*Preschool News-November-December*

**Christmas Families**

A flyer went home in your child’s folder with information regarding donations for the Christmas families that Hope Lutheran School sponsors each year. The flyers are also posted in the Preschool hall on the bulletin boards. A collection box for the donation items will be in the half day preschool hall. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Thanksgiving Break**

Thanksgiving break will begin on Tuesday Nov. 26th at noon for the Preschool programs. The Full Day program, (Mrs. Johnston’s class) will not have the afternoon session, lunch or after care on Nov. 26th. We will **not** have school for the entire Preschool Wednesday Nov. 27th through Friday Nov. 29th. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and God’s blessings to you and your families.

**Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather that causes school closings, you will be notified via text and on the phone calling system to the phone numbers we have on file. A test phone call went out last Thursday. (Please notify Mrs. Pluff if you did not receive the phone call.) You will also be notified by the school office in a group email and an individual email by Mrs. Pluff. It will also be listed on KCTV5 and Fox 41 under Hope Lutheran School-Shawnee and on the Hope Lutheran School website at hopelutheran.org. If there is a late start past 9:30 the half day preschool programs (Mrs. Pluff, Mrs. Palermo, Mrs. Jaime) will not be in session. Mrs. Johnston’s class will start at the late start time. If there is a late start, there will **not** be before care for the Full day program.

**Family Night**

Christmas Family night is listed on the Preschool calendar on Friday Dec. 13th. This event has been rescheduled. The new date is Friday Jan. 31st, 2020.

**Christmas Program and Brunch**

Hope Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten will join together on Wed. Dec. 18th for our Christmas program titled “Sing a Song of Christmas”. The program will begin at 10 am and will be held in the Family Life Center at the west end of the building. All family members are invited to attend!

Following the program, the Preschool families and all Preschool students will remain in the Family Life Center for our annual Christmas Brunch. All families are asked to donate one item for the brunch. Please watch for a sign-up genius on Dec. 2nd by email to see what is needed. Extended families are also welcome to join us! The morning will end by 11:30 for the half day programs (Mrs. Pluff, Mrs. Palermo, Mrs. Jaime), Mrs. Johnston’s class will still be in session for the afternoon.

Children may wear fancy Christmas clothes or church style clothing for the program. Please keep in mind the children will be standing on risers when choosing what type of shoes to wear.

The children will arrive at regular class time the day of the program like normal, parents and families will return in time for the program and will head straight to the Family Life Center. The teachers will bring the children down for their program.

**Christmas Break**

Christmas break will begin at **noon** on Thursday Dec. 19th. We will **not** have lunch, the afternoon session or after care for the Full Day program (Mrs. Johnston), the half day programs (Mrs. Pluff, Mrs. Palermo and Mrs. Jaime) will dismiss at 11:30 on Dec. 19th, like normal. School will resume for the entire Preschool program on Monday Jan. 6th.

Christmas break-Dec. 20th-Jan. 3-NO SCHOOL

**Dad’s Night**

Mark your calendars for Hope Lutheran Preschool Dad’s night on Wednesday Jan. 15th, 2020. More information will come home before Christmas break.

**Health Reminders**

**As the cold weather settles in we see an increase in the incidence of illness.  
We would like to remind you to help us with tracking these illnesses in our school.  Please call the school when your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, pink eye, pneumonia, flu, and head lice.  Also, we ask that you follow the guidelines as outlined in the student handbook for keeping your child home when he/she is ill.**

* ***This means students do not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours.***
* ***If a student vomits, they need to wait 24 hours before returning to school.***
* ***If you have questions about whether or not your child is able to return to school, feel free to give us a call.***