February 2018 News

**Preschool Homework:**

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Preschool will have their Valentine’s Day parties on Wednesday February 14th from 10:45 until 11:30. Children will be handing out Valentines that day to their friends before the party. We would like to have you help your child make a Valentines box, bag or something to collect their Valentines in at home. Be creative! Please make sure you include your child’s name on it. We also would like to have them on display in the Preschool hall. If possible, please have your child’s box to school by Thursday Feb. 8th, but no later than Monday Feb. 12th.Thank you and we look forward to seeing your creations!\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Valentine party:**

An email went home to all parents who signed up to help with the Valentines Party and what they signed up to bring, I will also send it home individually in your folders.

The parties will be held on Wednesday February 14th from 10:45 until 11:30 in the Preschool classrooms. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Children may bring Valentines to school to pass out to their friends before the party. Please have your child bring them at the beginning of the school day on Feb 14th. Mrs. Johnston’s class will need to bring 16 Valentines each. Mrs. Pluff, Baack and McCoy’s classes will have a combined party, so please have your child bring 32 Valentines to pass out.

**NO School:**

We will NOT have school on Monday February **19th** if observance of Presidents day.

**Ash Wednesday:**

Ash Wednesday also falls this year on Wednesday February 14th. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season leading up to Easter. Preschool will have a special chapel service that morning that will be led by Pastor Penikis of our church. He will talk about the imposition of ashes and what the meaning is and why we observe Ash Wednesday. The teachers will also talk to the children before hand in our classrooms about what he will be talking about. The children will have the opportunity to have the ashes placed on their forehead in the sign of a cross. This is optional, the children will also have the opportunity to decline. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or contact Mrs. Pluff.

**Father/Daughter Dance:**

Hope Lutheran Church is hosting their annual Father/Daughter dance on Sunday February 25th. The Preschool through 2nd grade time slot is 3:30 to 5pm. the 3-8th grade time is 5:30 to 7pm. An invitation went home several weeks ago in your child’s folder, if you have a female student. Please rsvp as soon as possible if you plan to attend the dance. Please let Mrs. Pluff know if you need a copy of the invitation.

**Inclement Weather:**

Just a reminder that if school is closed due to weather, you will receive a call from the school’s message system, it will leave a voice mail if you do not answer. We will also post the information on the website at hopelutheran.org and I will email as soon as I am notified. The only TV station it will be listed on is KCTV 5 and it will be listed under Hope Lutheran School/Shawnee. We are not the Shawnee Mission School district listing, we are listed separately. If there is a late start past 9:30, we will not have the half-day Preschool sessions.

**Outdoor clothing:**

Please keep in mind that we do try to go outside as much as possible as long as weather and temperature allow. Please send your child to school in a coat that is warm enough for the morning recess. The playground is on the north side of the building and stays quite chilly. Also keeping a hat and gloves in their backpack is a good idea since we never know this time of year what the day will bring.

**Open house:**

Hope Lutheran School will be hosting two separate open houses this year on Thursday February 15th and Thursday February 22nd from 6 to 8 pm. These open houses will include Preschool through 8th grade. If you are interested in the day school for the future, please feel free to attend either open house. Information will be available for kindergarten on up and teachers will also be available to meet with. If you know anyone who is looking for a Christian day school or Preschool for the fall of 2018, please also share this information with them.

If you know someone who is looking for a Preschool in the fall, enrollment is now open beginning Feb. 1. Please pass on the word. Your referral is our greatest compliment! Information can be received from Mrs. Pluff.

**Box Tops 4 Education:**

Hope Lutheran School and Preschool is still collecting Box Tops 4 education. The collection can is located in the Preschool hallway. If you clip any off the food packages you buy, we would love to have you save them for us!

**Teddy Bear and Pajama Day:**

Preschool will have Teddy Bear and pajama day on Thursday March 1st. Children may wear their pjs to school and bring their favorite stuffed bear. Since it is Teddy bear day, we ask that all stuffed animals be a bear. We have extras at school to borrow, if they do not have one to bring. Please make sure your child still wears tennis shoes to school that day for movement, safety and outdoor play.

**Guest Readers:**

If you would still like to be a guest reader in your child’s class, we will continue this program through April. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to be a guest reader and they will schedule you in. All participants must have a background check on file with the school in advance.

**Clothes donations:**

As you are going through your children’s clothing this spring and getting rid of items, please keep our Preschool in mind. We will always accept pants, shorts and shirts in Preschool children sizes. We use these as extras in case a child needs a change of clothes at school. Thank you

**Preschool Play Table:**

Preschool will be in need of one or two new or used play tables for the fall session. These are the tables we have in the classrooms that children can build, play on etc. If you know anyone getting rid of one or see one at a garage sale etc. please let Mrs. Pluff know. Thank you

**Summer Preschool:**

Hope Lutheran Preschool has the opportunity to offer a part time “Summer Preschool “program for the months of June and July. Please watch your child’s folder in the next couple of weeks for detailed information coming home soon!