

# Children of Hope Child Development Center

January 2021

## Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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### Hope...

A few months back at a church staff meeting, Pastor Paul shared a quote from the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu's book "The Book of Joy". This quote has stuck with me and it seems to be a nice way for us to start a new calendar year.

"As the Archbishop was explaining, hope is the antidote to despair. Yet hope requires faith, even if that faith is in nothing more than human nature or the very persistence of life to find a way. Hope is also nurtured by relationship, by community, whether that community is a literal one or one fashioned from the long memory of human striving whose membership includes Gandhi, King, Mandela, and countless others. Despair turns inward. Hope sends us into the arms of others."

### Happy Birthday!



No January Staff Birthdays

I am hopeful as this new year starts. I am hopeful now that a vaccine is being distributed, that our world will have a chance to heal. I am hopeful that if we continue to model and teach our children to love, that our nation will also heal. I am hopeful each day that I spend with our teachers, our church staff, and especially our kiddos, because believe me, the view from my desk is awesome. I am hopeful.

What gives you hope?

Let's hold on together...here we come 2021!

*Mrs. H*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 MSG

"So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up **hope** so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it."



*Welcome Pastor Annemarie!*



*Esperanza is thrilled to welcome a new pastor, following the retirement of Pastor Steve. Read more about Pr. Annemarie here*

[Congregation Calls Annemarie Burke as Pastor - Esperanza Lutheran Church \(myesperanza.org\)](#)

**Until we meet in person, check out some Sunday School lessons & Confirmation Zoom info on Esperanza's website. Reach out to Deacon Connie to join in!**

<https://myesperanza.org/education/sunday-school/>



## CHAPEL



**January 20 & 21**

**Songs:  
Jesus Loves Me  
Fruit of the Spirit Song**

**This month we will rewind a bit and talk to the children about the birth of the Baby Jesus. We will also focus on the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Patience & Self Control, talking about how it can be hard to wait...**

**Each month we introduce the students to a **Fruit of the Spirit**, (these being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) and illustrate how Jesus and other characters from the Bible personified these traits, and how we can, too!**

**We will also enjoy singing a monthly themed song and we finish each Chapel Time with our Chapel Song, "My God is So Big"**

**Wear your school shirt for Chapel!**

### Optional Chapel Offering

**This month we will collect boxes of cereal for Kyrene Resource Center.**

# WHY LUNCH BUNCH?



Lunch Bunch offers our students opportunities for additional socialization through mealtime, extended activities and play. We provide a safe, nurturing place where the children can eat lunch with their peers, while learning to manage and clean up their own space, with the bonus of added time to socialize and play with their friends.

With the company of our supportive teachers, Lunch Bunch kiddos can acclimate to a longer school day, can make mistakes (such as spills) and be helped to fix them, and can gain confidence and independence.

**Lunch Time is very fast in elementary school and here at Hope we believe in providing Lunch Bunch as an opportunity for our students to practice the “soft skills” needed for kindergarten success.**

**Available Daily**

**Sign up Book is located outside Mrs. H's office**

**Pick Up at 12:30pm: \$10**

**Pick Up at 1:30pm: \$15**

**Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20**

**Must be enrolled in 3's or Pre-K.**

**Not available to our Toddler Class due to diapering/licensing issues.**

**\*NO LUNCH BUNCH the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to inform you that our school will once again be served by a program called **Smart Support**. This program provides mental health consultation, training, and resources for ADHS licensed child care centers and DES regulated family child care homes. Consultation is available to staff and Directors at no charge. Smart Support is funded by a voter initiative called First Things First that uses state tobacco tax funds to provide greater opportunities for all children five and under in Arizona to grow up ready to succeed.

Typically, our trained, masters-level consultant, Courtney, would visit our classrooms each week but this practice has been updated in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Smart Support services are not taking place in person currently, but rather virtually by phone and/or teleconferencing. Courtney will be available to ensure your child is being engaged and will work with staff to enhance communication skills and discuss solutions for challenging behaviors. Courtney may observe the classroom virtually, until she can be physically present to observe the classroom. You can always ask to set up a time to meet confidentially, via phone call or virtual platform with Courtney. Any individual work with your child will only take place with your knowledge and specific consent.

The goal of Smart Support is to support the social and emotional needs of young children so that they can thrive in their current care and optimal learning can take place. These goals are met by implementing classroom strategies, training, and resources or referrals for specific children or situations.

We believe that our involvement with this valuable program will assist us in our mission to respond to the social, emotional, and cognitive needs of your child. Feel free to contact me with any questions!



Courtney

Sincerely,

*Lynn Hockenberger*

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Preschool Director



Calling all parents! Join Certified Instructor Mindy Becker of [Grow With Us By Mindy Becker](#) for an upcoming virtual parent series. Click here to register: <http://bit.ly/3pZeXmr> #iHeartCD

WANT TO FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE RAISING EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY HUMANS?

A Polaroid-style photograph of a smiling family of four: a mother with curly hair, a father, and two young children, all looking towards the camera.

Join Our Virtual  
**CONNECTED PARENT SERIES**

FOR ALL PARENTS OF TODDLERS TO TEENS AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

Series Starts  
January 13  
8:15 - 9:15 PM EST  
**RELAX, LISTEN & LEARN!**

Led by  
Mindy Becker  
Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor  
Educator ~ Learner ~ Motivator

A circular logo with the text "Teach . Learn . Live" around the top edge and "We are in this together!" around the bottom edge. In the center, there are two hands, one green and one blue, holding a red heart.

For ALL parents, Toddlers to Teens & everything in between: Learn tools to set you and your children up for more success in all aspects of life! Join us starting January 13 for an hour to relax, listen, and learn during our Connected Parent Series



**We WILL have school on  
Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**(originally scheduled as a day off due to the MLK Jr. holiday)**

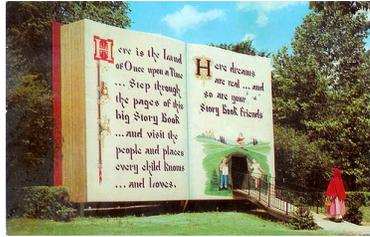
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## **COVID VACCINE**

Beginning Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, our staff, as childcare workers, are eligible in the 1B group to receive the Covid vaccine. We are all very excited about this as we consider this a step towards “normalcy”.

# Friday Enrichment Class for Pre-K



## Storybook Forest

With Mrs. H & Mrs. A

8:30 – 11:30am

The remaining 2 classes that were interrupted will be held on Friday, 1/22 and 1/29





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

## SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

We at **Children of Hope Child Development Center** are committed to providing a smoke-free environment for children, staff members, and child care providers. Due to hazards from exposure to second-hand smoke and as a recognized Empower child care facility, it shall be the policy of this child care facility to provide a tobacco-free environment for children, staff members, child care providers, and parents.



Cleaning & Disinfecting  
Services



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