

HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL, INC.

"Where Children Love to Learn and Learn with Love"

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Parent Newsletter

April, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is with joy that I welcome Spring, the return of warm weather and the awakening of the natural world around us. I love the comfort, familiarity, and ease the school year has created with the children. And I marvel at the growth I have been witness to over the past seven months. However, this season also carries with it the awareness that our school year is in its final stretch, and that certainly elicits a bittersweet feeling for me. I look forward to watching your children continue to "bloom" over the next two months!

Thank you to all who participated in the 2018-2019 school year survey. The incredibly positive feedback was wonderful in helping us to know (and continue) what we are doing well! We also greatly value the feedback received on areas in which we can improve. We will use your suggestions and input to focus on certain preschool experiences, such as the registration procedure and hallway congestion. Our goal is to continue to do everything we can to ensure a positive educational experience for your children.

With luck, our temperatures will stay dry and the classes will consistently be going outside during their large motor time. As April air can still potentially have a chill, please send your child to school with warm jackets, hats, and gloves. Remain on the lookout for information regarding several upcoming fun events to mark on your calendar. We will be hosting an Usborne Book Fair on April 17th and 18th. Our annual Muffins with Moms event is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd, and believe it or not, preparations are under way for the "End of the Year" class and school parties!

April marks the final month of tuition payments for most families. If you have not sent in your final year end payment, please do so as soon as possible. Paid in full notices will be sent once your tuition is complete! I would like to extend a sincere note of thanks for the continued generosity shown to the preschool through both financial donations, as well as donations of time! I am always so impressed by the dedication of our families and remain truly appreciative of your continued support!

Looking Ahead:

4/3:	Registration begins for "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Fun Friday (4/12)
4/12:	Fun Friday: Take Me Out to the Ball Game, 11:15-12:45
4/17&18	Usborne Book Fair and Easter Parties
4/19-22	Easter Break, No School
4/23:	School Resumes, Registration begins for "Fiesta" Fun Friday (5/3)

Wishing you many Spring blessings,

Samantha Meunier, Director

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Hope Ridge United Methodist Church Invites You to Join Us.....

MENTOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS "STATE OF THE SCHOOL"

April 3rd 7:00 p.m. Hope Ridge WFLC

Superintendent Bill Porter will be presenting "The State of Schools of Mentor School District" this Wednesday, 4/3/19. This presentation is about 30 minutes and is free and open to the public. A question and answer opportunity will follow.

ROAR!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-19 9 a.m. - Noon Hope Ridge UMC

Registration is open on the website, HopeRidge.com/VBS, \$15/individual, \$30/family for age 4-5th grade.

PASTA WITH A PURPOSE

April 13th 4:00-7:00 p.m. Hope Ridge UMC

Bring your appetite and support the Hope Ridge Youth Mission Trip! The meal includes a spaghetti and meatball dinner, salad, roll, and dessert, as well as entertainment including two local boutique shows, musical talent, a magician, and more! Limited tickets will be sold. Purchase tickets at the Giving Kiosk or on-line at HopeRidge.com. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

SHARE, LAUGH, AND LEARN PARENTING GROUP

April and May 9:00 a.m. WEEKLY Conference Room

****Now meeting once a week!****

Drop in for this DVD study and hear helpful tips on parenting issues that we all face. Upcoming topics: Birth Order (and what you need to know about it), and Recognizing your children's differences and turning them into advantages. Free childcare is provided.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14 at 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM, both with the choir and bells.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, potluck at 6 PM, service at 7 PM

Tenebrae Good Friday on April 19 at 7 PM

Easter Sunday Services on April 21

9 AM Traditional Easter Service with the choir and orchestration in the WFLC

11 AM Contemporary Praise Easter Service in the WFLC

After Easter, the familiar Sunday service times of 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM will resume.

POPS NEWS

Hey Families! I hope everyone had an amazing Spring Break! I'd like to thank everyone who attended our Hope Ridge Family Bowling Night at Scores. Thank you for always supporting our school! Malley's pick-up will be the week of the 8th in the Hallway next to the Nursery. The Fundraiser went awesome and we can't wait for everyone to enjoy their chocolates. Play-Doh Making is Tuesday, April 2nd at 9am in the church kitchen. Our POPS Meetings will be Tuesday, April 9th at 9am and Wednesday, April 10th at 12pm in the nursery. Muffin w/Moms flyers will be sent home within the next week or two, so please keep an eye out!