

HOPE RIDGE PRESCHOOL, INC.

"Where Children Love to Learn and Learn with Love"

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Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to say thank you for allowing us the opportunity to love, laugh, learn, and play with your children this year. Our lives were enriched by their presence, and it is our great hope that the lives of your children were equally enriched with a positive love of learning. It has been such a pleasure to have taken this journey together. I truly look forward to seeing those who will be returning to Hope Ridge next year, and to those families moving on, please know that you will be missed!

It is very important that I take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to our POPS coordinators, Lisa DePretis and Katie Zeman, for all of their effort and commitment to our POPS group this year. POPS support of our program, teachers, and students has been outstanding and has truly fulfilled the Parents of Preschool Students philosophy and mission. We cannot thank the POPS group enough for your positive, energetic, fun, and helpful events throughout the year. Your involvement has been truly appreciated.

As we wrap up the school year, there are some important dates worth mentioning. We will be having a whole school book fair in the café area on May 9th and 10th. Books can be purchased by a parent on a "drop in" basis or by visiting the website, <https://1106634.myubam.com/679924>. The individual classes will not be attending the book fair. We will continue to have Mrs. Dalton's, Mrs. McLaughlin's, and Mrs. Root's students walk down the preschool hallway to their classrooms on their own for the first two weeks of May. The final week of classes (May 15th-19th), we will have all parents join their students in walking to the classroom doorways. Thank you to Mrs. Knoop's and Mrs. Shaver's families for allowing our older students to have the opportunity to make this transitional step in a comforting way by allowing them to enter the preschool hallway on their own prior to walking your child to their classrooms. I overheard one student with a great big smile proudly sharing with his grandmother his ability to walk to his classroom now because he is almost a kindergartner!

Please note, the final class days for students will be May 18th or 19th, depending on your child's class schedule. Classroom parties and picnics are planned on an individual basis, so your teacher will inform you of the details for your specific year end gathering.

Please take a moment to check the "Lost and Found" bin outside the office door. We will be emptying this bin over the summer. Finally, if you know of anyone in search of a preschool for the 2017-2018 school year, Hope Ridge still has openings at each level. We greatly appreciate your referrals!

It was a blessing to have been able to share the school year with you! I extend my very best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Samantha Meunier
Director

POPS News....

As we close out this wonderful school year, we would like to thank all of our amazing POPS members! We had quite an eventful, fun, and successful year. Looking ahead we are going out with a bang in May! We hope you all enjoy our "Muffins with Mom" event on May 2nd and May 3rd. Please remember that you have been assigned to a specific day and time to attend class with your child. POPS is also hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon for our wonderful staff on Thursday, May 4th. Thank you to all of those who donated an item to make this special for them. (Teacher Appreciation is celebrated on Tuesday, May 2nd.) Finally, POPS is hosting our Carnival themed End of the Year Party on Friday, May 5th from 5:30pm-7:30pm, in the WFLC. We are happy to offer a very entertaining show, balloon artist, professional photo booth, games, face painting, tattoos, and FOOD! The cost is \$2 per person (Under 2 is FREE). Please have your forms in by Wednesday, May 3rd! People are welcome to purchase tickets at the door! POPS will be passing out a survey for each of you to fill out. We ask that you please let us know how YOU felt the year went and turn them into the office by May 17th. Thank you again for such a fun year!

Happy Summer

