

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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It's here...the most wonderful time of the year. For many, especially those with little ones, this can be a very magical time of year. For some, a hard time of year. Here at Children of Hope, we hope to bring you some of the magical moments.

I would argue that the magic has already started around here. It was so wonderful to see you all at our Thanksgiving Feast last week. Many thanks to my teachers who helped the children learn and celebrate, create placemats and table decorations for our feast, and sing songs of thanksgiving. Thanks to the church ladies, who look forward to serving at this event each year. We are so happy for our friendship with them. Thanks to Pr. Annemarie for the lovely blessing. And thanks to all of you for enjoying that time of fellowship with us. As I walked around I was filled with joy to see you all there, as one happy school family.

Happy Birthday!



Dec. 30: Deacon Connie
Dec. 31: Pr. Annemarie

This week we will begin learning and rehearsing for our annual Christmas pageant. It amazes me every year how our littlest students learn the songs and lines for this show. You won't want to miss it!

We are also busy this week getting ready for Breakfast with Santa! Mr. & Mrs. Claus can't wait to see the kiddos on Saturday, and they have treats to share! We hope you will join us...invite your friends...it is absolutely darling.

It is a joy to spend this holiday season with you and your children. We hope to share some holiday magic with you...we could all use some. We can feel it in the classrooms, and we hope you will feel it, too.

Warmly,

Mrs. H



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Christmas Eve Services

Children's Service

4:00pm

This will be an interactive, child friendly service with Pr. Annemarie and Deacon Connie

Contemporary Service

With Praise Band

7:00pm

Traditional Service

with Candlelight Procession

8:30pm

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FAMILY CHAPEL TIME



December 7: Ducklings

December 8: Penguins

December 9: Butterflies

11:10am in the Sanctuary

PARENTS! We invite you to be a part of Family Chapel Time!

Please join us where you will sit on the floor with your child in your lap and participate in monthly Family Chapel Time with Deacon Connie, Pastor Annemarie, and Mrs. H. (If a parent cannot attend, no worries...we will take great care of your children and keep them happy & engaged)

Chapel Offering:

Esperanza is delivering a coffee/pastry bar to the medical personnel at the VA Hospital. If you would like to donate, items requested include boxes of:

Hot Chocolate

Coffees

Teas

Ciders

Children:

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT

December Songs

Jesus Loves Me

My God is So Big

Lesson: Fruit of the Spirit: Love

Galatians 5:22-23

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 Thursday, December 16th (last day before break)

FIRST THINGS FIRST

GIFT GUIDE from our partners at First Things First

Need gift ideas for those little ones in your life? Browse our gift guide for free or low-cost gifts and toys for young children at every age and developmental stage.

www.firstthingsfirst.org/giftguide



From our friends at Conscious Discipline:

Have the Elf leave little notes that contain encouraging words and notices helpfulness:

“You _____ (describe what the child did) so _____ (describe how it contributed to others).
That was helpful!

Examples:

You cleaned up the race cars so no one would fall. That was helpful!

You reminded your Mom to put on her seatbelt so she would be safe. That was helpful!

Have your elf surprise people with Random Acts of Kindness around the home. For example, he could make someone's bed or pick up trash. Leave the elf on the bed or near the trash can when the job is done.

Upcoming Events

Polar Express Day



Thursday, December 2nd

Kiddos! Wear your jammies to school this day and we will board the “train”, hear the story, and enjoy a special snack.

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 4th

9:00 - 11:00am

\$8.50 per person

Enjoy a continental breakfast and crafts while you wait to visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus!

Don't miss this *adorable* event!

Invite your friends!

Sign up this week!!

THANK YOU for your Butter Braid orders! We made approx. \$2000 profit, the most we have ever made! Playground rubber mulch, here we come!!



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.



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