



## HOPE Happenings September 2023

### Greetings From the Office

Welcome to HOPE Preschool! We are thrilled that school is starting and you are now a part of our HOPE Community. We are very optimistic about this school year as we adjust to new students, a few new class names and a longer Lunch Bunch. Crossroads and HOPE will be working together more closely to offer our preschool families the opportunity to be a part of the larger community here.

The teaching staff has been busy getting their classrooms ready and making curriculum plans. They are excited to get to know you and your children! The start of school always feels special, and we are confident you will have a positive, fun experience. Our teaching staff is so creative and dedicated to the success of your children.

Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences are Sept. 5-8. Please use this short meeting to discuss any concerns or ask questions. Your teacher will share information with you about what to expect from the class this year. Hopefully, this meeting will smooth the transition on the first day of school. On Monday, September 11 (the first day of school), the church staff will be hosting a "coffee and cry" gathering at Entrance #1 (just outside the sanctuary). If you need a boost and an encouraging word after dropping off your child for their first school experience, please make

yourself at home. We are happy to update you about how your child is settling in.

Each month, starting in October, all families will receive an electronic copy of this newsletter. Be sure to read it and make note of important calendar information and upcoming events. We will also share information related to the church.

Did you know 'HOPE' is an acronym? It means...

Helping

Our

Preschooler's

Education

HOPE strives to provide an excellent foundational educational experience for your children and we look forward to getting started!

Here's to a wonderful school year!

Robin & Lesly



### General Information

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

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

Tuition Questions: [jeckl@hopepreschool.org](mailto:jeckl@hopepreschool.org)

Preschool Hours:

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

Extended Day: 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



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### September Highlights

4	Labor Day
5 - 8	Conferences
11	First day of school
19 & 20	Music Classes Begin
25	HOPE Open/ LCPS Student Holiday

HOPE is



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# 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, which 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 several ways:

- Mail your check/money order to 43454 Crossroads Dr. Ashburn, VA 20147
- Fill out our ACH Recurring Payment Form to have tuition withdrawn monthly from your bank

account.

- You can also prearrange with Jill Eckl for an exact cash payment.
- Drop your check into one of our lock-boxes.

Please contact Jill in the preschool office if you have any questions at: [jeckl@hopepreschool.org](mailto:jeckl@hopepreschool.org), 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.



## Monthly Tuition Rates

3 day - \$355

4 day - \$425

4 EXT - \$530

5 day - \$465

L&L - \$120

# Snack Policy - PLEASE READ

HOPE Preschool attempts to be a NUT FREE facility.

\* Do not send in any foods containing any type of nut or nut oil. This does include but not limited to Nutella.

\* Any food with the following warning is not acceptable: **This product is made on equipment that also makes products containing nuts.**

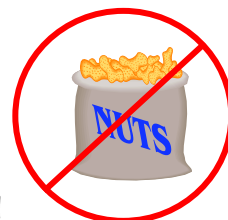
\* HOPE Staff will be checking food labels for nut ingredients only.

\* No homemade goods will be served.

\* All snacks must be in sealed, prepackaged containers with English labels.

\* Please refer to HOPE's Preferred Snack List for acceptable snacks.

\* No candy will be served.



# Inclement Weather Policy

HOPE Preschool follows a similar schedule to Loudoun County Public Schools when closing or delaying school opening.

The following is our Inclement Weather Policy:

If LCPS is delayed 1 **OR** 2 hours,  
HOPE will open at 10 am.

(This does not affect dismissal time.)

If LCPS is **CLOSED**,  
HOPE Preschool is **CLOSED**.

Check our website at:

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

for updates on weather related delays or closings.

Email notifications will also be sent to families.

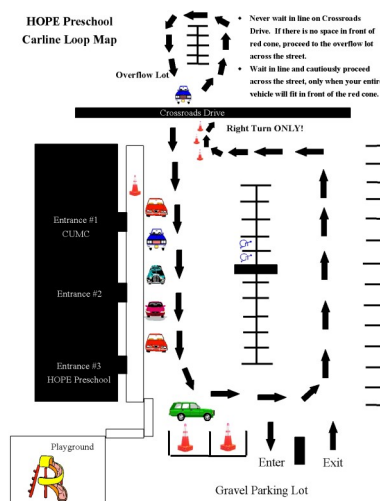


## Carline Policy

HOPE Preschool strongly encourages the use of carline during drop-off and pick-up to expedite arrivals and dismissals. We ask that you follow these rules to ensure the safety of all children:

- Drive Slowly.
- NO CELL PHONES.
- RIGHT TURN ONLY to exit.
- Families who are consistently late picking up children will incur a \$25 late fee.
- Children using carline must have a child restraint device in the vehicle. This includes vehicles of grandparents, nannies, or others who will be picking up your child. Staff will not place children in a vehicle without a restraint device.

- Once your child has been placed in your car, if the teacher is unable to properly secure your child, pull into a vacant parking space to do so.
- **DO NOT** get out of your car for any reason while in carline.
- Follow the one-way loop as shown in the parent handbook.
- Place your car in park when loading and unloading children.
- Please relay these rules to others who may be transporting your child.



## 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 with the following symptoms:

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

# HOPE Preschool Website - [www.hopepreschool.org](http://www.hopepreschool.org)

Bookmark "HOPE Preschool" as a favorite on your computer!! We will attempt to keep all HOPE Happenings and calendar information up to date. In an effort to save a few trees and go green, future HOPE Happenings Newsletters will be available online each month. Since the HOPE office will be utilizing email correspondence, please keep us updated with new email addresses. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate staff member for assistance.

**Tuition information**, contact Jill Eckl at [jeckl@hopepreschool.org](mailto:jeckl@hopepreschool.org)

**Additional carline number requests**, contact Jill Eckl at [jeckl@hopepreschool.org](mailto:jeckl@hopepreschool.org)

**Email address changes**, contact Lesly Sheley at [lsheley@hopepreschool.org](mailto:lsheley@hopepreschool.org)

**All other HOPE inquiries**, contact Robin Devenish at [rdevenish@hopepreschool.org](mailto:rdevenish@hopepreschool.org)



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## Security Procedure

HOPE Preschool is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff. During the school year, we will have our perimeter doors locked while children are in attendance. This procedure allows us to maintain a secure facility. If you need to pick up a child early from school, please use the door bell at entrance #3. A staff member will answer the door and assist you in retrieving your child. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Please make every attempt to arrive on time each morning. Once the doors are locked, our children have settled into their class routine. Children who arrive late often miss out on a free exploration opportunity.

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## September Bible Verses

Let's go to God's house.

Psalm 122:1

God made us and we are His.

Psalm 100:3

Do not be afraid, God is with us.

Isaiah 41:10

We work together.

1 Corinthians 3:9



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## Upcoming Events

### October

October is a busy month at HOPE Preschool. The children will visit the pumpkin patch, attend their first Praise and Celebration and participate in a Halloween parade.

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

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Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)- HOPE is Closed

10 & 11

Pumpkin Village Field Trips

16-20

Lifetouch School Pictures

24 & 25

Praise & Celebration Begins!

Donation for Loudoun Hunger Relief:  
Boxed Whole Grain Cereal and Diapers

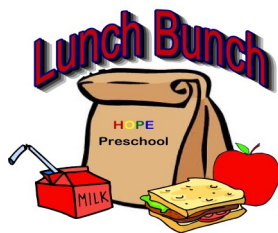
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Halloween Parades

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HOPE Open—LCPS Closed





# Lunch Bunch Program

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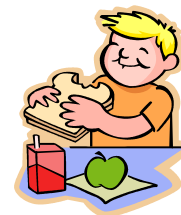
Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for students to extend their regular school day by enjoying lunch, friends, and play while providing parents a little extra time. Each child brings his/her **nut free** lunch, which does not require cooking or refrigeration, from home in a labeled bag or lunchbox. Two HOPE staff members (provided there are 5 or more registered students) will care for the children and oversee their activities.

## Registration Information:

- Space is available on a first come, first served basis.
- Registration forms will be announced via email, allowing all families to receive information on the same day.
- Cost per day is **\$30**.

## Student Information

- Program available beginning in September. Look for an email from [lsheley@hopepreschool.org](mailto:lsheley@hopepreschool.org) containing program details.
- Students remain at school until 1:30.
- There will be NO carline available for pick-up.



**Remember: HOPE Preschool is a Nut-Free Facility.**

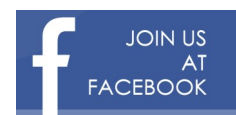
Any child who is not having success with the program will be asked to try at a later date.

## 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!!

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/HOPEPreschool) Search HOPE Preschool

[Instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/hopepreschool1992) Search for hopepreschool1992



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## Harris Teeter - Together In Education

HOPE Preschool has proudly joined Harris Teeter's Together In Education Program to help raise funds for our school. Participation is easy and FREE!

You may either:

- When checking out, give the cashier our TIE code - **1594** or
  - Email your name, phone number associated with your Harris Teeter VIC card and/or your VIC Card # to [jeckl@hopepreschool.org](mailto:jeckl@hopepreschool.org) and we will link your card to HOPE Preschool for you.
  - If you have registered in the past, you will need to register again.
- Your card will then be linked to HOPE Preschool for the entire school year!



Thank you for your support!

# Who's Who at HOPE Preschool?



Marti Austin  
Green Frog



Karen Bernardo  
Red Ladybug



Amanda Carrera  
Friday Frog



Robin Devenish  
Director



Wendy Durfee  
Blue Butterfly



Jill Eckl  
Office



Debbie Flowers  
Owl



Kathy Gilliam  
Cardinal



Isis Glass  
Lucky Duck



Sarah Gonzalez  
Brown Bear



Robyn Hazelwood  
Giraffe



Amy Lynne Helwig  
Purple Penguin



Heather Jones  
Blue Butterfly



Lisa Lang  
Giraffe



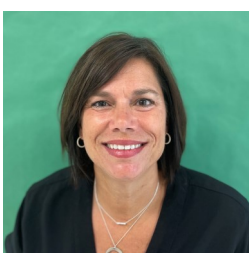
Maureen Liu  
Brown Bear



Eileen LoBue  
Red Ladybug



Jennifer Lukanich  
Lucky Duck



Caryl Maltese  
Music



Donna McDonald  
Friday Bee  
Turtle T/Th



Elisa Mitchell  
Dolphins



# Who's Who at HOPE Preschool?



Kelly Newton  
Owl



Andrea Nunez  
Busy Bee



Rocio O'Farril  
Turtle



Caitlin O'Neal  
Turtle M/W



Paola Runlett  
Busy Bee M/W



Corey Sethi  
Purple Penguin



Lesly Sheley  
Asst. Director



Pamela Simmons  
Friday Bee



Laura Snow  
Green Frog



Donna Tempe  
Cardinal



Michelle Tui  
Dolphin

