



HOPE Happenings September 2024

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. 3-6. 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 9 (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

yourselves 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!

Evelyn & Lesly



General Information

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

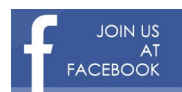
Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Tuition Questions: dflowers@hopepreschool.org

Preschool Hours:

AM: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Extended Day: 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



September Highlights

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 - 6 Conferences
- 9 First day of school
- 17 & 18 Music Classes
- 20 Family Fiesta
- 25-27 Picture Days!
- 30 Scholastic Book Fair Begins

HOPE is nut free



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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 with-

drawn monthly from your bank account.

- You can also prearrange with Debbie Flowers for an exact cash payment.
- Drop your check into one of our lock-boxes.
- Families who are consistently late picking up children will incur a \$25 late fee.

Please contact Debbie in the preschool

office if you have any questions at: dflowers@hopepreschool.org, 703-729-4673.

** 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	- \$375
4 day	- \$450
4 day EXT	- \$560
4 day EXT Bi	- \$575
5 day	- \$490
5 day EXT	- \$675
L&L	- \$125

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 and peanut butter.

* 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

for updates on weather related delays or closings.

Email notifications will also be sent to families.



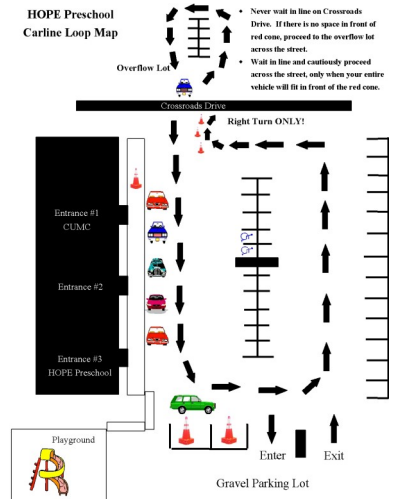
Carline Policy

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.
- 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.

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.



- Once your child has been placed in your car, if the teacher is unable to properly secure your child, pull into a vacant parking

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 when they have had the following symptoms in the past 24 hours:

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

HOPE Preschool Website - 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 Debbie Flowers at dflowers@hopepreschool.org

Additional carline number requests, contact Debbie Flowers at dflowers@hopepreschool.org

Email address changes, contact Lesly Sheley at lsheley@hopepreschool.org

All other HOPE inquiries, contact Evelyn Saim-Lobos at esaimlobos@hopepreschool.org



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.

September Bible Verses

Let's go to God's house.

Psalms 122:1

God made us and we are His.

Psalms 100:3

Do not be afraid, God is with us.

Isaiah 41:10

We work together.

1 Corinthians 3:9



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.

Donation for Loudoun Hunger Relief:

1-4	Scholastic Book Fair
1	Family Book Fair Night
3-4	HOPE Open—LCPS Closed
14	Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)- HOPE is Closed
15 & 16	Pumpkin Village Field Trips
18	Family Fiesta
22 & 23	Praise & Celebration Begins!
26	Crossroads Trunk or Treat
30 & 31	Halloween Parades
30 & 31	HOPE Open—LCPS Closed



Lunch Bunch Program



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 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.

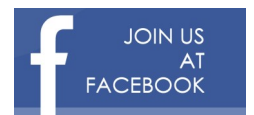
Any child who is not having success with the program will be asked to try at a later date.

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) Search HOPE Preschool

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



Instagram

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 dflowers@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!

Come celebrate the start of the
2024-2025 school year at Bruster's in
Ashburn!



BRU-STER'S
real ice cream

Fundraiser

SUPPORTING

Hope
Preschool

ON

Monday,
September 9
2pm-4pm

AT

Bruster's of Ashburn

43150 Broadlands Center Plaza
(703) 340-1003



Who's Who at HOPE Preschool?



Marti Austin
Green Frog



Payal Barot
Dophins



Karen Bernardo
Ladybug



Wendy Durfee
Blue Butterfly



Debbie Flowers
Office Manager



Kathy Gilliam
Giraffe



Isis Glass
Lucky Duck



Sarah Gonzalez
Brown Bear



Robyn Hazelwood
Giraffe



Sarah Hearn
Owls



Heather Jones
Blue Butterfly



Maureen Liu
Brown Bear



Eileen LoBue
Ladybug



Jennifer Lukanich
Lucky Duck



Caryl Maltese
Music



Kate Maxwell
Turtle



Donna McDonald
Friday Bee



Kelly Newton
Owls



Andrea Nunez
Busy Bees



Rocio O'Farril
Turtle

Who's Who at HOPE Preschool?



Paola Runlett
Busy Bee



Evelyn Saim-Lobos
Director



Corey Sethi
Purple Penguins



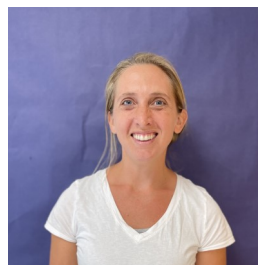
Lesly Sheley
Asst. Director



Pamela Simmons
Friday Bee



Laura Snow
Green Frog



Samantha Thompson
Purple Penguins

