

HOPE Happenings

February 2025



HOPE's Notes

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the midpoint of our school year! Our little ones have grown so much since September, and each day is filled with laughter, songs, hands-on learning, fun projects, and exciting play. While they're busy having fun, they're also building important skills and making incredible developmental strides!

Parent-teacher conferences are underway (or will be soon for your class). This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and hear about how they're learning and thriving in the classroom. While we don't provide written reports, teachers will have samples of your child's work to share with you. We're sure you'll enjoy this special one-on-one time!

A huge **thank you** for following our carline procedures! Your patience and attention help keep our parking lot safe for everyone. Just a friendly reminder to avoid phone use while waiting in carline or entering the building.

Valentine's Day is around the corner! Your child's teacher will be sharing details through email or newsletters, so be sure to check for updates. In fact, reading all communication from your child's teacher is a great way to stay informed and spark meaningful conversations about your child's day.

Looking ahead to Fall 2025:

Registration is open and ongoing! Starting February 3, we will begin placing children in class sessions and reaching out with placement offers. While class names (such as Busy Bees or Green Frogs) and teacher assignments won't be finalized until August, currently enrolled students and their siblings receive priority placement. All students, including returning ones, will need to complete additional enrollment documents beginning in May. Feel free to visit our website, stop by, or call us if you have any questions!

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead!

Evelyn & Lesly



General Information

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

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to dflowers@hopepreschool.org

Preschool Hours:

AM: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

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

HOPE is



February

3 Class Placements Begin

13 & 14 Valentine's Parties

17 Presidents' Day -

HOPE is CLOSED

25-26 Praise & Celebration

Donation Items: Diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, canned vegetables

Parent / Teacher Conferences

(see class calendar)

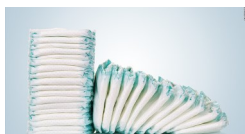
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Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated pasta, beans, canned soup and diapers at our January Praise & Celebration. Your generous donations are much appreciated!

**February's items of need are:
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
and Diapers,
canned vegetables**



Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - February 25th

9:15-9:30 Owl, Turtle, Blue Butterfly, Brown Bear, Green Frog

Wednesday AM - February 26th

9:15-9:30 Lucky Duck, Ladybug, Purple Penguin, Busy Bee, Giraffe, Dino

Inclement Weather Policy

If Loudoun County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, HOPE Preschool opens at 10:00 a.m. Dismissal remains at regular time.

If LCPS is CLOSED, HOPE Preschool is CLOSED.

Please refer to our website or your local news for delay and closing information. You may also register with Alert Loudoun to receive updates as soon as they are announced.



PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL IF THERE IS A CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE FORECAST!

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



Registration for School Year 2025-2026



Class placement will begin for our currently enrolled students, their siblings, and alumni students on Monday, February 3rd. The link for the Registration Application form was emailed to all of our enrolled students. If you are planning to enroll a child for next year, please be sure to complete the application on our website and drop off the \$175 non-refundable registration fee.

If you do not receive your desired placement or you wish to change your placement, please contact the preschool office at 703-729-4673.

Once this initial group has been processed, Evelyn and Lesly will begin to make verbal offers to the families who have had no prior affiliation with HOPE. Registration will then be ongoing throughout the summer until all preschool spots have been filled.

Evelyn and Lesly will process the forms in the order in which they are received. They will then contact families the results during the week of February 3rd.



Remember...

HOPE students must have an updated physical form on file by August 1st, 2025 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 2, 2025.

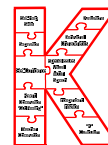
*Forms may be downloaded from our website beginning in May.

Your tuition account must be current in order for you to secure a registration placement!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Throughout the month of February, teachers will be connecting with families to discuss each child's progress. These conferences are always so helpful and enlightening. Our focus is to share the progress of each child's learning and experiences in the classroom. Parents are encouraged to ask questions that might help with placement for the next school year.

Kindergarten Registration Information



Loudoun County Public School's online kindergarten pre-registration portal is open for the 2025-2026 school year on. Please check lcps.org for the link. A Parent Registration Checklist along with all required registration paperwork is also available at lcps.org. (The checklist is also shown on the last page of this newsletter.)

Virginia law requires that your child be 5 years old by September 30, 2025 to register and attend public kindergarten...no exceptions. If you choose to wait one more year before enrolling, contact your child's elementary school.

Please visit the Loudoun County Public Schools website at www.lcps.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

March promises to be a fun-filled month throughout HOPE Preschool! One exciting event is the Week of the Young Child and Scholastic Book Fair.

March

3-7	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
9	Daylight Savings Begins
18 & 19	Praise & Celebration (Cereal/ Diapers)
23-30	Week of the Young Child & Scholastic Book Fair
31	LCPS is closed, HOPE is open



MARCH



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



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 send in candy or latex balloons to these celebrations or attach candy to valentines.
Thank you for your assistance!



Crossroads UMC Job Opportunities

Childcare Employees

Children's ministry is in need of additional paid, part-time childcare employees. We are looking for individuals willing to work 3-4 hours on Sunday mornings and/or 2 hours on some weekday evenings. Please email Robyn Hazelwood if you are interested or have any questions.

HOPE Preschool Assistant Teacher

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Preschool Assistant Teacher to join our team. The ideal candidate will have experience working with young children and possess a strong background in early childhood education.

Week of the Young Child Events

More information will follow, here is a sneak peak of our plans!

Sunday, March 23: Book Fair Open House

- **Activity:** Families can browse our book fair between and after services.
- **Details:** 10:00-11:00 AM and 12:00-1:00 PM.

Monday, March 24: Music Monday - "Joyful Noise" Music Class

- **Activity:** Ms. Caryl will lead a **Joyful Noise** music class for the whole family! Kids and families will sing and dance!

Tuesday, March 25: Tasty Tuesday - Family Cooking Class

- **Activity:** Families will enjoy a hands-on mini cooking class in the church fellowship hall.

Wednesday, March 26: Work Together Wednesday - Family Blessing Project

- **Activity:** Families will assemble activity kits for children at a local homeless shelter, supported by Crossroads Church. Supplies can be collected by individual families or by classes (similar to our Thanksgiving baskets).

Thursday, March 27: Artsy Thursday - Family Story Time with Creative Crafts

- **Activity:** Families will enjoy themed craft stations tied to children's books. A short story time will kick off the fun, and the book fair will be open before and during the event.

Friday, March 28: Family Friday - A Day to Celebrate Together

- We're planning a **Family Friday Celebration** to cap off the week!

Sunday, March 30: Book Fair Open House

- **Activity:** Families can browse our book fair between and after services.
- **Details:** 10:00-11:00 AM and 12:00-1:00 PM.

Loudoun County Public Schools

Registration Checklist for Parents

What is needed for your child's initial school registration?

The following **bolded** items are **required** for your child's initial school registration:

Completed Online Pre-registration or paper Registration Form (completed and signed) _____

Birth Certificate (original or certified copy) or
Notarized Affidavit _____

Parent/Guardian Photo ID _____
Student Photo ID _____

Proof of Primary Residence (provide one the following:
signed deed, signed lease, settlement papers, recent
mortgage statement, or notarized shared housing document) _____

Legal/Custody Papers (if applicable) _____

These remaining items may be submitted at the initial registration but **MUST** be returned prior to the 1st day of school.

Bus Transportation Request (or online) _____

Pre-K Data Collection Form (or online) _____

Physical/Immunization Form: Immunizations will be verified by the school nurse or health clinic specialist. Parents/guardians will be notified if any requirements are missing.

Pg. 1 - **Signed** and **dated** by Parent _____

Pg. 2 - **Immunizations** present _____

Signed and **dated** by MD, NP, PA, RN _____

Pg. 4 - **Physical date & TB screening date** _____

within required limits _____

Signed and **dated** by MD, NP, PA, RN _____

Please Note: Enrollment is a time-sensitive process. Please return any missing items to your school promptly to avoid possible delays. Additional residency verification may be requested.

