



HOPE Happenings March 2025

HOPE'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 is a weeklong event. And 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 "Children's Literature". 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 24-28 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.

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!

Evelyn & Lesly

General Information

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

Website: www.hopeschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to dflowers@hopeschool.org

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

EXT: 9:00—1:30 p.m.

March Highlights

- 3-7 Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
- 9 Daylight Savings
- 24-28 Week of the Young Child
- 23-30 Scholastic Bookfair
- 18 & 19 Praise & Celebration**

**Donation items for School Break Bundles

April Highlights

- 4 LCPS Closed/HOPE Open
- 7 LCPS Closed/HOPE Open
- 9 Chipotle Restaurant Night
- 14-18 Spring Break
- 21-25 Donuts with Grownups
- 29 & 30 Final Praise & Celebration*

*Any previously donated item.

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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 18th & 19th

March's collection will be School Break Bundle* items

***see page 4 for more information**

Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday - March 18th

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

Wednesday - March 19th

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



Week of the Young Child - March 24-28

Come visit HOPE Preschool!

HOPE Preschool will celebrate the Week of the Young Child during the week of March 24th through March 30th. This year's schoolwide theme is "Children's Literature."

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 2025-26 school year opened on February 1st. A Parent Registration Checklist, along with a list of all required registration paperwork, is available at lcpss.org.

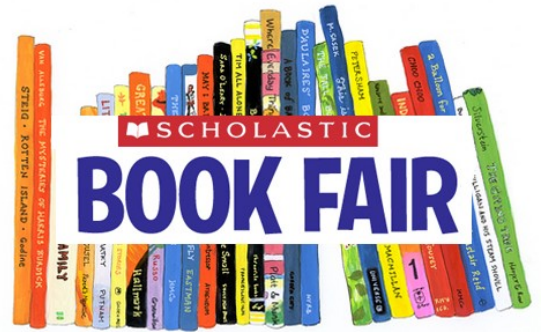
Virginia law requires that your child be 5 years old by September 30, 2025 to register for and attend public kindergarten...no exceptions.

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



Scholastic Book Fair

HOPE Preschool is pleased to host a Scholastic Book Fair! Hundreds of children's books and various items will be available for purchase during the week of March 23rd - 30th in our Music Room.



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD SCHEDULE

MARCH 23

BOOK FAIR OPEN AFTER BOTH SERVICES 9 & 11 AM



MARCH 24

MUSIC MONDAY
4:30-5:30 PM

MARCH 25

TASTY TUESDAY
2:00-4:00 PM



MARCH 26

KIDS FUN PACKS PROJECT
BROUGHT INTO HOPE

MARCH 27

FAMILY STORY TIME
4:30-5:30 PM



MARCH 28

HOPE FEST FAMILY FESTIVAL
3:00-6:00 PM

MARCH 30

BOOK FAIR OPEN AFTER BOTH SERVICES 9 & 11 AM

HOPE Preschool Summer Camp 2024



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

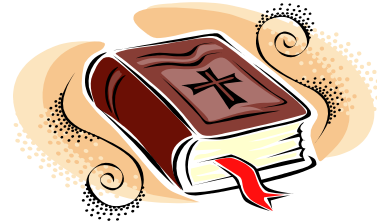
Tues, May 27th through Fri, May 30th; 9am-1pm/\$300
Mon, June 2nd through Thurs, June 5th; 9am-1pm/\$300
Mon, Jun 9th through Thurs, June 12th; 9am-1pm/\$300

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 3 through Friday, March 14.

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, 2025. 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 8, 2025. 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! April 19th, 2025 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

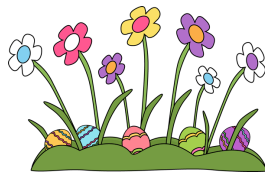


Honey's Irish Soda Bread

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

4	HOPE Open, LCPS Closed
7	HOPE Open, LCPS Closed
21-25	Donuts with Grownups
29 & 30	Final Praise & Celebration**

**Donation: Any previously donated item

CUMC Easter Week Services

Thursday, April 17
Holy Thursday Supper —7pm

Friday, April 18
Good Friday Service —7pm

Sunday, April 20
Easter Services: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am
(Nursery and Preschool KidVenture will be available for @9:30 & 11am.)

