



## WORDS OF HOPE

February 2, 2010

### February School news

In these gray and often bleak days of winter, there is something I always look forward to; and that is going to the mailbox. Every week or so, I get rewarded with the arrival of a new seed catalogue. The next few days are spent scanning the colorful pages and making circles, and highlighting choices and talking with fellow gardeners about their favorites and what they had success with and what didn't work for them the season before. Loren Sommer (Joshua & Brooke's uncle) e-mailed me with his recommendations for this year's tomatoes. He was so kind to provide our new preschool garden and my home garden with starts last year. We shall try it again and I cannot wait to bite into one of those juicy, flavorful warm from the sun fruits!

The thing about seeds is that they already come with a "DNA" of what they're going to be. You wouldn't plant a bean seed and expect to have a carrot pop up. They really all come looking different, and having all this different potential inside of them; but they all need the same basic things: water, sun and nutrients. Protection and care too, of course. They need to be tended. You can't just plunk them in the ground and expect them to fend for themselves. Some of them need training, staking, extra fertilizer, weeding, protecting from predators and shielding from too much sun or water. Even if well tended and given all they should require; sometimes you get one that just doesn't produce. Sometimes you get a rare variety that really requires extra special care. It needs warmer temperatures and special fertilizer; an Orchid might be a good example. What is cool, is how if given what it needs it produces the most amazing fruit or flower.

Our kids are sort of like seeds. They come to us each one different. We assist you in their growth by watering them with the Word of God, we nourish them with knowledge and we warm them like the sun by treating them with love and respect. We guard and protect them as part of our own families. We hope they grow strong roots and that we get to know them well enough to give them exactly what they need to flourish and be fruitful.

Our pre-k class is using the "Fruits of the Spirit" as our worship theme for this school year, and so far we have learned what Self-control is while popping corn, and having to wait until it was done before we could scoop some up to eat. We then learned what it feels like to be Patient, with our advent box and waiting for Christmas to come. In January, we talked about Joy, and there was no trouble acting joyful in our class, as we sang and danced! February will be all about Love and how we show and share it with others and how God shows and shares it with us. Seeds of faith are being planted.

Happy gardening!  
"By their fruit they will be known"  
Matthew 7:18-20

Marie Tornow, Preschool

### 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.

# Calendar / Notes And News / Athletic Events

## Mark Your Calendars!

- ↪ **Fri. 2/5 to Wed. 2/10 - Spirit Week**
- ↪ **Thurs. 2/11 to Fri. 2/12 - NO School: LEST / ESC "XTRA" Open 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM**
- ↪ **Mon. 2/15 - NO School and NO ESC: Presidents Day**

## Spirit Week starts this Friday!

Here are the themes for each day:

Friday Feb. 5 - Jeans and Color Day: PS and 8th grade - Red, K and 5 - Green, 1 and 4 - White, 2 and 6 - Purple, 3 and 7 - Black

Monday Feb. 9 - Pajama Day

Tuesday Feb 10 - Wacky Tacky

Wednesday Feb. 11 - Blue and Gold

Please follow school policy concerning modesty on all days. On color day you do not have to have a solid color shirt and you can also wear pants that are your team's colors. Hair coloring will only be allowed on Blue and Gold day. If you are not participating in Spirit Week then you are expected to be in school dress code uniform.

## Hope School goes to L.E.S.T. - Go Eagles!

Over 60 students from Hope Lutheran School's 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be making the trip to Concordia University in Portland for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Lutheran Elementary School Tournament, joining close to 1000 students from Lutheran schools in five states. Hope's students will be participating in ten different events, including:

↪ swimming, ↪ music, ↪ math, ↪ drama, ↪ Knowledge Bowl, ↪ science, ↪ spelling, ↪ chess, ↪ dance, ↪ cheer and basketball.

## Congratulations to our winners at the PSLS Spelling Bee!

The Puget Sound Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee was held last Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran School, Lacey, Washington. The following students represented Hope well at that event:

2<sup>nd</sup> grade—Nicky S. 1<sup>st</sup> place (alternate, Spencer H.)

3<sup>rd</sup> grade—Gavin D. 3<sup>rd</sup> place (alternate, Josephine T.)

4<sup>th</sup> grade—Jonathan V. 2<sup>nd</sup> place (alternate, Connor W.)

5<sup>th</sup> grade—Katie H. 5<sup>th</sup> place (alternate, Isaiah D.)

6<sup>th</sup> grade—Zac S. 4<sup>th</sup> place (alternate, Faith P.)

7<sup>th</sup> grade—Alexa N. 2<sup>nd</sup> place (alternate, Rachel W.)

8<sup>th</sup> grade—Jacob F. 1<sup>st</sup> place

## CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS DVD UPDATE

We still have a limited number of DVDs left for purchase. We are now selling them on a first come, first serve basis. You may purchase multiple copies at a time. DVDs will be sold for \$5 cash. Thanks again for your support of this musical!

## Hope T-Shirt Fridays!

Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter through the end of the school year, students may wear Hope T-Shirts on any Friday (not just Free Dress Days). So get out those LEST and Lutheran School Week T-Shirts and show your school spirit every Friday! In order to participate, the T-Shirts must be Hope Lutheran School T-Shirts. The rest of the school uniform policy applies (pants/shorts/skirts must be regular school uniforms). If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

**HOPE SCHOOL ROCKS** - Last Saturday, the clock was spinning back in time as the SLHS gym was transformed to feel like the 80s. Great music, attire, games, food and most of all people were present as Hope celebrated all the "awesomeness" we have to offer kids, families and the community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen! Please check your Tuesday packet today or the Hope website for an official update and some exciting opportunities still available!

### **5th & 6th Grade Basketball Information**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball season starts February 16<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be held at Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, located at 10404 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Seattle WA 98146. Practice times are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>3:45-5:15</b>	<b>5:15-6:45</b>
2/16	Boys	Girls
2/17	Girls	Boys
2/18	Girls	Boys
2/22	Boys	Girls
2/23	Girls	Boys
2/24	Girls	Boys
2/25	Girls	Boys

The remainder of the schedule will be handed out once the game schedule is completed by the League. Deadline for ordering t-shirts has been extended until Friday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child played last year they can use their same shirt even though the logo looks different on the front.

## **Chapel / Prayer Group**

### **Wednesday Morning Chapel**

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

**Feb. 3: Grade 2, Witness - Stephen, Acts 6**

**Feb. 10: Pastor Burza, Witness Where You Are - Philemon, Colossians 3:22-25**

**11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades and SLHS**

Chapel Offerings for third quarter of 2010 will be given to Family Promise. This is a ministry for homeless families with children supported by several churches in the greater West Seattle area.

## **Parents Prayer Group**

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. Throughout the school year, we will meet for monthly prayer gatherings held in the Commons area in Hope Lutheran Church. Childcare will be provided.

**Our next gathering will be on Friday, February 26, 2010.**

Please contact Tonia Davidson at 206-568-7184 (toniadavidson@hotmail.com) or Ruth Rogers Lewis at 206-938-9646 if you have any questions.



# School Activities / After School Clubs / PIP Opportunities

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## *School Activities*

**Student Council Meetings:** Feb. 10 at 7:45 AM and Feb. 26 at 3:00 PM. Please meet in the 3rd grade classroom.

**Dance/Drill Meeting:** Feb. 2 at 3:10-4:30 PM Hope/SLHS, Feb. 3 at 3:45-5:00 PM Hillcrest, Feb. 7 at 3:30-4:30 PM SLHS, Feb. 9 at 3:10-4:30 PM Hope, Feb. 10 at PEP assembly at 1:30 PM SLHS - then off to LEST!

**Cheer Practice:** Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in Multi Purpose room and Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Hope School - Feb. 10 PEP assembly 1:30 PM at SLHS - Watch for information on a practice before we go to L.E.S.T.!!!!

## *After School Clubs / 3rd Quarter*

**Lego Club:** 3rd Quarter will be offered to students in K - 3rd grades. Meeting on Mondays in the Kindergarten from 3:15 to 4:15 PM.

**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:** Offered to students in grades 5 - 8. They will meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM meeting in the computer lab. This club provides additional art opportunities through project and community enrichment.

**Chess Club:** No longer meeting after school or during lunch time.

**Parents, please note that pre-registration is not required for the above clubs, however you need to call the school office to let us know if your child will be attending.**

## *After School Classes*

**Mandarin Class** For K - 8 graders meeting on Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4:05 PM started January 12th! Enrollment is closed. Call the school office with any questions at 206-935-8500.

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

**Health Screening:** Mrs. Wallace needs a couple people to assist our volunteer nurse with our health screening day on Friday, February 19. Please call her at 206-935-8500 if you can help any amount of time on this day.

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

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**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 or email Donna Cox at 206-935-6330 or [dee@wscon.com](mailto:dee@wscon.com) if you are interested in joining the PTH Board!



# Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

## **Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Soup Suppers**

Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 24<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Preceding each service the congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall to partake in a simple soup and bread supper hosted by various ministry groups. A freewill offering will be taken.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Commons.** Celebrated West Seattle author, Lyanda Lynn Haupt, will discuss her newest book, "*Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness*," published by Little, Brown & Co. "With her sensitivity, careful eye and gift for language, Haupt tells her tale beautifully, using crow study to get at a range of ever-deepening concerns about nature and our place within it, immersing us in a heady hybrid of science, history, how-to and memoir." - Erika Schickel, *Los Angeles Times*, 7/26/09. "In a lyrical narrative that blends science and conscience, Haupt mourns the encroachments of urbanization, but cherishes the wildness that survives." - Liesl Schillinger, *New York Times Sunday Book Review*, 8/30/09. "If you picture Henry David Thoreau as a young mother and scientist in suburban Seattle, you can begin to imagine the literate elegance of *Crow Planet*." - Paul Hawkin, author of *Blessed Unrest*. Lyanda is a noted speaker, who will speak to the Washington Audubon Society in March. Come meet Lyanda Lynn Haupt at Hope to learn all about crows, answer your questions, and hear her read excerpts from this, her newest book. Lyanda will have books available for purchase, and signing.

## **HUMAN CARE PROJECTS**

**VALENTINE AGAPE FEAST** - This is a "potluck dinner you do not attend." Instead, bring the non-perishable foods you use for your potluck dishes to the dinner table in the school lobby from Feb.7-28. Then the food and love will be passed on to those in need at our two local food banks and Hope Food Closet. Based on your last name initial, please bring:  
A-E: salads, F-M: entrees, N-U: desserts, V-Z: beverages. Children may like to bring baby food or pet food. (There is more information and food ideas by the big red heart.)

**LOVE FOR HAITI** can be shown in a tangible way during the coming weeks. We are collecting things to ship through Lutheran World Relief, which has an aid agency there. We routinely collect "kits," etc. for LWR; but, in response to the Haitian disaster, we hope to greatly increase the amount we ship. (LWR has more requests for disaster supplies than they have available for Haiti--or other disaster areas of the world.) Items needed: blankets (good used OK), baby clothes, blankets, soap, hand towels (good used OK), washcloths, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, nail clippers w/ file - or your help with this project. Check thrift shops or dollar stores for good buys.

**GOD LOVES YOU** - and wants to help you if you are struggling with financial burdens. He can use His church at Hope to help pay necessary expenses. Just talk to Pastor or Mary Anne deVry at 206-937-9330 for confidential help.

## ***Hope Youth Activities!***

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES**

Sunday School ~ 3 yrs - 5th grade  
Multipurpose Room

### **3RD - 5TH GRADE MERGE**

Health Kits for Haiti - Meet at Hope on Sunday, February 21, 12:15 p.m. Share a simple lunch and then help assemble Health Kits to send to rescue relief crews. Parents are welcome to help! See the list of items that are needed for the kits in the **Love for Haiti** paragraph above.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH COMBO EVENT**

Super Bowl Party! - Next Sunday, February 7, 3:00 p.m. at Margaret Walker's house. We will watch the game on the big screen with football food, contests, and prizes, plus a word about playing the game of life with Christ on your team! Bring your friends.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MERGE**

Sky-High Sports Event on Tuesday, February 23, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for an hour on their wall to wall trampolines (for 25 or more). Bring a new or used blanket to donate to Haiti relief.  
PSYB Middle School Gathering at Camp Arnold on March 6-7.