

HOPE Happenings

February 2024



Robin's Notes

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we have reached a midpoint in our school year! Our little ones have come a long way since September. Each school day is filled with busy, learning hands and minds, laughter, songs, fun projects, games, playing and having a great time. Underlying all that is skill-building and developmental strides.

Teachers will be conducting conferences with each family (they may have started already for your class), and this is a time to talk about how your child is coping and learning in their classroom environment. We do not give written reports, but the teachers will have samples of your child's work to show you. I am confident you will enjoy this one-on-one time with your child's teacher.

Thank you for following our carline procedures! It makes for a safer parking lot for everyone. Please remember to refrain from phone use as you are waiting in carline or entering the building.

Your child's teacher will have details for you about Valentine's Day, please read emails or newsletter that are sent to you. In fact, it is important to read all the communication from your child's

teacher, so you don't miss out on information and the opportunity to talk to your child about their day.

On February 25, we will join Crossroads in hosting a Winter Movie Night for families. Watch for details soon! We hope your family can join in.

Registration for fall 2024 is open and ongoing! Beginning February 12, we will place children in class sessions and contact you with a placement offer. Your child's actual class (for example, Cardinals or Green Frogs) and teachers will not be determined until August. Please look at our website, stop by, or call for more information. Currently enrolled students and their siblings are placed before other applicants. All students, including returning students, will need to complete other enrollment documents beginning in May.

We hope you have a wonderful month!

Robin & Lesly



General Information

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

Website: www.hopepreschool.org

Refer tuition inquiries to jeckl@hopepreschool.org

Preschool Hours:

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

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

HOPE is



February

- 1 LCPS Kindergarten Online Registration
 - 9 LCPS Closed/HOPE Open
 - 12 **Class Placements Begin**
 - 14 Valentine's Parties
 - 19 Presidents' Day - HOPE is CLOSED
 - 21 Dentist Visit at HOPE
 - 26 Fitwize MiniGym Event
 - 27-28 Praise & Celebration
- Donation Items: Diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste*

Parent / Teacher Conferences
(see class calendar)

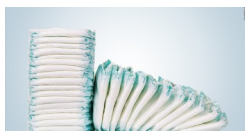
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Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated pasta, beans, canned soup and diapers at our January Praise & Celebration. Your generous donations are much appreciated!

February's items of need are:
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Diapers



Praise & Celebration Schedule

Tuesday AM - February 27th

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

Wednesday AM - February 28th

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



Inclement Weather Policy

If Loudoun County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, HOPE Preschool opens at 10:00 a.m. Dismissal remains at regular time.

If LCPS is CLOSED, HOPE Preschool is CLOSED.

Please refer to our website or your local news for delay and closing information. You may also register with Alert Loudoun to receive updates as soon as they are announced.



PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL IF THERE IS A CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE FORECAST!

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 place for children.

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



Registration for School Year 2024-2025



Remember...

HOPE students must have an updated physical form on file by August 1st, 2024 to be enrolled at HOPE Pre-school. The physical must have been performed no more than 12 months prior to the first day of the school year, September 9, 2024.

*Forms may be downloaded from our website beginning in May.

Your tuition account must be current in order for you to secure a registration placement!

Class placement will begin for our currently enrolled students, their siblings, and alumni students on Monday, February 12th. The link for the Registration Application form was emailed to all of our enrolled students. If you are planning to enroll a child for next year, please be sure to complete the application on our website and drop off the \$175 non-refundable registration fee.

Robin and Lesly will process the forms in the order in which they are received. They will then contact families the results during the week of February 12th.

If you do not receive your desired placement or you wish to change your placement, please contact the preschool office at 703-729-4673.

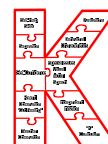
Once this initial group has been processed, Robin and Lesly will begin to make verbal offers to the families who have had no prior affiliation with HOPE. Registration will then be ongoing throughout the summer until all preschool spots have been filled.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Throughout the month of February, teachers will be connecting with families to discuss each child's progress. These conferences are always so helpful and enlightening. Our focus is to share the progress of each child's learning and experiences in the classroom. Parents are encouraged to ask questions that might help with placement for the next school year.

Kindergarten Registration Information



Loudoun County Public School's online kindergarten pre-registration portal will open for the 2024-2025 school year on February 1st. Please check lcps.org for the link. A Parent Registration Checklist along with all required registration paperwork is also available at lcps.org. (The checklist is also shown on the last page of this newsletter.)

Virginia law requires that your child be 5 years old by September 30, 2024 to register and attend public kindergarten...no exceptions. If you choose to wait one more year before enrolling, contact your child's elementary school.

Please visit the Loudoun County Public Schools website at www.lcps.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

March promises to be a fun-filled month throughout HOPE Preschool! One exciting event is the Week of the Young Child and Scholastic Book Fair.

March

5	LCPS is close, HOPE is open.
10	Daylight Savings Begins
18-22	Week of the Young Child & Scholastic Book Fair
19 & 20	Praise & Celebration (Cereal/ Diapers)
25-29	Spring Break, HOPE is closed.



February Bible Verses

Love God with all your heart.
God knows how many hairs are on your head.
God loves us always.
A friend loves at all times.

Mark 12:30
Luke 12:7
Psalm 107:1
Proverbs 17:17



Valentine's Day Song

Oh, Valentine

Sung to "Oh, Christmas Tree"

Oh valentine, oh valentine,
Oh, won't you be my valentine?
Oh valentine, oh valentine,
Oh, won't you be my valentine?
You're wonderful!
I think you're neat!
You're beautiful, and oh, so sweet!
Oh valentine,
Oh valentine,
Oh, won't you be my valentine?



Valentine's Parties

Please remember that HOPE Preschool is **"Candy Free."** Please do not send in candy or latex balloons to these celebrations or attach candy to valentines.
Thank you for your assistance!



Loudoun County Public Schools

Registration Checklist for Parents

What is needed for your child's initial school registration?

The following **bolded** items are **required** for your child's initial school registration:

**Completed Online Pre-registration or
paper Registration Form** (completed and signed) _____

Birth Certificate (original or certified copy) or
Notarized Affidavit _____

Parent/Guardian Photo ID _____
Student Photo ID _____

Proof of Primary Residence (provide one the following:
signed deed, signed lease, settlement papers, recent
mortgage statement, or notarized shared housing document) _____

Legal/Custody Papers (if applicable) _____

These remaining items may be submitted at the initial registration but **MUST** be
returned prior to the 1st day of school.

Bus Transportation Request (or online) _____

Pre-K Data Collection Form (or online) _____

Physical/Immunization Form: Immunizations will
be verified by the school nurse or health clinic specialist.
Parents/guardians will be notified if any requirements
are missing.

Pg. 1 - **Signed** and **dated** by Parent _____

Pg. 2 - **Immunizations** present _____

Signed and **dated** by MD, NP, PA, RN _____

Pg. 4 - **Physical date & TB screening date**
within required limits _____

Signed and **dated** by MD, NP, PA, RN _____

Please Note: Enrollment is a time-sensitive process. Please return any missing items to your school
promptly to avoid possible delays. Additional residency verification may be requested.