



HOPE Happenings

November 2023

Robin's Notes

Happy November!

We hope you are enjoying this fall season! We are well underway at preschool with established routines and lots of learning going on in the classrooms. The children are developing friendships, and we hope some of the parents are too. It's fun to see all of the creative ways our teaching staff uses in the classrooms.

In October, we held our first Praise & Celebration puppet show. We appreciate those of you that stayed to watch, and for all the donations for Loudoun Hunger Relief. We are all so proud of how the children have adapted to meeting lots of staff, navigating their arrival routines, and transitioning to different events throughout the week.

Our teachers work hard to communicate all the details about your child's class, so please take

the time to read emails and look at the items in your child's backpack. Not only will it keep you informed, but it will show your child that you are interested in their school experience. This communication is important for the relationship between home and school. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, you are welcome to speak to your child's teacher or contact us in the office.

Please read this newsletter for information about dates and events. We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Robin and Lesly



General Information

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

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to jeckl@hopepreschool.org

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

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

November Highlights

5	Daylight Savings
6	Science Explorers
7	HOPE & LCPS Closed
8 & 9	Fire Department Visits
13	HOPE Open/LCPS Closed
20 & 21	Thanksgiving Celebrations
22 - 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
28	Restaurant Night at MOD PIZZA
28 & 29	Praise & Celebration*

*Donation:

Canned Fruits and Vegetables and Diapers

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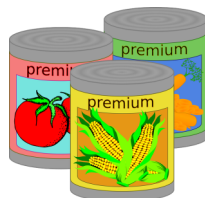


Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated boxed cereal and diapers at our October Praise & Celebration. We were able to collect **92** donations equaling **113** pounds!!

November's collection will be:

Canned Fruits and Vegetables and Diapers



Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - November 28th

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

Wednesday AM - November 29th

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



Thank you to our wonderful Praise & Celebration Team!

Caleb DeHart (Freddie the Frog), **Christine Brooks** (Bella the Bear), and **Jancie Mottram** (Sarah Sunshine.)

Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department

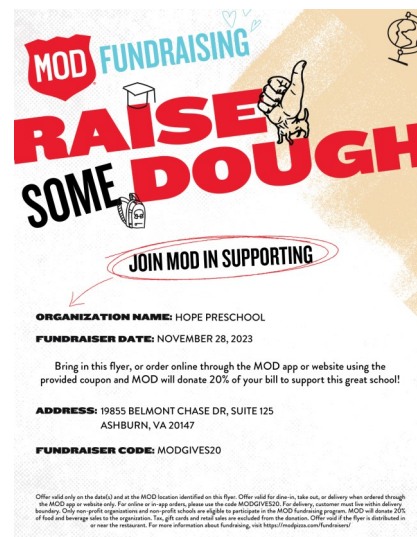
The Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department is scheduled to visit HOPE Preschool on Nov. 8th & 9th. The children will have an opportunity to hear a presentation on fire safety and, weather permitting, have an up close look at emergency vehicles and tools.



Fundraising at MOD Pizza

HOPE Preschool is sponsoring a fundraising event at MOD Pizza on **Tuesday, November 28th**. This is an all day event! Don't worry about cooking on that day and head on over to MOD Pizza at 19855 Belmont Chase Drive, Suite 125 in Ashburn (in the Whole Foods Shopping Center.) MOD will donate 20% of the sales on this day to HOPE which will in turn help fund special events like Fitwize 4 Kids (fitness games) and other special activities.

Promotional Flyers will go home shortly and will be needed for HOPE to get credit for the purchase. A digital copy will be sent to families as well. If ordering online, use the code **MODGIVES20!**



Ashburn Farm 10k/5k/2K



Event Website and registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Ashburn/AshburnFarmThanksgivingDayRaces?rsus=100-200-0b7e7d6f-2f50-415f-b08b-075f16c2266f>

Whether you run to win, run for fun, run to support a good cause, or run just because you want a guilt-free day of eating - plan to join us for the 30th Annual Ashburn Farm 10K/5K and 2K Fun Run Thanksgiving Day races! Proceeds from the races benefit the local, regional, and international missions of Crossroads UMC.

Date and Start:

Thursday, November 23, 2023 @ 8:15 AM

Start times

10K Race Begins at 8:15 AM Sharp.
5K Race Begins at 8:25 AM Sharp.
2K Fun Run/Walk Begins at 8:35 AM.

Address

Crossroads United Methodist Church
43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn
Ashburn, VA 20147

November Bible Verses

Bring an offering to thank God.
God gives us food.
Being cheerful keeps you healthy.
Share what you have.

1 Chronicles 16:29
Psalm 136:25
Proverbs 17:22
Hebrews 13:16



Christmas Show

In December, your child will be performing in HOPE's Christmas Show. This is a beautiful HOPE Preschool tradition and a wonderful time for our students and their families. Due to space constraints, some classes will perform first, then celebrate in the classroom after. Others will party first, then assemble for the performance in the sanctuary.



The following are the performance times:

Christmas Program Schedule

Tuesday, December 19th

9:15a.m.
Brown Bears, Busy Bees, Owls

10:45 a.m.
Turtles, Lucky Ducks, Blue Butterflies

Wednesday, December 20th

9:15a.m.
Penguins, Dolphins, Giraffes

10:45 a.m.
Cardinals, Ladybugs, Green Frogs



SLOW DOWN in the parking lot!

Our parking lot can be very busy and crowded during arrival and dismissal. Please slow down, drive carefully, and keep all of our children safe! Also, a friendly reminder ~ If you are walking in to pick up your child, please park in the gravel lot. This cuts down on people walking through the parking lot. Thank you!



Car Seats

Please remember that Virginia has a Child Restraint Device Law and all HOPE students must be secured in a car seat upon leaving school. Staff members will **NOT** be permitted to place children in vehicles where a restraint device is not present.

Cold Weather

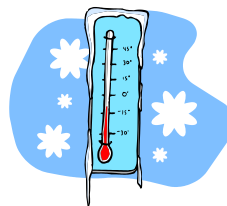
As the weather continues to change and the days are cooler, please remember these guidelines when sending your child to school:

- Dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Layers help children who may get cold outside and warm in the classroom. **PLEASE** label all jackets and coats.
- Children must be prepared to play outside. They cannot "opt out" of outdoor recess due to chilly conditions. We do go outside every day weather permitting and when

the temperature is above 32 degrees.

- If your child is not well enough to participate in all activities at school, they are not well enough to attend school.

Thank you for
your assistance.



Important...

Please update the pre-school office with any new cell phone numbers. **Please set up voice mail boxes and delete old messages.** We need to be able to reach you in the event of an emergency.



Lunch Bunch

Our Lunch Bunch program is off to a great start. Many students have participated and enjoyed the extra time at HOPE. Please remember that this enrichment opportunity is available on a first come first serve basis. Forms should be returned as soon as possible to guarantee an opportunity to participate.

****Lunches should not contain any nut or candy products. If we suspect a nut of any kind, we will need to withhold it for the safety of all. Thank you for your assistance.**

"When in doubt, leave it out."

***Registration forms are emailed on a monthly basis.**



Preschool Payments

Payments are due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 10th of each month will incur a \$35 late fee.

Please make checks payable to
[HOPE Preschool](#).

Payments may be placed in the secure tuition box located outside Entrance #3 or in the grey lockbox in the school office. **Please do not send payments in your child's backpack.** No cash payments may be dropped in the box. Cash payments should be scheduled in advance with the HOPE office.

Monthly Rates for 2023—2024

3 day -	\$355
4 day -	\$425
4 day (EXT) -	\$530
5 day -	\$465
Lang & Lit -	\$120



*Please note that if you have set up an electronic payment through your bank, **we must receive the check by the 10th** of the month or a late fee will be applied to your tuition account.

Absentee Policy

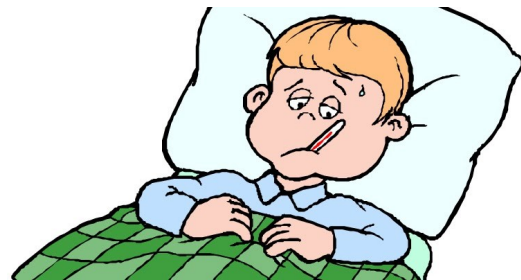
THANK YOU to those parents who have kept their child home when they weren't feeling well. Your assistance goes a long way toward keeping HOPE a healthy learning environment for children.

If your child has a fever, vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours, excessive coughing or sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, or just isn't feeling well and not their usual self, **PLEASE** keep them home and allow them to rest.

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 pink eye, strep, etc., we will send a confidential email to all affected families.

Keep your child home with the following symptoms:

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

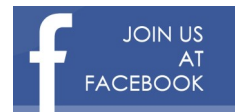


Facebook and Instagram

Please visit HOPE Preschool on Facebook or Instagram for updated school news and pictures of our fun-filled days with your children!! Even if you don't use Facebook, download the app and follow HOPE Preschool so you can have a glimpse into your child's life at HOPE. (Children whose families have declined media authorization will not be included in the Facebook or Instagram photos.)



Instagram



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. Since March 2020, Mobile Hope has served over 245,000 people.

Our donation drive will begin on **November 27th** and continue through **December 8th, 2023**. On the morning of **December 8th**, 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:** Uber and grocery store
- **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:

- Stuffed animals
- Used clothing

An Amazon Wish List is also available at the following link or QR Code:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WES6IOO0VMYI?ref=wl_share

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

