



## WORDS OF HOPE

April 27, 2010

### With so much to do, where do we start?

My 5-year-old grandson just began his first T-ball season. He's excited that his team name is the Lightning Bolts. What a fitting name for a team of super heroes. What fun to watch 9 T-ball players run willy-nilly around the baseball diamond, each decked out in a team t-shirt, ball and glove, chasing the balls down, while the coach attempts to get them to throw the ball to first base. "Keep your eye on the ball," was the advice I heard often.

Eighth graders sometimes run willy-nilly, around the classroom excited that soon they will be called Graduates, in denial of the maturity accorded to them by being eighth graders. They have a lot on their mind these days. Most of their concerns are outside of the classroom and focused on their upcoming high school days. I remind them often about keeping their focus for this week on their academic responsibilities.

And here I am running willy-nilly around trying to shorten my "To do" list. My responsibilities are many. My prayer list is long of concerns for people I care deeply about. Where do I put my focus? God's Word tells us to keep our focus on Jesus. He is the one who offers us all we need to take on the challenges of this life. Eighth graders recently read a verse in Ephesians 3:20-21 which reminds us of the power we have through Jesus. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen."

Mrs. Newton, 8th Grade Homeroom Teacher

### Yearbook Fundraiser Deadline Today!

Order forms for this fundraiser are **Due Today, Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** and will enable us to keep the price of your yearbook to a minimal cost. Delivery of orders is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. An individual cash prize will be given for the top seller. Please contact the school office at 206-935-8500 with any questions or if you can help out to earn PIP hours.



### Mother's Day Fresh Cut Flowers!

Purchase fresh cut flowers with your choice of 3 different arrangements! **Order forms were sent home in the previous weeks communication packet and are due Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.** (This fundraiser helps support our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders WA D.C. trip. )

### Mark Your Calendars!

- ↪ **Tues. 5/11** - Mid-Term 4th Qtr Reports Sent Home
- ↪ **Fri. 5/14** - Free Dress Day
- ↪ **Mon. 5/17 to Wed. 5/19** - Scholastic Book Fair
- ↪ **Wed. 5/19** - Grandparents Day! / 6:30 PM Spring Concert & Academic Fair Night
- ↪ **Thurs. 5/20** - 5th - 8th Gr. Invitational Track Meet / **No school for 5th, 6th, & 7th grades**
- ↪ **Fri. 5/21** - Golf Tournament 8:00 AM Foster Golf Links
- ↪ **Fri. 5/28** - Free Dress Day

### Hope Lutheran School's Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran School is committed to providing quality academic instruction; equipping students for lifelong learning; recognizing each child's unique abilities; and nurturing each child in body, mind and spirit in a community that shares and lives the Christian faith.

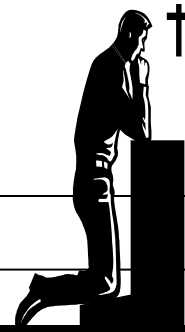
# Prayer Group / Chapel / Athletics / Notes And News

## Parents Prayer Group

**Our Last gathering will be on Friday, May 28th , at 8:45 AM.**

Please join us as we come together as parents to pray for all who learn and work at Hope School. This is an opportunity for us to pray together for our children's education, their relationships, as well as bless the staff by lifting them up in prayer. Prayer requests can be sent in via Hope School's website at [www.hopeseattle.org](http://www.hopeseattle.org) or hard copy form found in the school office.

We will meet in the Commons area in Hope Lutheran Church. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Tonia Davidson at 206-568-7184 ([toniadavidson@hotmail.com](mailto:toniadavidson@hotmail.com)) or Ruth Rogers Lewis at 206-938-9646 if you have any questions.



## Chapel Services

### Daily Morning Chapel

**8:40 AM for K - 5 grades**

**Wed. 4/28: Chapel Worship Band, Faithful Witness - Peter & John, Acts 4:1-31**

**Wed. 5/5: 4th Gr., Faithful Devotion - Ruth**

### Wednesday Chapel at 11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades & SLHS

Chapel Offerings for fourth quarter of 2010 will be given to assist with the relief efforts in Haiti through Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

## Athletic Calendar / Track Season

Track and Field practice began at Hope last week. Practice will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning and ending at Hope from 3:30-5:00 PM. We will be making use of the playing field on 50<sup>th</sup> Ave and Genesse St. We are also still trying to see if we can use West Seattle Stadium one day a week. From 3:00-3:30 PM the athletes will have a study hall with Mr. Kapels. Please talk to your son or daughter about having proper behavior during this time. We are still looking for more helpers for our track meet we will be hosting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. You can find the full meet and practice schedule, with meet locations on the school website calendar.

Brett Kapels

PE/Health & Athletic Director

[Bkapels@hopeseattle.org](mailto:Bkapels@hopeseattle.org)



## Invitational Track Meet for 5th - 8th Graders Thursday, May 20

Students participating in track will not have school on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will plan on meeting at the West Seattle Stadium prior to the event. Mr. Kapels will have more details as we get closer to the meet. Students in 5th - 7th grade that are NOT participating in track will NOT have school this day due to the number of students that are participating at the track meet. However, students in 8th grade WILL have classes on this day. Parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for their 5th - 7th gr. students.

# Notes And News Continued

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## **Retirement Reception for Elois Gruenhagen, Sunday, May 16**

After serving in Lutheran schools for over 40 years, including teaching at Hope Lutheran School since 1968, Elois Gruenhagen has announced that she will be retiring this summer from full-time teaching. Elois has taught several generations of first grade students at Hope, teaching the children of students who were at one time in her first grade class, as well as having several of Hope's current teachers as her first grade students.

Elois has always told people that she was going to teach until the Lord told her that it was time to stop. After the death of her husband, Lowell, this past fall and several health related difficulties this year, Elois has decided that God is telling her it's time to retire.

We give thanks to God for the many years of service that Mrs. Gruenhagen has devoted to her students, and we pray that she will continue to be a blessing to many people in the years to come. Elois plans to remain a part of Hope Lutheran School as the school librarian as well as enjoying more time for her hobby of making cards.

**A special reception honoring Elois Gruenhagen's years of ministry will be held on Sunday, May 16, after the 10:30 a.m. service at Hope Lutheran Church. To help in planning for the reception, please RSVP to the school office (206-935-8500 or [swallace @hopesattle.org](mailto:swallace@hopesattle.org)) by May 10<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend. Thank you.**

## **Scholastic Book Fair, Sunday, May 16 to Wednesday, May 19**

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair comes to Hope Lutheran School! Come shop for new books for the whole family and/or donate to your classroom. The book fair will start on Sunday, May 16 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and continue through Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> after school hours from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Opportunities for Grandparents to purchase on Wednesday after school or at the evening Academic Fair 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

See you there!

## **May 19 is the Sounds of Spring Concert and Academic Fair!**

Join us in the church sanctuary at 6:30PM to hear music from our school choir, bell choir and chapel band. After the concert, come see the exciting things that have been going on in our school this year! Each classroom will have great things for you to see and do!

## **Grandparents' Day, Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!**

On Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Hope Lutheran's Annual Grandparents' Day will be held. We invite all grandparents to join us! The schedule is as follows:

**11:45-12:00pm:** Registration in Church Commons

**12:00-1:00PM:** Lunch Served

**Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Multipurpose room on 2nd floor

**Grades K-4<sup>th</sup>:** Fellowship Hall

**1pm-1:20:** Welcome in Church Sanctuary

**1:30-2:00pm:** Spring Concert in Church Sanctuary

**2:00-2:40:** Academic Fair in school classrooms



In order to plan adequately for the luncheon, we would appreciate if you could **reserve** your place by **May 10<sup>th</sup>** to the school office at 206-935-8500. Forms for your **RSVP** will be sent home in your grandchild's Tuesday Envelope on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THIS TIME WITH YOU!!!!**

# Notes And News Continued

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Classic is set for Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The Golf tournament will start at 8:00 AM and be held at Foster Golf Links. The funds raised in the tournament will go toward the schools athletic funds. If you are interested in participating in the May 21st event, please let Mr. Kapels know ASAP at [Bkapels@hopeseattle.org](mailto:Bkapels@hopeseattle.org). **Team rosters and payments are due by May 7<sup>th</sup>.**



## **Night Out for Parents Big Success!!!**

### **Mark your calendars for Friday, April 30 & May 7, 2010**

More and more families are taking advantage of this opportunity and the kids are loving it.

During this time your children will enjoy a night of fun activities with other children while under the supervision of their P.E. Teacher and Athletic Director, Brett Kapels. There will also be a high school student or two to help if needed.

Some activities that may be included are games, playing outside, coloring and drawing, watching a movie, etc. Snacks will also be offered to the children, but dinner will need to be provided by the parents. A sack dinner would be best! The time will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child. The age range is Pre-School 3 and up. You can drop off or pick up your children whenever you want.

Children can be dropped off at Hope School in the Multipurpose Room.

Take advantage of this opportunity to have some time to yourselves!

Schedule for the night:

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Registration, games and activities, play outside

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Dinner and Movie or more games

8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Pick up at Hope Lutheran School

If you have any questions please email Brett Kapels – [Bkapels@hopeseattle.org](mailto:Bkapels@hopeseattle.org)

## **No classes for 5th, 6th & 7th Grades on Thursday, May 20!**

Parents, please note that Hope School will be hosting an Invitational track meet on Thursday, May 20th and due to the number of track participants there will be **NO school for our 5th - 7th grade students** on Thursday, May 20th. We WILL however have school for our 8th graders.

## **Looking for Summer Camps?**

We have a few flyers for summer camps to share with you. Come check out the display in the school main entrance lobby. These camps range from day camp by “Kids on the Go” to week long outdoor camps by “Greenway Summer Camps 2010”. We also have information on Tech camps and summer reading programs as well as our own Vacation Bible School!

# School Activities / PIP Opportunities

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## *School Activities*

**Student Council Meetings:** 5/12 at 7:45 AM, 5/28 at 3:00 PM and 6/9 at 7:45 AM. Please meet in the 3rd grade classroom.

## *After School Clubs / 4th Quarter*

**Math Club:** Math Club continues to meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:05 PM to 3:45 PM. Meet in the 2nd grade classroom on the 1st floor. (If there is no school, there is no math club.) Math Club is open to students in grades 1 - 4. Bring a non-messy snack if desired.

**Math And Origami Club:** Students in grades 5 - 8 can meet with teacher Ms. de Luna on Mondays at Seattle Lutheran High School Room 22 from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. She will use origami to reinforce geometric concepts, learn the basic folds to transform a square sheet of paper into a variety of objects/shapes, come join us!

**Art Club:** Is Back! Art Club will again meet every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:15 and is offered to students in grades 5 - 8. We will meet in the computer lab.

## PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program) K - 8

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Parents, please note that our Parent Involvement Program runs through May 31st. All PIP hours need to be fulfilled by May 31st to apply towards this school year. All unfulfilled hours will be billed at \$20 each, based on 1/4 hour increments. Quarterly statements have been coming home in your students Tuesday communication packet. If you have any questions or concerns contact the school office at 206-935-8500.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Help is needed with our scholastic book fair.

Set up Friday, 5/14 3:00 to 4:00 PM, sell books Sun. 5/16 11:30 to 12:00, Mon. 5/17 3:00 to 4:30, Tues. 5/18 3:00 to 4:30, Wed. 5/19 3:00 to 4:30 and Wed. 5/19 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Call the school office if you are available to help at 206-935-8500.

**Track Meet Thursday, May 20th:** Help is needed at our 5th - 8th grade invitational track meet on Thursday, May 20th held at West Seattle stadium. No experience is required and there are lots of jobs/activities to help with. Please contact the school office at 206-935-

8500 or Mr. Kapels directly at [bkapels@hopeseattle.org](mailto:bkapels@hopeseattle.org) if you can volunteer your time.



**PTH - The Ultimate PIP Opportunity!** We currently have 2 open "Board Member at Large" positions on the PTH School Board. One of these positions is for the role of Parent Communications Coordinator. Please call Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500 if you are interested in joining the PTH Board!

# Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

## **HUMAN CARE MINISTRY**

**A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS** - We all have thoughts about people, near and far, who are struggling, hungry, or homeless. We would gladly give them a penny along with our thoughts! And, if we put lots of pennies together, it can make a **BIG** change in many lives. **So, if you still have loose change left over from the Pennies for Patient drive, (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars) bring that change into your classroom for collection.** Together our change can change lives.

**SOAP IS NEEDED!** After using 270 bars of soap in health kits and 75 bars in baby layettes, we have very little soap left to send to Lutheran World Relief for Haiti/Chile and other areas of need. In many areas of the world soap bar shavings are used to make a pail of soapy water that cleans dishes, next your hair and body, then wash clothes. Soap is a precious gift you can give to them. Please bring soap to the school office by Thursday.

**BLANKETS** - are needed by many people who have none. To the poor and homeless a blanket is shelter from the sun and rain by day, warmth at night, a wall providing privacy, or it holds possessions when one must flee. Can you give a blanket?

**YOUR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** are needed by Lutheran Refugee Services for a large number of people arriving soon. Especially needed: pans, dishes, beds, and a bike for a six year old boy.

### *Hope Youth Activities!*

#### **CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES**

Sunday School ~ 3 yrs - 5th grade - 9:15 - 10:15 AM  
Hope School Multipurpose Room

#### **3rd-5th Grade Merge**

**May Celebrations on "M" Sundays!** In May we'll highlight the "**M**" **Sundays**, Mother's Day and Memorial Day with Crafts and Guests to show us how God has provided people to take care of us, and keep us safe! Bring Friends & Join us!

**Alki Beach Bike or Blade!** Meet the group on **Sunday, May 23, 1pm** at the Viewpoint Park Boat Launch parking lot, (1100 Harbor Ave.) with your bike or rollerblades. We'll ride the Beach then finish with a devotion and snack! We need Parent helpers

for this event so everyone stays safe. To volunteer contact Jeff Kranich 206-937-9330 (church), 206-227-2730 (cell) or [jkranich@hopeseatle.org](mailto:jkranich@hopeseatle.org)

### **Middle School Merge**

**Sunday Morning Merge!** We're finishing the study "Ten Tough Things!" and on April 25 we are starting a new video series called "Gospel Journey" based on the 10 most-asked questions about God. Seven Teens from different faith backgrounds take a wilderness journey through the rugged Northwest and discuss their responses to these questions! Middle School & High School will merge to watch the clip together each week, then di-verge with their own leader to separate spaces for discussion. Check out [www.gospeljourney.com](http://www.gospeljourney.com) for more details. **Sundays, 9:15-10:15am** in the Youth Room! Donuts and juice every week!!

**School's End Lock-In!** Come hang out with us **ALL NIGHT LONG** 7pm Friday to 8am Saturday, May 28 -29! Food, Fun, Wii, Xbox, Videos, Contests, Bible Study, Wee Hour Worship, and more! \$10 gets you in. Grab your friends and join us, see ya there!!

### **Middle School - High School Combo**

**Servant Event: NW Harvest Food Bank!** Meet in front of Hope at **5:30pm Wednesday, May 12** to zoom south to the Renton Food Bank to serve the poor by sorting and re-packaging Food Donations for distribution to the Homeless. Come and Make a Difference! **Back at Hope by 8:30pm.**

### **Mission Fund-Raiser May 8!**

**Saturday, May 8** HUGE Sale! 8am-3pm. Bring good used donations to the Church Fellowship hall starting **AFTER** the last Church Service on May 2. Then come shop, shop, shop for those wonderful deals!! THANKS!!

Questions or to volunteer contact:

Jeff Kranich ([jkranich@hopeseatle.org](mailto:jkranich@hopeseatle.org) or 206-937-9330), Terese Machmiller ([machfamily@comcast.net](mailto:machfamily@comcast.net) or 206-890-2277). THANKS!

Details on these events and more can be found at [www.hopeseatle.org](http://www.hopeseatle.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Church Picnic June 6 at Camp Long- Vacation Bible School July 26-30!

Sign up forms sent home today for Hope Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School! Don't miss out!