



# HOPE Happenings

## December 2011 / January 2012

### Mary's Notes

#### Give your Child Four Priceless Gifts for December

As you think about giving gifts this holiday season, remember that there are some gifts that only you can give. Unlike toys that may break before next month, these gifts will last a lifetime.

#### The gift of time.

The old saying is true. Children really do love T-I-M-E. Give the gift of listening to your child, reading with your child, helping your child, and just hanging around with your child.

#### The gift of understanding.

Children aren't perfect and neither are parents. If your child makes a mistake, listen first.

#### The gift of confidence.

When you believe in your child, you can help them believe in themselves.

When you tell them that you know they can do it, they'll never doubt that they can. Years from now, when they face a challenge, they will hear your words in the back of their mind.

#### The gift of enthusiasm.

Whether you're working on a household project or going out to toss a ball, do it with verve. Your excitement about the task will rub off on your child. When they have to tackle a tough project in school (or later in life), they will find the energy to carry it through.

Merry Christmas to you  
and yours!

From everyone at  
HOPE Preschool



### General Information

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

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

Preschool Hours:

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

PM: 12:45 - 3:30 p.m.

### December Highlights

9 Carols & Cookies at CUMC at 7pm

20-21 Christmas Programs

22-31 Christmas Holiday  
HOPE is CLOSED

### January Highlights

2 New Years Holiday  
Continued

3 Classes resume

16 MLK, Jr. Day  
HOPE is CLOSED

23 HOPE is Open

30 & 31 Praise &  
Celebration

30 - 2/1 Dad's Night

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## Praise & Celebration

Thank you to all the families who donated canned fruits, vegetables and diapers at our November Praise & Celebration. We collected 246 items

January Praise & Celebration dates are: January 30th & 31st

**January's collection will be  
Pasta, Soup, Beans & Diapers**

### Praise & Celebration Schedule

**November 28th**

Monday AM

**9:15-9:30** Blue, Dolphin, Purple, Rainbow, Yellow

**9:45-10:00** Brown, Cardinal, Dino, Green, Duck, Red

Monday PM

**1:00-1:15** All PM classes

**November 29th**

Tuesday AM

**9:15-9:30** All T/TH classes

## Toys For Tots

HOPE Preschool will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. Collection runs December 5th through December 16th at noon.



Thanks in advance for  
your support!

## Stone Bridge Cadets Visit

On Thursday, November 17th, HOPE Preschool hosted 17 Stone Bridge High School students enrolled in an accredited program called Teachers for Tomorrow. The cadets visited some of the preschool classes and observed what it takes to be an effective preschool teacher!



## Jacob's Tree

HOPE has a lovely maple tree outside of the window in our preschool foyer. Each year, it showcases the beauty of the autumn season. For whatever reason, this autumn its colors were exceptionally vibrant. Many of you may or may not be aware that this tree was planted several years ago as a living memorial to one of our HOPE alumni students who passed away at a very young age. "Jacob's Tree," as we refer to it, is a tribute to a child who retained his childlike spirit throughout his very short life. As you continue to admire this beautiful tree, I encourage each of you to embrace the childlike spirit that is inside each of you.



# Christmas Program Schedule

The following is the schedule for our Christmas Program, which will be held on December 20th & 21st. Please refer to your child's class calendar and newsletter for information pertaining to your classroom celebration time.



## Tuesday, December 20th

9:15-9:45 - Blue Butterfly T/Th, Dino AM, Green Frog T/Th, Purple Panda T/Th

10:45 - 11:15 - Red Balloon T/Th, Cardinal AM, Lucky Duck AM, Yellow Bird T/Th

## Wednesday, December 21st

9:15-9:45 - Blue Butterfly MW, Purple Panda MWF, Rainbow AM, Yellow Bird MW

10:45 - 11:15 - Dolphin AM, Green Frog MWF, Brown Bear MWF, Red Balloon MWF

1:00-1:30 - Purple Panda PM, Lucky Duck PM, Rainbow PM, Dolphin PM, Dino PM

# Dad's Night Information & Team Jersey Week

In January at HOPE Preschool we celebrate DAD! The following is our schedule for these celebrations. Please refer to your child's class calendar and newsletter for more information.

The children are also encouraged to wear their favorite team jerseys this week in preparation for the Super Bowl, February 5th in Indianapolis.

January 30th - 7:00 p. m. - 7:45 p. m.  
All MW, MWF Classes

January 31st - 7:00 p. m. - 7:45 p. m.  
All T/TH, M-TH and M-F Classes

February 1st - 7:00 p. m. - 7:45 p. m.  
All PM Classes



# Absentee Policy

As many of you are aware, we at HOPE take great pride in notifying families of confirmed illnesses of our students. We appreciate the numerous phone calls from families who share this news with the office.

Parents can also help prevent possible flu outbreaks by observing certain guidelines:

Please keep your child home if they have the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Vomited in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Excessive coughing or sneezing
- Crusty nose or mucus
- Pink eye / oozing eye
- Unusual spots or rash on skin
- Unusual behavior



# Inclement Weather Policy

If Loudoun County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours  
HOPE Preschool opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Delays DO NOT affect afternoon classes.

**If Loudoun County Schools are CLOSED**

**HOPE Preschool is CLOSED**

Please refer to our website or your local news for delay and closing information.



## Christmas Song



### Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

(Sung To: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star, how I wonder what you are.  
Baby Jesus born this night. One great star shining bright.  
Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star, how I wonder what you are.

Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star, how I wonder what you are.  
Shine on Joseph, Mary too.  
Shine and shine the whole night through.  
Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star, how I wonder what you are.

## Spread the Word

Please tell your friends and neighbors who would be new to HOPE for 2012-2013, that we will be accepting applications beginning January 3rd.

New families may also call to reserve a tour date. Tours will begin in January. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to call the preschool office for more information.

## CUMC Christmas Eve Service Schedule

The following is the schedule of Christmas Services that will be offered on Christmas Eve at Crossroads United Methodist Church. Contact the church at 703-729-5100 if you have further questions.

**3pm and 5pm** - Family services with Nursery care available.

**7pm, 9pm & 11pm** are Candlelight Services. (Nursery care available at 7pm service)



## Carols & Cookies

All are invited to a night of fun and being together over two of the Christmas season favorites - Carols and Cookies. Please join us Friday, December 9th at 7pm for an evening filled with carol singing and cookie sharing.

## December and January Bible Verses

God is good.

Treat others the way you would have them treat you.

Don't worry about anything

Be kind to one another.

Jeremiah 33:11

Matthew 7:12

Philippians 4:6

Ephesians 4:32



## Upcoming Events

In January, your child will be preparing for Dad's Night Celebrations. Please refer to your child's class calendar for your date and time. Support your favorite team by wearing a t-shirt or jersey during Team Jersey Week.

### January

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Classes Resume

16

MLK, Jr. Day - HOPE is CLOSED

30 & 31

Praise & Celebration

**Contribution: Pasta, Canned Soup, Beans, Diapers**

30 - 2/1

Dad's Night Celebrations

30 - 2/3

Team Jersey Week