

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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Happy February!

As we prepare for our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences and Registration for the 2018-19 school year, our teachers are busy gathering months of observations and assessments to share with you regarding your child's growth and progress this school year.

So many things change in these early years. Chubby baby cheeks disappear, speech develops, independence grows and confidence blooms. Impulsive, reactive behaviors turn to thoughtful problem-solving skills. Growth is markedly noticeable, physically as well as cognitively.

As we learn more and more about the actual brain science behind the importance of these early years, it is increasingly clear to me what a special little place we have here. Here, God's beautiful children can know they are safe and cared for. Here, we reach higher every day for best practice and highest quality of care. Here, your children are nurtured to be the best they can be. Here, learning is scaffolded by teachers who help children think deeper and grow kindness. Here, the early years matter.

So with Valentine's Day around the corner, I close, with the words of Charles Dickens:

"I love these little people; and it is not a slight thing when they, who are so fresh from God, love us."

February Events

- ◆ CHAPEL
February 7 & 8
- ◆ NO SCHOOL
February 19
- ◆ NO LUNCH BUNCH
February 20
- ◆ PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES
February 26 - March 2



Mrs. H

PARTY PLANNING MOMS UNITE!

Thursday, February 8th

8:30am In the Garage (by the back courtyard)

Join Lisa Kobus (Calyssa's mom) and other interested moms to hear some ideas on the following potential events for our kiddos:



MOTHER/SON PIRATE NIGHT in March



FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE in May

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



**Saturday, April 7th, 2018
6:00 - 10:00pm**

Gather a Team of 6 Adults
(Husbands vs. Wives?, Classroom vs. Classroom?)
Pick a theme, Name your team,
Decorate your table and enjoy the fun!

Cost

\$20 per person

Includes buffet dinner - each table is B.Y.O.B.

Prizes

Winning Team receives \$500 cash prize!

Prize for best decorated table and more!

**Bring 3-\$1 bills for a game of Heads or Tails
at intermission! Mulligans will be for sale as well!**

SILENT AUCTION - Fabulous Prizes!

BRAIN SCIENCE

Getting children ready for school means more than packing their lunches, filling their backpacks, and getting them to the bus on time. In fact, the job of helping children succeed in school starts the day they're born.

Ninety Percent of a Child's Critical Brain Development Happens Between Birth and Age 5.

The experiences of children in their first days, weeks, months, and years determine whether their brain develops in ways that promote positive future learning, behavior and health.

For children to be successful in school and beyond, they must start out on the right path. Early childhood programs give children a solid start in life and a foundation upon which they can build.

Quality Counts

Studies show that children exposed to high-quality early childhood education:

- Have better language, math and social skills, and better relationships with classmates.
- Have better cognitive and sensory skills and experience less anxiety.
- Score higher in school-readiness tests
- Are less likely to need special education or be held back a grade

Kids Who Start Out Behind, Stay Behind

The vast majority (88%) of kids who have trouble reading in first grade still have trouble reading in fourth grade.

- Children who cannot read by fourth grade are more likely to drop out of school.
- High school dropouts are more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system and to be dependent on social welfare programs.

Combining Science with Common Sense

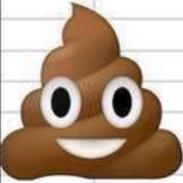
All Arizonans have a shared responsibility in helping Arizona children grow up healthy and ready to succeed.

The better start in life children get, the more likely they are to succeed in school, less likely to receive failing grades or be retained/left back, more likely to advance into college and successful careers. They also tend to be healthier and demand less from the public service system.



About First Things First - First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers (Mrs. H serves on the East Maricopa Regional Council). To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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Art in the Garden



Saturday, February 24th

Take a stroll through the garden and enjoy artwork from local artists, including some of our own from **All About Art** Enrichment Class!



ALL ARE WELCOME

CHAPEL

With Pastor Steve and Ms. Kathy
Wednesday, 2/07 Thursday, 2/08

Lesson: The Good Samaritan

Song: Fill Your Bucket Song

Food Donations: Local Food Pantry

Children's Clothing and/or Shoes: AZ Helping Hands

Yarn and/or Diapers: AZ Needy Newborns

Any **monetary offerings** will be given to Feed My Starving Children.



at

how do you spell love?

- piglet



you don't spell it.

you feel it.

- pooh

Lunch Bunch is a safe, nurturing environment where our kiddos can practice the independence skills needed for kindergarten success...managing the longer day, lunch time skills and additional time to play, problem solve and develop those important social-emotional skills.

Take advantage of this and other after-school opportunities!

3's and Pre-K

LUNCH BUNCH!



Available Daily

Sign up at the Office

Pick Up at 12:30pm: \$10

Pick Up at 1:30pm: \$15

Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20

Great way for kids to foster friendships.

Plan a day with some friends!

***No Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, February 20th due to staff meeting/training.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences



February 26 - March 2
Conference sign-up sheets coming soon

Written progress reports will be distributed to all. This report will cover all domains (social, emotional, cognitive, physical), highlighting each child's strengths and growth. Recommendations regarding readiness will also be discussed.

Our teachers spend a great deal of time preparing these reports, after months of assessing and working with each child. We look forward to sharing this important information with you regarding your child's progress. We value our partnership with you and together we are better for our kiddos!

2018-19 Registration



March 5: Current Families
(includes incoming Toddlers)

March 6: Alumni & Esperanza Members

March 7: General Public

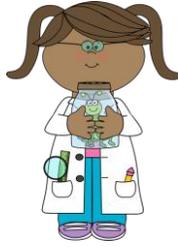
Enrollment Packets available mid-February

Toddlers: Tuesday/Thursday

3 Year Olds: MWF or T/Th

Pre-K: MWF or MTWH

UPCOMING ENRICHMENT CLASSES



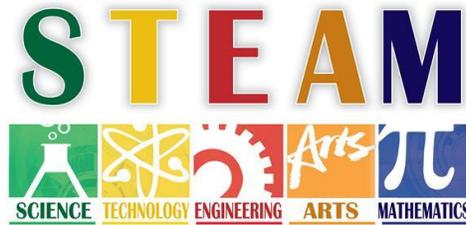
PREDICT IT! SCIENCE CLASS

With Mrs. Gerrish

Wednesdays

\$110

3/21, 3/28, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 and 5/02/18



FULL STEAM AHEAD

With Mrs. Luken

Mondays

\$110

3/19, 3/26, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30/18



LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS

Fridays with Mrs. Palomaa (and Mrs. Luken PM Class)

AM CLASS: 8:30 – 11:30am

February – April
\$70 per month

PM CLASS: 11:30am – 2:00pm

February – April - \$175 or
February – March - \$110



Please make drop off and pick up times with your child
Cell Phone Free Zones 😊



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