



April/May 2019 Newsletter

From the Director

Dear Parents:

Spring has finally arrived. Please take a moment to enjoy the beautiful spring flowers that our Hope parents, children, and teachers planted last fall at our annual work day.

We are also adding many new native plants to our garden this spring. I hope you will take time to visit our gardens once they are in full bloom

It is hard to believe that we are finishing spring conferences. The next few weeks will be so busy as we prepare for the end of the year. The children have made new friends, had many new experiences, and have grown and developed new

Mark your calendars:

April 24

Spring Open House

May 1

Summer Camp Meeting

May 3

Mother's Day Celebration

May 10

Spring Musical

May 24

Last Day of School

May 28-May 31

Interim Week

skills - academic, social and emotional. It is truly amazing!

This time of the year is definitely bittersweet for all of us at Hope. Many of our Hope children will begin new schools in the fall, and it is our greatest wish that we have managed to give them both roots and wings. I know in my heart that children are deeply aware of how much we care for them. It is our hope that they take the feeling of love and respect with them, always. Our door is always open for each of you to come and visit us. We are deeply grateful and only wish the very best for your child and for you.

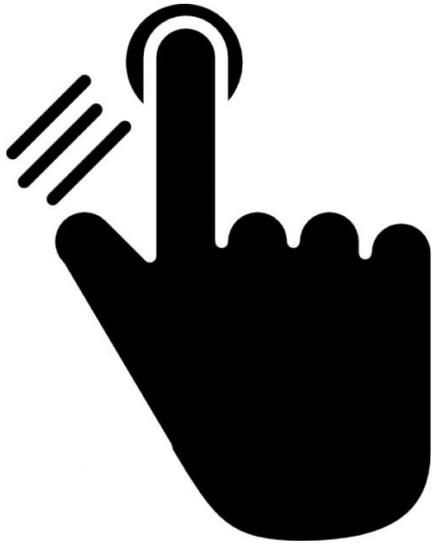
Looking forward to seeing you at Parent/Child Open House.

Theresa

June 3
Summer Camp Begins

Summer Camp and Fall 2019 Registration

We are working on finalizing the information for Summer Camp, "Passport to Learning" and the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar. If you haven't turned in your re-enrollment forms, please do so promptly, **even if you are not planning to send your child to camp and/or not returning in the fall.** We currently have a wait list of families who are awaiting notification of availability to enroll at Hope.



Attendance Tracker

It has been brought to my attention that many of our parents are not consistently using the scanner to sign their child in and out daily. It is very important for our records and for the safety of your child that you are using the attendance tracker every day. Please be conscientious in making sure you walk your child to their classroom. If the class is outdoors, please make contact with a staff member so they are aware your child has joined them.



Allergy Season

Unfortunately, along with the beauty of spring come the seasonal allergies that accompany it. Over the years, it seems that the number of children at Hope affected by allergies/asthma has increased significantly. If it is necessary to restrict your child's activities outside, we will need documentation from your child's physician/allergist indicating the time period that they must be kept indoors, along with any medication instructions for both prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bike Helmet Safety

It's time to dust off those bikes and scooters and inspect your kids' helmets! Did you know that properly fitted helmets can reduce the risk of head injuries by 75 percent? Don't forget the safety pads to protect your children's elbows and knees too! Safety Stop can help make sure your child is wearing the appropriate safety gear and that it fits properly. [Click here](#) to **learn about \$5 helmet and safety gear special and other services offered at St. Louis Children's Hospital's Safety Stop**



Spring Open House

April 24, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Spring Open House is a special night for Hope children and their parents. You are your child's guest. Please dress comfortably because you will be sitting on the floor and/or a small chair. Your child will show you work in the classroom and refreshments will be provided. It is not necessary to stay the whole time. We realize that younger children need to get home for bed. Please make other arrangements for siblings so that you can focus on your child who attends Hope.

Summer Camp Orientation Meeting

May 1, 4:30 P.M., Multipurpose Room

The summer camp orientation meeting is scheduled on May 1, 4:30 p.m. If this is your child's first summer at Hope, you will find this meeting very helpful. Mark Robinson, our Summer Camp Director, will give an overview. Everyone is welcome to attend, but this meeting is especially helpful for parents of three year-olds. Classroom lists will be available at that time.



Mother's Day Celebration

Friday, May 3

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast With Your Child

Pancakes will be cooked to order by Chris Cakes and served with delicious toppings.

Spring Musical

May 10 - 6:30 p.m. drop your child off at Hope and walk over to Andrews Academy for the 7:00 performance.

The children will perform a short musical on May 10th .The theme for this year is "Motown Review" . Each class performs for 3-5 minutes, so PLEASE do not arrive late. If this is your first year, you are in for a treat. It is remarkable to watch. The doors at Andrews open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is open, but we do ask that older siblings sit with you. Also, a Jump Drive of the performance will be available to

purchase. We have noticed that families who buy the Jump Drive can truly sit back and enjoy the performance.

Generally, children are picked up early so they have time to freshen up and eat dinner at home before coming back to Hope. Hope will be closed from 6:00-6:30 to allow our staff time to eat dinner. Parking is a bit tricky, and the parking lot fills up very quickly. If it is a nice day, you might consider parking at Infant/Toddler Community or Millennium Park. There will not be parking available around either the Andrews or the Hope islands.



Class Picnics

Please check outside your child's classroom for details for your classroom picnic.

Scheduled dates are:

Room 1 – May 9

Room 2 – May 22

Room 3 – May 17

Room 4 – May 8

Room 5 – May 15

Room 6 – May 14

Room 7 – May

16

May 21(p.m.)

Kindergarten –

Interim Session, May 28 - May 31, 2019

The last day of Montessori classes is Friday, May 24. Children should take home all art work, extra clothing, pillow, blanket, coats & jackets, boots, and also empty drawers and cubbies. The building will be closed on Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday. On Tuesday, May 28, the children will move to their summer classrooms. The first day of camp is Monday, June 3. Swimming and other camp activities will begin that week. As a reminder, the interim week period following camp, August 12-14, is only for those children returning to Hope in the fall...the last day of camp for all other children is Friday, August 9.

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