families agree with this safety issue and faithfully join me in making it a top priority. I know technology is a wonderful tool, but when it negatively impacts parent/child interactions I feel saddened. Children should never have to compete with phones or other forms of technology for their parent's attention. When I

hear that a child wants create a phone app so mom or dad will look at a picture they created at school instead of taking the time to see the "real" masterpiece in person, it is troubling. Your children grow so quickly; don't miss out on any of the fun because you were on a call. Please refrain from being on your cell phones when your children are present. They are getting short changed with your attention. I promise that your child is better than any app you can find on your phone!

Mary



A friend loves at all times.  
Proverbs 17:17

### General Information

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

Website: [www.hopepreschool.org](http://www.hopepreschool.org)

Please like us on Facebook!

Preschool Hours:

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

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

### February

- 1 Dad's Night - All PM classes
- 6 & 7 HOPE Post Office
- 13&14 Valentine's Parties
- 15 **Registration**
- 20 Presidents' Day - HOPE is CLOSED
- 21&22 Dentist Visits
- 21-29 Parent / Teacher Conferences (see class calendar)
- 27 Class Transfer Coupons Available
- 27&28 Praise & Celebration

### March

- 1&2 Parent/Teacher Conferences continued

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## Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated items at our January Praise & Celebration. We collected 264 items!

February Praise & Celebration dates are:  
**February 27th & 28th**

**February's items of need are:**  
**Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Razors, Deodorant and Diapers**

### Praise & Celebration Schedule

#### 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

#### Tuesday AM

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

## Toys For Tots

HOPE Preschool would like to thank all the families that donated toys for Toys for Tots in December. We collected 150 items.

Thank you for your generosity!



## HOPE T-Shirts are HERE!!!

Do your younger children wish they had spirit wear? Well now they can! HOPE will be selling youth size t-shirts at registration. The cost is \$10 per shirt and proceeds go directly towards HOPE. Thanks in advance for your continued support. A special thank you to HOPE

parent Sandy Bricka for making spirit wear available for your children.



## Inclement Weather Policy

If Loudoun County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours  
HOPE Preschool opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Dismissal remains at 11:45 a. m.  
Delays DO NOT affect  
afternoon classes.

If Loudoun County Schools are CLOSED  
HOPE Preschool is CLOSED  
Please refer to our website or your local news  
for delay and closing information.



## Carline Requests

We've had parents comment on the excessive speed in the parking lot - please slow down! We would like to ask that you please have your child's shoes and coat on when arriving at the school. We do not have staff available to dress your child upon arrival. Also, please remember that if you

need to buckle your child, please pull up to an open parking space to secure your child.

Also, please NEVER be on a cell phone in our lot!!

**THANK YOU!!**

# Registration for School Year 2012-2013

Registration for currently enrolled families and alumni families will be held on February 15, 2012 in Fellowship Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Items needed at registration include a \$125 registration fee check made payable to HOPE Preschool,

as well as a copy of your child's birth certificate if your child is new to HOPE Preschool. Registration forms will be available the morning of registration.



Results will be posted on 2/22/12 in preschool foyer.

## Remember...

Each child must have a physical form on file by August 1st, 2012 to be enrolled at HOPE Preschool. The physical must have been performed no more than 12 months prior to the first day of the school year, September 10, 2012. Forms may be downloaded from our website.

**Your tuition account must be current in order for you to register your child(ren) for next year.**

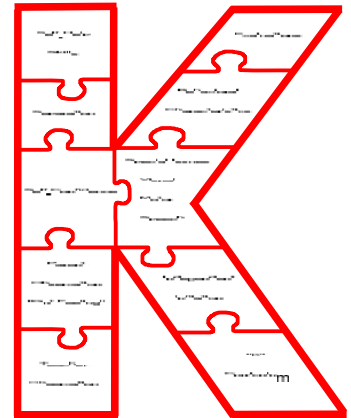
## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please refer to your child's class calendar or conference schedule for your assigned date and time to meet with your child's teacher.

This conference is an opportunity for your child's teacher to discuss with you your child's progress. Please take this opportunity to ask

any questions you may have regarding your child's progress.

Each class will be in session as scheduled, lead by the assistant teacher and a parent volunteer.



## Absentee Policy

As many of you are aware, we at HOPE take great pride in notifying families of confirmed illnesses of our students. We appreciate the numerous phone calls from families who share this news with the office.

Parents can also help prevent spreading illness by observing certain guidelines:

Please keep your child home if they have 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
- Unusual behavior



## Valentine's Day Song

### Oh, Valentine

Sung to "Oh, Christmas Tree"

Oh valentine, oh valentine,  
Oh, won't you be my valentine?  
Oh valentine, oh valentine,  
Oh, won't you be my valentine?  
You're wonderful! I think you're neat!  
You're beautiful, and oh, so sweet!  
Oh valentine, oh valentine,  
Oh, won't you be my valentine?



## Valentine's Parties

Please remember that HOPE Preschool is "Candy Free." Please do not bring candy to these celebrations or attach candy to valentines.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping HOPE "candy free."



## Dental Health Month

We are very pleased to host Ashburn Children's Dentistry to celebrate Dental Health Month. They will be visiting HOPE Preschool February 21st and 22nd. Proper dental hygiene will be shared with the students of HOPE.



## February Bible Verses

Love God with all your heart.  
God knows how many hairs are on your head.  
God loves us always.  
A friend loves at all times.

Mark 12:30  
Luke 12:7  
Psalm 107:1  
Proverbs 17:17



## Upcoming Events



**The Circus is coming to town!** HOPE will be selling discounted tickets to the upcoming Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Patriot Center. Please see the flyer that was sent home in backpacks for details. Children age 2 and up need a ticket.

A portion of sales will go to HOPE Preschool. Thank you to HOPE parent Julie Harris for organizing this fun event. Please email Julie at [julie.harris611@gmail.com](mailto:julie.harris611@gmail.com) with any questions.

## March

1 & 2  
11  
12 & 13  
14-16  
26 & 27

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Daylight Savings Begins  
Funtastic Fitness  
Class Transfer Coupons available  
St. Patrick's Day  
Praise & Celebration  
(Canned Fruit & Vegetables & Diapers)

