



HOPE Happenings March 2024

Robin's Notes

Happy March! Time "marches" on, as it always does, and the students have grown so much in many ways, both socially and academically. It's always fun to think back to those first couple of weeks of school, and compare that to now. We have developed into a bustling, happy, and loving community. Many of the teachers have increased the opportunities for independent thinking and problem solving. At home, you can do the same thing by incorporating your children into household chores, errands and simple decisions for themselves. You can talk to your children about their emotions and reactions to situations, disappointments, and celebrations. Keep up the reading and introduce them to letters and words via "environmental print"—road signs, food labels, store names, etc. Kids who become adult readers often have special and warm memories of reading with their parents.

Speaking of reading, we are very excited about an upcoming event! Each year, HOPE Preschool participates in an event called Week of the Young Child, which is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. This year, we are changing our approach

and making it a weeklong event. Each day of the week will include a theme. One way that HOPE participates is to create a school-wide display of child-generated projects, all centering on a central theme. Our theme this year is "Animals Around the World". The hallways will be filled with creative and interesting displays that you won't want to miss! Be sure to come inside at some point during the week of March 25-29 to see the display, and be sure to visit our Scholastic Book Fair during that same week. Your teachers will share additional details at a later date.

We were able to use our fundraising profits to host a really fun event for our students in late February! Fitwize 4 Kids, a local childcare/afterschool/summer camp program, visited HOPE to conduct an interactive "mini-gym" class. The children really enjoyed it and we hope this becomes an annual event.

Please read through this newsletter to find more information about upcoming events, both at HOPE and at Crossroads. Your teachers will share specific class details as these events get closer.

Have a wonderful month!

Robin & Lesly

General Information

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

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to jeckl@hopepreschool.org

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

EXT: 9:00—1:30 p.m.

HOPE is



March Highlights

- 5 LCPS—Student Holiday HOPE Open
- 10 Daylight Savings
- 18-22 Week of the Young Child
- 18-22 Scholastic Bookfair
- 19&20 Praise & Celebration**
- 25-29 Spring Break

**Donation: Rice/Cereal/Diapers

April Highlights

- 5 LCPS Closed/HOPE Open
- 10 LCPS Closed/HOPE Open
- 22-26 Donuts with Grownups
- 30&5/1 Final Praise & Celebration*

*Any previously donated item.

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Praise & Celebration

HOPE families gave 202 items and 215 pounds of donations at our January Praise & Celebration.

Thank you to all the families who donated items at our February Praise & Celebration. We appreciate your generosity!

March Praise & Celebration dates are:

March 19th & 20th

March's collection will be Rice, Boxed Cereal & Diapers

Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday - March 19th

9:15-9:30: Dolphin, Owl, Turtle, Giraffe, Blue Butterfly

Wednesday - March 20th

9:15-9:30: Brown Bear, Cardinal, Green Frog, Lucky Duck, Red Ladybug, Purple Penguin, Busy Bee



Week of the Young Child - March 18-22

Come visit HOPE Preschool!

HOPE Preschool will celebrate the Week of the Young Child during the week of March 18th through March 22nd. This year's schoolwide theme is "Animals Around the World."

During this time, we will have fun activities each day to highlight early childhood education and the needs of young children. Look for more information about this fun week at HOPE Preschool!



Kindergarten Registration Information

Loudoun County Public School's online kindergarten pre-registration for the 2024—25 school year opened on February 1st. A Parent Registration Checklist, along with a list of all required registration paperwork, is available at lcps.org.

Virginia law requires that your child be 5 years old by September 30, 2024 to register for and attend public kindergarten...no exceptions.

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



Fitwize Mini Gym at HOPE

Thanks to the generosity of our parents during our fundraising campaigns, we are happy to have offered a fun and interactive fitness experience to our preschoolers. Fitwize Mini Gym came to visit HOPE Preschool on February 26th. The children had such a fun time with the staff of Fitwize!



Scholastic Book Fair

HOPE Preschool is pleased to host a Scholastic Book Fair! Hundreds of children's books, adult books and various items will be available for purchase during the week of March 18th - 22nd in our Music Room.



Dental Health Month

On February 21st, we were very pleased to host representatives from Pediatric Dentistry of One Loudoun in honor of Dental Health Month. Proper dental hygiene and healthy eating were discussed with the students. The kids really enjoyed learning all about proper dental health. Thank you to Pediatric Dentistry of One Loudoun for visiting our school!

Pediatric Dentistry of One Loudoun
703-729-0350
www.ashburnpedo.com



HOPE Preschool Summer Camp 2024



HOPE Preschool will be offering 3 weeks of Summer Camp this year!

Tues, May 28th through Fri, May 31st; 9am-1pm/\$300

Tues, May 28th through Fri, May 31st; 9am-3pm/\$400

Mon, June 3rd through Thurs, June 6th; 9am-1pm/\$300

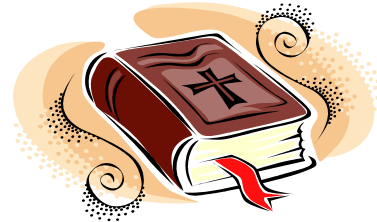
Mon, Jun 10th through Thurs, June 13th; 9am-1pm/\$300

Each week of camp will have a different theme and camp is open to Crossroads families as well as currently enrolled HOPE families. The first week of camp is offering an option on an extended day to 3:00 p.m. Look for more information coming home soon in your child's backpack as well as via email. Don't procrastinate signing up for camp. Only 48 children are accepted for each week!

March Bible Verses

I trust in God's promise.
God makes the wind blow.
The Lord is my helper.
Do good to everyone.

Psalm 119:120
Psalm 147:18
Hebrews 13:6
Galatians 6:10



School Break Bundles

HOPE Preschool will once again participate in Crossroads' School Break Bundles collection. The bundles will be provided to needy families in Loudoun County. Collection will take place Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 15.

Please be on the lookout for more details including items to donate, to come in your child's backpack.



**Feeding the
Community**

Looking Ahead to next year...

Each enrolled child must have a School Health Form on file by August 1, 2024. This is a requirement by the Virginia Department of Social Services. Your child's physical exam must have been performed no more than 12 months prior to the first day of school, September 9, 2024. School Health Forms are available at your pediatrician's office, as well as in the HOPE Office. Starting in May, all enrollment forms, including the health form, will be available on our website.



Crossroads UMC Spring Egg Hunt



Mark your calendar! March 30, 2024 2:00 — 4:00 PM

This is a community wide event open to all! In addition to an egg hunt geared for little ones, we will have games, food, a bounce house and of course a visit by the Easter Bunny!

St. Patrick's Day



Honey's Irish Soda Bread

4 cups all purpose flour
4 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 TB. baking soda
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 TB. caraway seeds
1 cup raisins
2 cups buttermilk

In large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, sugar, caraway seeds and raisins. Add buttermilk and toss with a fork until dry ingredients are evenly moistened. Knead dough 3 or 4 times and shape into a round loaf. Place into a lightly greased pan. Cut a cross into the loaf and bake in a 375 degree oven for 45-50 minutes or until golden brown and crusty. Cool bread on a wire rack. Store tightly wrapped at room temperature.

Upcoming Events



April

5	HOPE Open, LCPS Closed
10	HOPE Open, LCPS Closed
22-26	Donuts with Grownups
30&5/1	Final Praise & Celebration**

**Donation: Any previously donated item

CUMC Easter Week Services

Thursday, March 28
Holy Thursday Supper —7 pm

Friday, March 29
Good Friday Service —7 pm

Sunday, March 31
Easter Services: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
(Nursery and KidVenture will be available for both services.)

