



Dear Hope Ridge Families,

Happy November! As I take a moment to pause in gratitude for the blessings surrounding us, I find myself overwhelmed with joy and thanks to be a part of this special school. The staff at Hope Ridge creates a daily environment which is welcoming, enriching, supportive, and fun. The POPS group is continually impressing me with their commitment to our program and student opportunities. Our families are wonderful, and the larger Hope Ridge community and church is incredibly supportive of the Preschool, acknowledging the importance of early childhood education in our community. I have found my first couple of months as the director here as a wonderful blessing. In short, I am GRATEFUL!

The beauty of the autumn leaves is always accompanied by the less welcome drop in temperature! We will use the playground as long as the weather allows us to comfortably do so. It is helpful if students bring in warm coats, hats and mittens/gloves to guard against the chillier air. Please label jackets and accessories with your child's name. I have heard conflicting predictions on the severity of our winter weather, but please be reminded that Hope Ridge will close if either Riverside or Mentor School Districts close due to dangerous weather conditions.

If you (or someone you know) are interested in participating in our Mom and Me class, now is the time to register! This class will meet on Monday's beginning again in January.

I hope each of you have a wonderful month of thankfulness and get to enjoy the beauty that this season brings. I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a small part of your lives. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mark your calendar:

- 11/5: No School, Election Day and Teacher In-Service
- 11/8: Fun Friday – “Pirates of the Ridge” (sign up 10/29 in the office)
- 11/13 & 14: Goodies with Grandparents (am & pm)
- 11/25: Fun Friday Registration, PJ Party (Dec. 3rd)
- 11/27-11/29: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Programs will be December 17 in the AM and December 18 Am and PM

On behalf of Hope Ridge Preschool I would like to wish your family a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Best wishes,

Nikki Davis

Nikki Davis, Director

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE A RUNNY NOSE	I HAVE A PERSISTENT COUGH	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I have a communicable disease
Temperature of 100.2 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	With yellow/green discharge	Croupy Cough	Within the past 24 hours	Impetigo, ringworm, or body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice or nits	Redness, itchy, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye(s)	Flu, Measles, MRSA, etc.

I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol or Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours and have had at least 2 solid meals	On required antibiotics for at least 24 hours	Cleared by my doctor and have a note specifying my continued symptoms are not contagious to others	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, open sores, and fever. And I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided that I no longer have lice or nits	Evaluated by my doctor, have begun appropriate medication, and/or have a note from my doctor stating I may return to school	No longer contagious and the incubation period for any communicable disease has passed
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I wanted to remind you that cold and flu season

are upon us. Please make sure your child is washing their hands before class for Mrs.

Root's room or immediately when they enter the other classes.

Please refer to this chart if you have a question about them needing to stay home.

POPS NEWS

Hi everyone! We just wanted to say thank you to all who came out for the Trunk or Treat event! We had a lot of kiddos with tons of great costumes! We have a busy month ahead of us for POPS and the preschool! Our Christmas Raffle Basket collection begins on November 18th. These baskets will be raffled off at our Christmas concerts. Your homeroom parent will make an announcement about this next week and will provide you with more information. Pies, Pies, Pies!!!! Don't forget about our Baker's Square Pie Card Fundraiser going on NOW! Get your order forms in by November 13th to have your pie cards before we leave for Thanksgiving break. Don't like pie? You can donate one and it still benefits our school. Checks should be made out to Hope Ridge Preschool. Our next Play-doh making time will take place on November 6th at 12pm in the church kitchen. Our next POPS meetings will be Nov. 6 at 12pm and November 7 at 9am. We also have Goodies with Grandparents on November 13th and 14th. More information will be coming home about that event in the coming weeks. Thanks to everyone who is participating in these fundraisers and events to help our school! We appreciate your support.