

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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Happy New Year!

What makes you excited for the new year? I always seem to make resolutions that I can't sustain. But this year I am excited for some wonderful moments that are on the horizon, personally and professionally.

As some of you have heard, our daughter got engaged on the big trip we took and so we are most excited to plan a wedding in 2023! Our son is also applying to graduate school on his path to becoming a school counselor and we are excited to see where that leads as well!

Here at school, I am excited about several opportunities for us to come together as a community. First, we are offering an awesome parenting workshop series on Conscious Discipline with the wonderful Diana Brown. More info on how to sign up for these valuable workshops can be found later in this newsletter. Secondly, we are so excited to be hosting Trivia Night again this year! Those who attend always look forward to coming back and I hope to see each classroom represented at a table or two. It's a really fun night out for parents! We are also excited to our assessment process with Quality First. Ok, excited might be the wrong word, as no one is "excited" to have assessors with clipboards in their classroom. But I am excited to show the Quality First assessors the high-quality work that is taking place in our classroom and the loving relationships between the teachers and students.

More than a school, we strive to be a welcoming, supportive community for you and I hope you will jump into 2023 excited for some of the opportunities for fellowship, together.

Warmly,
Mrs. H

Happy Birthday!



Deacon Connie:
December 30th



ALL ARE WELCOME!

***Sunday Worship Service
9:00am***

***Children's & Adult Sunday
School following worship***

All are welcome

First Communion Class Coming Soon! Deacon Connie will share more information with you in the coming weeks.

Children's Sunday School will resume this month. Deacon Connie has some fun activities planned!

Like to crochet or knit? Or want to learn? Join the Esperanza ladies on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall as they make Prayer Shawls and more.

Meet Pastor Sarah



Interim Pastor at Esperanza

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[\(myesperanza.org\)](#)

FAMILY CHAPEL TIME



**Frogs: Monday, January 23 @
8:30am...please check in, drop off
backpacks, and proceed to Chapel**

**Ducklings: Tuesday, January 24 @
8:30am...please meet in the Chapel**

**Penguins: Wednesday, January 25 @
8:30am...please check in, drop off
backpacks, and proceed to Chapel**

PARENTS!

**Join us at 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)**

**We will hear stories, sing songs, and
learn about Jesus. We hope you will
join us!**

**Children:
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT**

**Lesson: Fruit of the Spirit
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

Billing via Brightwheel

Pick Up at 12:30pm: \$10

Pick Up at 1:30pm: \$15

Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20

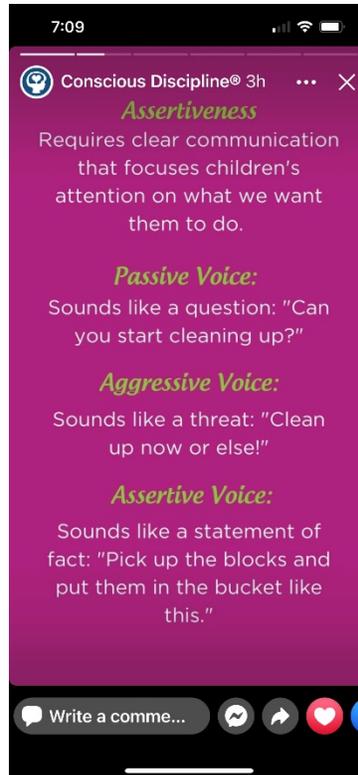
Must be enrolled in 3's or Pre-K.

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

***NO LUNCH BUNCH on Tuesday, January 24th , due to Staff Meeting**



Which voice do you use most often?



Join us:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ADAA2FA5FB6-arents>

COH Parents

A Parent's Guide to Conscious Discipline

With the wonderful Diana Brown, M.Ed.

Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor

This is a 3-part series: January 12, 19 & 26, 2023

9:00 - 11:00am

\$50 per person or \$75 per couple

FIRST THINGS FIRST



What Kindergarten Teachers Say Are the *Most Important Skills* for Young Children Entering Kindergarten

FIRST THINGS FIRST

- ✓ **Fine motor skills**
(to hold writing tools or use scissors)
- ✓ **Counting to five**
- ✓ **Following directions**
(with one or two steps)
- ✓ **Writing their name**
- ✓ **Bathroom skills**
(going by themselves, washing their hands, how to blow their nose, and sneeze into their elbow, etc.)
- ✓ **Sharing and taking turns**

- ✓ **Self-control**
- ✓ **Focus**
- ✓ **Language and early literacy skills**
(like vocabulary and how to handle books)
- ✓ **Independence**
- ✓ **Persistence**
- ✓ **Listening skills**
(Attending kindergarten involves lots of listening!)
- ✓ **Curiosity**
- ✓ **Being a friend**

Our next FUN FRIDAY will be held in February!



Stay tuned!



Have you heard about **Trivia Night**? Ask the teachers or a parent who has attended (see Alaina Gervais, Grace's mom, as her team won best table last year!) and they will tell you about this fun evening created for you, the parents!

Time to start thinking about your team of 6 adults!

TEAM DUCKLING, TEAM PENGUIN, TEAM FROG...It's time!



**Saturday, January 21, 2023
6:00 - 10:00pm**

Gather a Team of 6 Adults
Name your team, Pick a theme,
Decorate your table, Enjoy the fun!

Cost

\$25 per person

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

Prizes

Winning Team receives \$600 cash prize!
Prize for best decorated table and more!

SIGN YOUR TEAM UP HERE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ADAA2FA5FB6-trivia>



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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Services



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