

Children of Hope Child Development Center

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Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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Happy New Year!

Personally, I am looking forward to this new year. New opportunities are on the horizon for me professionally as I have been voted in as Member-at-Large on the AzAEYC Governing Board (Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children). "The AzAEYC Board of Directors oversees the actions and promotes the mission and goals of NAEYC in Arizona. In working to advance the early childhood profession, the AzAEYC Board of Directors supports all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children." ([Home](#) | [AzAEYC](#))

Thank you to Mrs. Dolny for giving me the nudge to apply and to my whole staff for encouraging me. I will assume this new position this month.

Here at school, I am excited about so many things! We always look forward to our Parent/Teacher Conferences in February, and enrollment for a new school year. We are also excited to be hosting a favorite adult event, Trivia Night, again this year! Those who attend always look forward to coming back and I hope to see each classroom represented at a table or two. It's a really fun night out for parents! We are also excited to continue our book study with our Smart Support consultant, Aphrodite, as we continue to fine tune our practices to support our students and families.

The preschool board will be very busy this month discussing budget, tuition, and programming for the coming school year. You will notice a playground project the board and church council recently approved that made groundcover improvements, and the addition to the Esperanza sign out front that notes our preschool.

Here's to all the growth that will occur in 2024...you'll be amazed at your kids!

Warmly,
Mrs. H

Happy Birthday!



No January Birthdays
for Staff



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship Service
9:00am

Meet our Pastoral Candidate!

From Pastor Sarah:

The Holy Spirit is at work in many ways among us, and Esperanza now has the opportunity to call the next pastor.

After prayerful deliberation and the unanimous endorsement of the entire call committee and the council, these leaders of Esperanza are presenting a pastoral candidate to the congregation for a vote to extend a call. Although the name of the candidate cannot yet be released, **everyone will have the opportunity to meet the candidate at a Meet & Greet on Thursday, January 11th from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday, January 14th, immediately following worship.**

...the call committee told us they not only believe this candidate possesses the right combination of skills and interests for Esperanza's ministry; this candidate feels like the person God is calling to Esperanza.

FAMILY CHAPEL TIME



8:30am

Frogs: Monday, January 22
Ducklings: Tuesday, January 23
Penguins: Wednesday, January 24

Lesson: Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT
Need an extra or an adult shirt?
See Mrs. H for a free one!

**DONATIONS FOR KYRENE
RESOURCE CENTER**
**(bring to Chapel and place in the
shopping cart)**

Needed Items:
Dry Pinto Beans
Bags of Rice
Shampoo

But **THE FRUIT**
of the Spirit is...



LUNCH BUNCH



NEW LUNCH BUNCH PICK UP TIMES **EFFECTIVE NOW**

Pick Up at 1:00pm: \$15

OR

Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20

Will invoice via Brightwheel

We have found that the 12:30pm pick up time barely allows the children time for play and to eat their lunch. We now offer two pick up times for Lunch Bunch that are more conducive, allowing the kids ample opportunity to play and not rush through their lunch.

Must be enrolled in 3's or Pre-K.

Not available to our Toddler Class due to diapering/licensing issues.

***NO LUNCH BUNCH on Thursday, January 18th , due to Staff Meeting**



Try to avoid a general “Good job”. Instead, be specific with praise and noticing.



Noticing that Encourages

Directions

Practice responding with noticing to encourage:

1. A child picks up your keys and hands them to you.
2. A one-year-old walks from the table to the couch.
3. A student shares a marker with a friend.
4. A third-grader submits his book report on time.
5. A toddler brings a soft blanket to a crying friend.
6. A four-year-old child carefully stacks 10 blocks, one on top of the other.
7. A fifth-grade student checks by saying, “Ready?” before she throws the ball.
8. A five-year-old sounds out the word c-a-t.
9. A child opens the door when your hands are full.
10. A student, obviously frustrated with a math problem, stops and takes a deep, calming breath.



Noticing that Encourages

Notice kind and helpful acts.

“You _____ (what child did) **SO** _____ (how it helped) .
That was helpful!”

Notice choices, actions and accomplishments.

“You did it! You _____!”

FIRST THINGS FIRST



What Kindergarten Teachers Say
Are the *Most Important Skills* for Young
Children Entering Kindergarten

FIRST THINGS FIRST

- ✓ **Fine motor skills**
(to hold writing tools or use scissors)
- ✓ **Counting to five**
- ✓ **Following directions**
(with one or two steps)
- ✓ **Writing their name**
- ✓ **Bathroom skills**
(going by themselves, washing their hands, how to blow their nose, and sneeze into their elbow, etc.)
- ✓ **Sharing and taking turns**

- ✓ **Self-control**
- ✓ **Focus**
- ✓ **Language and early literacy skills**
(like vocabulary and how to handle books)
- ✓ **Independence**
- ✓ **Persistence**
- ✓ **Listening skills**
(Attending kindergarten involves lots of listening!)
- ✓ **Curiosity**
- ✓ **Being a friend**

Frogs: Please see Mrs. Mueller and/or Mrs. H with any questions regarding kindergarten readiness. Kyrene enrolls in January.

Our next **FUN FRIDAYs will be held in February!**

Groovin' to the Music

with Mrs. H & Mrs. Angilletta



2 Fridays: 2/09 and 2/16

8:30 – 11:30am

\$70.00

Offered to Penguins & Frogs

16 spots available...send Mrs. H a message on BW to sign up



Have you heard about **Trivia Night**?

(see Brian & Kristy Jozwiak and Peter & Aubree Ryan and they will tell you about this really fun adult night out!)

Time to start thinking about your team of 6 adults!

TEAM DUCKLING, TEAM PENGUIN, TEAM FROG...It's time!



**Saturday, February 24, 2024
6:00 - 9:30pm**

Gather a Team of 6 Adults
Name your team, Pick a theme,
Decorate your table, Enjoy the fun!

Cost

\$25 per person

Includes buffet dinner - each table is B.Y.O.B.

Prizes

Winning Team receives \$600 cash prize!
Prize for best decorated table and more!

SIGN YOUR TEAM UP HERE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ADAA2FA5FB6-39587642-trivia>

Preschool Board Meeting



Tuesday, January 16th

6:00 - 7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

If you would like to volunteer for our preschool board, please see Mrs. H. We would love to have you as we plan and implement our school year.

7 Meetings total
will be held the 3rd Tuesday in
September, October, November,
January, February, March, and April

INVEST IN CHILD CARE: IT'S EVERYONE'S "BUSINESS"



EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY
AT THE CAPITOL

JANUARY 22, 2024

Register now!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/azeca-early-childhood-day-at-the-capitol-2024-tickets-754216802027>

Early Childhood Day at the Capitol is back!

Come join us for some fellowship and fun! Early childhood champions are gathering to raise awareness of the need to invest in the early years at Early Childhood Day at the Capitol.

Join us for breakfast and gourmet coffee while you network with friends and legislators. We will show how early childhood development and health contribute to healthy children, third grade literacy, enhanced economic development and strong communities!

This is a vital opportunity to show policymakers how early childhood builds a bridge to their priorities and the impact early childhood investments have made in communities across our beautiful state. You can choose to participate in learning session, including a panel with state lawmakers and join in on fun activities. There is also the opportunity to schedule group visits with your legislators.

[AZECA Early Childhood Day at the Capitol 2024
FREE Tickets, Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 8:00 AM |
Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/azeca-early-childhood-day-at-the-capitol-2024-tickets-754216802027)



February 26 - 29

Your child's teacher will post a sign up on Brightwheel.

Mrs. H and Mr. Caleb will watch your child for you
during your conference time.

We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!



2024- 25 School Year

Current Families: Thursday, February 29th

Spot is guaranteed if paperwork is received on 2/29

New Families: Opens Friday, March 1st

Enrollment Packets will be available in late January



Please make drop off and pick up times with your child
Cell Phone Free Zones

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

We at **Children of Hope Child Development Center** are committed to providing a smoke-free environment for children, staff members, and child care providers. Due to hazards from exposure to second-hand smoke and as a recognized Empower child care facility, it shall be the policy of this child care facility to provide a tobacco-free environment for children, staff members, child care providers, and parents.



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Services**



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FOG • DISINFECT • PROTECT



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Ahwatukee**