



HOPE Happenings

November 2024

Happy November, HOPE Preschool Families!

We hope you're enjoying this beautiful fall season! Here at preschool, we're well into our routines, and it's been wonderful to see so much learning and growing happening in the classrooms. The children are building strong friendships, and we hope many of you, the parents, are also making connections along the way. It's exciting to see the creative and engaging ways our dedicated teaching staff enriches your child's day.

October was full of fun, including our very first *Praise & Celebration* puppet show! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who stayed to watch and contributed to our Loudoun Hunger Relief drive—we truly appreciate your generosity. We're so proud of how well the children have adjusted to meeting new staff, navigating their daily arrival routines, and transitioning smoothly to different activities throughout the week.

Our teachers work hard to keep you informed about all the details in your child's class, so we kindly ask that you take a few moments to read through their emails and check your child's backpack. Staying informed not only helps you stay up to date, but it also shows your child that you're invested in their school experience. Strong communication between home and school plays a vital role in your child's success! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the office. We're here to help!

As the weather cools down, please remember to send your child with a jacket, as we love getting outside whenever we can — as long as it's over 36°F!

Be sure to check this newsletter for important upcoming dates and events. Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with love and gratitude!

Warmly,
Evelyn & Lesly

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General Information

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

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to dflowers@hopepreschool.org

Preschool Hours: Morning 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Extended Day 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**HOPE is
Nut-free**



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 HOPE Open/ LCPS Closed	2	
3 Daylight Savings	4 HOPE Open/ LCPS Closed	5 HOPE Closed	6	7	8	9	
10 Two Services start at Crossroads 9am & 11am	11 See's Candy Fundraiser	12	13 Fire Department Visit @ HOPE	14	15 Family Fiesta 12:30 - 1:30p	16	
17 Sunday Services Crossroads 9am & 11am	18 Science Explorers 12 - 2p	19 Praise & Celebration 9:15 - 9:45a	20 Praise & Celebration 9:15 - 9:45a	21	22	23	
24 Sunday Services Crossroads 9am & 11am	25 Thanksgiving Celebrations	26 Thanksgiving Celebrations	Thanksgiving Holiday HOPE Closed 			29 HOPE Closed	30

Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated boxed cereal and diapers at our October Praise & Celebration. We were able to collect 176 pounds of cereal and diapers!!

November's collection will be:

Thanksgiving Meal Basket items

Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - November 22nd

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

Wednesday AM - November 23rd

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

Thank you to our wonderful Praise & Celebration Team!

Zander Conradie (Freddie the Frog), Christine Brooks (Sarah Sunshine), and Sarah Plain (Bella the Bear)

Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department

The Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department is scheduled to visit HOPE Preschool on Nov. 13th & 14th. 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 through See's Candies

HOPE Preschool is hosting a fundraiser with See's Candies that will run November 1st through December 6th. See's Candy will donate a portion of profit from each item sold.

To order you can you the following link or QR Code: https://www.yumraising.com/secure/hopep_hope_preschool61/DebFlo6501/candy



Ashburn Farm 10k/5k/2K

Event Website and registration: <https://www.crossroadsnova.org/event/31st-annual-ashburn-farm-10k-5k-2k-thanksgiving-day-run/>



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 31st 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 28, 2024 @ 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

Psalms 136:25

Proverbs 17:22

Hebrews 13:16



Christmas Shows

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

Thursday, December 19th

9:15a.m. Green Frogs, Blue Butterflies, Giraffes

10:45 a.m. Turtles, Lucky Ducks, Busy Bee

Friday, December 20th

9:15a.m. Penguins, Owls

10:45 a.m. Ladybugs, Brown Bears



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!



Cold Weather

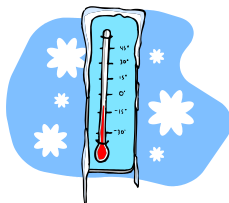
As the weather continues to change and the days are cooler, please remember these guidelines when sending your child to school:

- **Dress them 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 go

outside every day the temperature is above 36 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 2024—2025

3 day - \$375

4 day - \$450

4 day (EXT) - \$560

4 day (EXT Bilingual) -
\$575

5 day - \$490

5 day (EXT) - \$675

Friday Class - \$125



*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

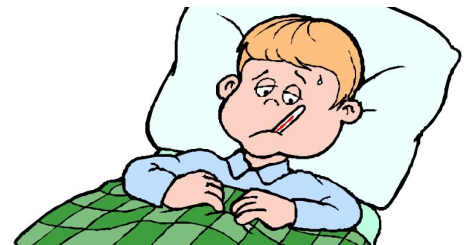
THANK YOU to those parents who have kept their child home when they weren't feeling well. Your assistance goes a long way toward keeping HOPE a healthy learning environment for children.

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

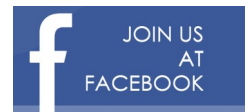


Facebook and Instagram

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 25th** and continue through **December 5th, 2024**. On the morning of **December 5th**, 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

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

