



# HOPE Happenings

## December 2024 / January 2025



Dear HOPE Families,

It's such a special time of year as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and welcome a new year! For our little ones at HOPE, Christmas often means Santa, gifts, and excitement, and there are some fun surprises in store for them in class.

But Christmas is also a wonderful time to focus on the gifts we can't wrap—like time and attention. Our hope for your family is that you find moments in the busyness to truly connect, sharing the joy of being together. If you celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus, it's a beautiful opportunity to share your beliefs and the wonder of the Christmas story, bringing even more meaning to the season.

We're so excited for this year's Christmas Program! It's one of our most beloved traditions and a heartwarming highlight of the year. Seeing your little ones sing for their families is such a sweet and special gift for all of us. As we look ahead to 2025, I want to share a few reminders:

### Morning Arrival

School begins at 9:00 a.m., and that first 15-20 minutes is more than just playtime—it's valuable learning time! During this period,

your child practices decision-making, time management, and working together with others, all while teachers observe and guide. It's also an important opportunity for one-on-one activities and skill-building, which become even more critical as we head into spring assessments. Being on time helps set the tone for their day and ensures they don't feel like they're missing out.

### Weather Closures

As you know, January weather can be unpredictable, and we may be in for some big snow this year! If Loudoun County Public Schools close for inclement weather, HOPE Preschool will close as well. Please check your email, our website, and social media for updates. You can also sign up for alerts at [loudoun.gov/alert](http://loudoun.gov/alert). With all these options, you'll be well-informed about any changes to our schedule.

### Fall 2025 Registration

Once we return from Winter Break, registration and enrollment information for Fall 2025 will be available on our website. As currently enrolled families, you'll receive all the details about the process directly from us. We wish you a joyful and meaningful Christmas, and a healthy and happy new year!

With love,  
The HOPE Preschool Team

### December Highlights

Nov. 25	HOPE for the Homeless Drive begins
16	Science Explorers
18 & 19	Christmas Shows
23- Jan. 3	HOPE is CLOSED

### January Highlights

6	Classes resume
20	MLK, Jr. Day HOPE is CLOSED
27-29	HOPE open/LCPS closed
28 & 29	Praise & Celebration

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## General Information

Phone: 703-729-4673 - Please call to report absences.

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

Refer tuition inquiries to: [dflowers@hopepreschool.org](mailto:dflowers@hopepreschool.org)

Preschool Hours: Morning 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Extended Day 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



## Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated

January Praise & Celebration dates are: January 28th & 29th.

**January's collection will be Pasta, Canned Soup, Diapers, & Rice.**

### Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - January 28th

**9:15-9:30** Owls, Turtles, Blue Butterflies, Brown Bears, and Green Frogs.

Wednesday AM - January 29th

**9:15-9:30** Giraffes, Lucky Ducks, Ladybugs, Purple Penguins, & Busy Bees.



## HOPE for the Homeless - Loudoun Mobile Hope

Over 2,100 precariously housed children and young adults reside in Loudoun County. HOPE Preschool will have its annual collection, to benefit Loudoun Mobile Hope, Nov. 25th —Dec. 6th. Please check the list on page 5 for current needs and consider making a donation. Thanks in advance for making a positive difference in the lives of these children.



## Christmas Show Schedule

The following is the schedule for our Christmas Shows, which will be held on December 18th & 19th.

**Please refer to your child's class calendar and newsletter for information pertaining to your classroom celebration time.**

### Christmas Program Schedule

Wednesday, December 18th

9:15 a.m.

Purple Penguins, Green Frogs, & Lucky Ducks

10:45 a.m.

Giraffes, Ladybugs, & Brown Bears

Thursday, December 19th

9:15 a.m.

Blue Butterflies and Owls

10:45 a.m.

Turtles and Busy Bees



## December and January Bible Verses

God is good.  
Treat others the way you would have them treat you.  
We saw His star and have come to worship Him.  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Don't worry about anything.  
Be kind to one another.  
Give thanks to God with instruments.  
God spreads snow like a blanket.



# Christmas Eve Worship Services at Crossroads

Sunday, December 24th at 3, 5, 7 & 9 p.m.



Join Crossroads in person or online on our website (<https://www.crossroadsnova.org/>) or our Facebook page. All services will experience an inspiring message from Pastor Tim, favorite classic Christmas Carols, Communion, and "Silent Night" sung with candlelight. Nursery care will be offered at 3, 5, & 7 p.m. services.

## Breakfast with Santa—December 8th

Join Santa for breakfast on Sunday, December 8th. We will have two sittings, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. and a chance to take pictures with Santa at both session. At 10 a.m., join us for a family focused worship service where will feature the movie Elf and learn what biblical lessons can be learned from this family favorite. Sign up here: <https://www.crossroadsnova.org/breakfast-with-santa/>

## Inclement Weather Policy

If Loudoun County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours HOPE Preschool opens at 10:00 a.m. (Dismissal time remains the same.)

If Loudoun County Public Schools are CLOSED HOPE Preschool is CLOSED.



Please refer to our website or your local news for delay and closing information.

\*Please dress appropriately for the changing weather.

\*Please adjust car seat straps to accommodate bulky coats and jackets.

## Absentee Policy

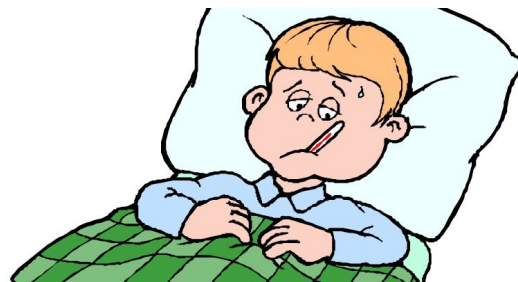
THANK YOU to those parents who have kept their child home when they weren't feeling well. Your assistance goes a long way toward keeping HOPE a healthy place for children.

All families should notify the HOPE office of ALL student absences by calling 703-729-4673.

If a child has been diagnosed by a physician with a contagious illness, we will send a confidential email to all affected families.

Keep your child home with the following symptoms:

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomit in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Positive Covid, Flu, Strep, or RSV
- Excessive coughing or sneezing
- Crusty nose or mucus
- Pink eye/oozing eye
- Unusual spots or rash on skin
- Head Lice



## 2025-26 Registration is right around the corner!

Attention **currently enrolled families & siblings** of currently enrolled students: If you are planning to enroll a child for the 2025-2026 school year, here's how registration will take place:

During the first week of January 2025, the HOPE Preschool office will email the application for the 2025- 2026 school year to all of our currently enrolled families. Families then print this application and fill it out. Please complete a separate form for each child you are registering. The completed applications, along with the \$175 non-refundable application fee per child and copy of their birth certificate (for a sibling), must be returned to the preschool office by Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Applications will be processed in the order they are received so please return the application and payment in a timely manner for the best chance to secure your child's placement for the next school year. Returning families will receive an email with their child's class placement by Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Alumni families should contact the preschool office (703-729-4673) to receive the appropriate application, or access the application on our website ([www.hopepreschool.org](http://www.hopepreschool.org).)

People who have had no prior affiliation with the preschool (public) should access our web site ([hopepreschool.org](http://hopepreschool.org)) to fill out an online application beginning the first week in January 2024. There is no fee to do this. Once our currently enrolled students, the siblings of our currently enrolled students and alumni students are registered, we will begin to register the public students. Public families will be notified by phone with class offers. If the offer is accepted, families will need to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate as well as the \$175 non-refundable registration fee. Once those items are received, the child is fully registered for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact the preschool office with any questions.

## Lunch Bunch - Weekly Monday-Thursday 12:00—1:30 p.m.

The kids love meeting new friends and eating lunch at school. Lunch bunch registration is done each month by submitting forms and payment to the preschool office.

\*Please remember that no foods containing nuts, tree nuts or nut products can be served. This also includes food that is processed on equipment where nuts have been processed.

\*Please label any food that could be questionable to avoid a call from staff. (example: sunflower butter)

\*\*Your child's tuition account must be paid up to date in order to participate.\*\*



## Fundraiser night at Chin-Chin Cafe

On Wednesday, the 18th of December, HOPE Preschool is partnering with with Chin-Chin Café for a Fundraiser night! For every delivery, take-out or dine-in order, HOPE will receive 20% of the sales!

# HOPE for the Homeless

Each year at the holidays, HOPE Preschool conducts a donation drive to benefit Mobile Hope Loudoun.

Mobile Hope (<https://mobile-hope.org/>) provides support and emergency shelter to youth up to age 24 who are at-risk, precariously housed or homeless and empowers them to become self-sufficient. These children attend every school across Loudoun County. Most of our elementary schools serve young children who have no stable bed to call their own. Beginning 11 years ago, Mobile Hope became the first emergency relief center in Loudoun County where children and young adults can get help, no questions asked.

Our donation drive will begin on **November 25th** and continue through **December 6th, 2024**. On the morning of **December 6th**, the Mobile Hope van will visit HOPE Preschool to collect our donations. If possible, we plan to have some of our students greet the van, see the items being loaded, and have a group photo taken with the van!

If you would like to help with this cause, please place any of the following items on the collection table in HOPE Preschool's lobby:

- **GIFT CARDS:** Fast Food, Gas, Grocery Store, Pharmacies, Convenience Stores, Walmart, Target.
- **Hygiene Items:** Diapers, Chapstick, Shampoo (traditional & dry), Conditioner, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Feminine Products, Brushes, Combs, Tissues, Hand Warmers
- **INDIVIDUAL Food Servings:** Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Proteins of all kinds, Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Macaroni, Hearty Soups, Snacks, Peanut Butter Crackers, Saltines, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Mini Cereals, Shelf-stable Milk.

Unfortunately, we CANNOT accept the following items:

- Any food item containing tree nuts
- Stuffed animals
- Used clothing

**THANK YOU** for joining the HOPE Preschool family in bringing HOPE to the homeless and precariously housed children of Loudoun County!!

