



# October 2024

## Notes from the Office

Happy Fall!

The cooler air and changing leaves are so refreshing! Autumn is such a fun time of year, full of exciting moments. At HOPE, it feels like we've settled into a wonderful rhythm. The first few weeks of preschool have been all about building friendships, practicing social skills, and learning how to navigate being part of a group. The kids are doing a fantastic job, not just with academic tasks but also learning how to walk in line, listen to their teachers, share and take turns, walk down the hall holding hands with you, and slowly gaining confidence in bigger tasks.

At home, you can support their growing independence in simple, age-appropriate ways. This could mean letting them put away their backpack and jacket, help set the dinner table, feed the family pet, or pick out their shirt for school (from a couple of options). Involving them in daily routines like helping choose groceries (with guidance) or practicing buckling their car seat are great ways to encourage self-confidence and responsibility. If your child speaks more than one language, you can also support our teachers by teaching them some helpful English phrases to express their needs at school.

We understand that electronics are a part of everyday life, and they can have their place. But balancing screen time with opportunities for creative play can open up a world of exploration and problem-solving. Puzzles, building toys, art supplies, dolls, cars, and other hands-on activities give kids the chance to use their imagination, strengthen fine motor skills, and discover new interests. It's a great way for children to explore beyond their favorite TV or movie characters and engage their senses. We, as adults, are often connected to our devices too, so choosing to put them aside and spend quality time together can make a big difference in these special years.

All of these small moments of practice build upon each other, helping your child grow in confidence and setting them up for a successful school year!

This month, we're excited about our upcoming school field trip to Pumpkin Village in Leesburg. Your child's teacher will be sharing more details soon. We'll also be gearing up for our first fundraiser and, of course, the much-anticipated Halloween Parades! Crossroads will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat event as well. It's going to be a busy and fun season, and we can't wait to share it with you!

-Evelyn & Lesly

### October Highlights

- 1-6 Scholastic Book Fair
- 1 Family Book Fair Night
- 3-4 HOPE open/LCPS closed
- 6 Shop the Book Fair
- 14 Indigenous People's Day  
HOPE is Closed
- 15/16 Pumpkin Village  
Field Trips
- 18 Family Fiesta
- 22/23 Praise & Celebration\*
- 26 Trunk or Treat
- 30/31 Halloween Parades
- 30/31 HOPE Open/LCPS closed

\*Donations:

### Boxed Cereal & Diapers

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### General Information

Website: [www.hopepreschool.org](http://www.hopepreschool.org)

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

Refer tuition inquiries to [dflowers@hopepreschool.org](mailto:dflowers@hopepreschool.org)

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

## Praise & Celebration

Each month the children of HOPE attend Praise & Celebration in the CUMC Sanctuary. Praise and Celebration is an enriching program that reinforces the monthly classroom scriptures. Parents are invited to join us in the sanctuary for the program. If you are able, please consider making a donation to help support Loudoun Hunger Relief, which supports food insecure families in Loudoun County. This month we will be collecting:

**Boxed Cereal and Diapers**



### Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - October 22nd

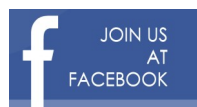
**9:15-9:30** Brown Bear, Owl, Turtle, Green Frog, Blue Butterfly

Wednesday AM - October 23rd

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

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## 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.)

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## Scholastic Book Fair at HOPE Preschool

We are thrilled to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair will run from **September 30 to October 6, 2024!** To kick things off, we invite all families to our **Family Book Fair Night on October 1, 2024, from 4-6 PM.** This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents, and friends to share a memorable evening with their little ones while exploring books together.

In addition, you can bring the whole family to shop the fair on **Sunday, October 6th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.** It's the perfect time to nurture a love of reading while spending quality time with your loved ones.

For your convenience, the fair will also be open during drop-off and pick-up times: **Monday-Friday: 8:45-9:00 AM, 12:00-12:30 PM, and 1:30-2:00 PM.**

We can't wait to see you there!

Shop our Bookfair & setup your child's ewallet: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hope1992>

## Pumpkin Village Field Trips

This year the field trips are in October HOPE Preschool students attend a school-wide field trip to Pumpkin Village in Leesburg. October 15th and 16th. **Each child must be accompanied by his/her own chaperone (not the teacher.)**

Cost: \$12.00 per person (ages 2 - adult)

**CASH ONLY!**

Children under 2 are FREE.



In the event we have inclement weather, you will receive an email from Lesly Sheley with cancellation information.

\*If Pumpkin Village is closed due to inclement weather, classes will take place at their regularly scheduled times at HOPE.

\*Field Trip Consent forms are due by **October 7th.**

### Pumpkin Village Schedule

**October 15th - 9:30 a.m.**

Owl, Turtle, Blue Butterfly, Busy Bee, Green Frogs

**October 16th - 9:30 a.m.**

Lucky Duck, Ladybug, Purple Penguin, Giraffe, Brown Bears

All classes will meet at Pumpkin Village. Specific information about your child's scheduled visit will come home in the backpacks.

Extended Day classes will have a picnic lunch at Pumpkin Village.

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## Halloween Parades and Parties

On October 30th and 31st, the students will participate in a Halloween costume parade. They will parade through the Sanctuary in front of parents and guests. Children should arrive at school in their costumes. Please check your child's backpack for specific class details about the parade and class party. A few reminders to help make the Halloween parade and parties a fun and safe time for all:

- No scary costumes or masks may be worn.
- No weapons may be included with a child's costume.
- No snacks containing nuts can be sent in or served.
- HOPE is a candy free facility.



Thank you for your assistance in making this a wonderful event for all HOPE families!

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## Original Works Fundraiser

HOPE Preschool will be participating in "Original Works" for one of our school fundraisers. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. Each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of products, such as: magnets, mugs, mouse pads, and note cards. Your child will be bringing home a packet with more information. **Order forms and artwork are due by October 25th.** Thank you in advance for supporting HOPE Preschool. Money raised will be used for enrichment opportunities for our students. Orders will be returned in time for holiday gift giving!



# Tuition

Tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month. Payments received after the 10th of each month, including automatic payments generated from your bank, will incur a \$35 late fee. This fee will automatically be applied to your child's tuition account. Please make checks payable to HOPE Preschool.

## Payment Methods

You can pay your child's tuition in one of several ways:

- Place your check/money order in the gray tuition drop box in the office or in the black drop box at entrance #3.
- Automatic payment through your financial institution.
- Fill out our ACH Recurring Payment Form to have tuition withdrawn monthly from your bank account.
- You can also prearrange with Debbie Flowers for an exact cash payment.

Please contact Debbie Flowers in the preschool office if you have any questions at: [dflowers@hopepreschool.org](mailto:dflowers@hopepreschool.org) or 703-729-4673.

\*Any collected late fees will go towards the Sandra Rolston Scholarship Fund.

\*\* Tuition payments must be up to date in order for children to participate in any enrichment opportunities offered at HOPE.

\*Please note that if you have set up a 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.



## Monthly Tuition 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
Lang & Lit	- \$125
Science Explorers	- \$60

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# Lunch Bunch

Please look for an email from Lesly Sheley with registration forms for November's Lunch Bunch program. **We do not send forms through the backpacks.** Space is limited for these programs. We encourage you to please submit forms and payment ASAP.

Please evaluate your child's emotional readiness to benefit from this extended day opportunity. Any child who is not having success with the program may be asked to participate at a later date.

The lunches sent in for these programs **MUST** be free of all types of **NUTS!** "When in doubt—leave it out!"



## Absentee Policy

We can all agree that healthy practices and good hygiene are more important than ever these days for ourselves and for those we encounter. If your child has a fever, vomited in the past 24 hours, had diarrhea, 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 a contagious illness, we will send a confidential email to all affected families.

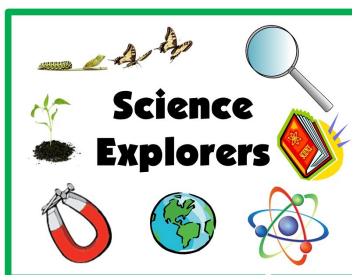


Keep your child home if they have had the following symptoms in the past 24 hours:

- Fever
- Vomit
- Diarrhea
- Excessive coughing or sneezing
- Positive Covid, Flu, Strep, or RSV test
- Crusty nose or mucus
- Pink eye/oozing eye
- Unusual spots or rash on skin
- Head Lice

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## Enrichment Opportunity



We are excited to announce Science Explorers—a new after-school enrichment class at HOPE Preschool! Science Explorers is an interactive, hands-on class, where students will conduct experiments, listen to books, discuss the topic and have lots of fun!

Classes will meet one Monday a month from Noon—2:00 p.m. The first class will be held on October 21st. At this time, this class is limited to students in the morning 3 1/2 and 4/5 classes. For more information, please email Lesly Sheley at [lsheley@hopepreschool.org](mailto:lsheley@hopepreschool.org).



## October Bible Verses

Be glad and sing songs to God.

Psalm 9:2

God gave us ears to hear and eyes to see.

Proverbs 20:12

God hears me when I pray.

Psalm 66:19

Help one another.

Galatians 5:13



## Trunk or Treat

Join the Crossroads family for a safe trick or treating option. Trunk or Treat will take place in the Crossroads parking lot on Saturday, October 26th 2:00 pm—3:30 pm. Bring your children, dressed in their Halloween costume, ready to have some fun! If you would like to bring your car & decorate a trunk [sign-up here](#).



## 2024 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 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

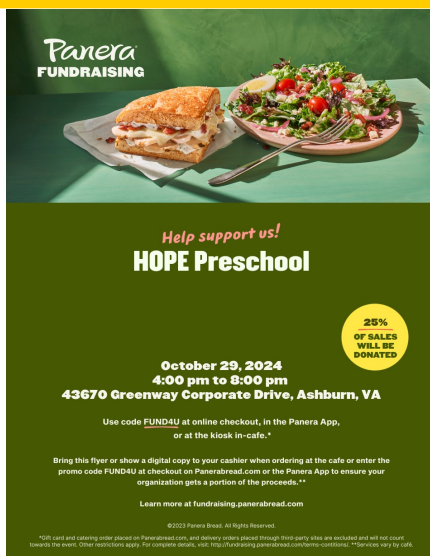
10K Race Begins at 8:15 AM Sharp.

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, VA 20147



## Restaurant Night at Panera Bread

HOPE Preschool is hosting its first "Restaurant Night" at Panera Bread in Ashburn (43670 Greenway Corporate Drive) on **Wednesday, October 29th from 4:00—8:00 p.m.!** Enjoy an evening without cooking and support the preschool! Twenty-five percent of the sales will be donated to HOPE Preschool which will help fund special enrichment programs for the students.

Promotional flyers will be sent home shortly and will be needed at check out in order for HOPE to get credit for the purchase. A digital copy which will be sent to families will work to receive credit as well. If ordering online, use promo code FUND4U at checkout.

## Upcoming Events



In November, your child will enjoy a visit from the fire department and attend their monthly Praise & Celebration in our Sanctuary.

They will also discuss Thanksgiving and celebrate with a small classroom party.

Your child's teacher will send home a monthly calendar, which will specify your date and time for these events.



### November



- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 HOPE closed, LCPS Closed
- 13 & 14 Fire Department Visits
- 15 Family Fiesta
- 18—22 Thanksgiving Celebrations
- 19 & 20 Praise & Celebration
- 23 Parent Afternoon Out
- 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Break - HOPE is closed



**Please slow down in  
our parking lot!**