



November/December 2017 Newsletter

From the Director

Dear Parents,

When we look back over our first couple of months of school, it is a bit of a blur! We had our successful and fun Parent Night, Annual Work Day, and several fall field trips. And, that does not include "Picture Day".

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who joined us on Work Day. It is always astonishing how many projects are completed. We have a beautiful new tire swing, our spring bulbs are planted, the gardens are weeded & turned, bushes are pruned, new shrubs are planted, fall flower pots

Mark your
calendars:



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Parent-Teacher Conferences

are planted, the blacktop is swept and blown, new napkins are sewn for classrooms, cot sheets mended, and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the families who generously donated food for lunch.

Each one of these events is highly successful because of our terrific staff and wonderful parents. I thank everyone who was able to attend and participate in these special events. We see each of these events as valuable and also believe they help to create the “unique” community that is **Hope**. It also means the world to your child that you are a regular part of his/her school.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Theresa

November 23 & 24

School Closed

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30

Parent Breakfast

December 12

Hanukkah Celebration

December 14

Christmas Assembly

December 22-29

Winter Break

Childcare Provided

December 25

School Closed

Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2018

School Closed

New Year's Holiday

January 2, 2018

Montessori Classes Resume

Calendar Changes

Please mark your calendars with these important dates in the spring:

- Grandparent Tea has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 4, from March 11.
- The school spring musical performance will be on Friday evening, May 11.
- The Mother's Day Celebration has been moved to the late afternoon of May 4 from May 11.



FROM THE OFFICE.....

Daylight Savings Time Just a reminder...with the time change, depending on when you drop off and pick up, it may still be dark outside. Please take extra care on the parking lot. Remember to drive slowly and mindfully and do not use your cell phone while driving in the parking lot. Thank you!

Fall Menus The new fall menu has been introduced this week. If you would like a copy, please stop by the office.

Parent/Teacher Conferences, November 6-17

Hopefully, you have scheduled your parent conference with your classroom teacher. The teachers have much to share and are also always eager to hear what you have to say. We strongly encourage both parents to attend, if possible. If, by chance, you need to reschedule your conference, we will be able to do so after all the teachers finish their conferences.



Circle of Concern, Thanksgiving Basket Donations

In November, we will be collecting canned goods and items to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for less fortunate families. The items are donated to the Circle of Concern, a food pantry located in West St. Louis County. The Circle of Concern serves families on a fixed income and/or families who have fallen on hard times. There are sheets in the lobby if you would like to sign-up to contribute to our collection. In addition to showing concern for others, this is also a wonderful way to introduce your child to the joy that comes from sharing with others. It is always touching to see children and parents carrying in their donations. The Circle sends a volunteer to collect our items and our Kindergarteners, using every muscle in their bodies, load the boxes into the volunteer's car/van. They are always very appreciative of the generous donations from Hope. Donated items need to be here by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need.

Parent Breakfast

November 30, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Our next parent breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, with Dr. Sam Scrintino, Interim Head Master of Andrews Academy, and Sandy Weinmann, Director of Curriculum. They will present "Guidelines for Choosing an Elementary School". If you are interested in joining us for a delicious breakfast and an interesting discussion, please register at the sign-in desk.



Holiday Celebrations

Our Hanukkah celebration is scheduled for December 12 at 10:00 a.m. and our Christmas Assembly is on December 14 at 10:00 a.m. These celebrations are done primarily by and for the children in our Hope community. Unfortunately, we cannot provide seating for our entire school, but we have a few seats available if you would like to join us. Each program lasts approximately 30 - 45 minutes. During December, we welcome volunteers to make potato latkes and/or help decorate Christmas cookies in your child's classroom. We have also had parents volunteer to make a special craft with their child's class. If you are interested, please speak with your child's teacher.

Holiday Giving at Hope

Each holiday Hope reaches out to those less fortunate. For our Christmas project again this year, we would like to support a local charity, Angels' Arms, www.angelsarms.org . Although in existence only since 2000, Angels' Arms has changed the lives of over 300 children, including over 90 sibling groups, by providing them with a loving home and allowing them to thrive in a happy, functional family setting. In their ten homes, Angels' Arms provides much more than a "roof" for their foster parents and children. Their foster families receive numerous services and resources, from monthly special activities and meals, to clothing, lessons and assistance with health issues. In short, they give children a chance to be children.

Angels' Arms has provided us with a list of specific items requested by their foster families to help brighten the holidays for the children in their care. In December, we will display our Hope Giving Tree with ornaments designating a specific gift item for a child or a gift card. Anyone wishing to participate in giving can select an ornament from the tree and deliver the unwrapped item by close of business on December 14. There will be a basket in the lobby for the donations. What better way for our Hope children to learn that charity begins in your own backyard!

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Winter Break, December 22-29, 2017

Over the years, our experience is that many families travel during the Christmas/New Year holidays, some use the opportunity to stay home with their families, and some of us continue working. Many of our teachers also use this time to travel, so I would like to ask for your assistance in helping us staff properly for the holidays. We are closed December 25 in observance of Christmas and on January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. The new school year will begin on Tuesday, January 2. **Attached is a form for you to let us know on which days your child will attend. Please complete this form as soon as possible and return it to the office to help us staff properly and allow our staff to plan their holidays.** If your child is coming each day...simply check that box, or you may select the individual days that she/he will attend. If you are unsure, please select that day so we can staff properly. Thank you for your help. We appreciate it.

[Holiday Planning Form](#)



MANY THANKS ...

To all the families that helped us on Work Day, especially to Ron Bondevers (Kyan, Room 7), Aaron Smith (Graham and Evie, Room 7), Andy Whitehead (Graham and Penelope Room 7), Josh Rothmel (Gabe, Room 7) and Nathan Seibel (Connor, Room 3). The amazing new tire swing will be enjoyed for many years by Hope children.

To all the families that shared a message of peace in many languages on our Hope Peace Pole. Currently, there are twenty-two languages represented from our current families.

At our Diwali Celebration, a thank you to...Sheetal Gattani (Ananya, Room 6) for helping tell the story; to Swastika Bungley (Nirvaan, Room 7) for entertaining us with her beautiful song and dance; to Manju Ramchandani (Misha, Room 1); to Pournima Navalkele (Nandini, Room 3) for welcoming us with beautiful decorations and colorful Rangoli, and to all the other parents that joined in our celebration.

To Mark Robinson for entertaining us with an educational and fun Halloween celebration.

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