

Words of Hope

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Thank you so much to all of our parents for the time off in October, as we attended our annual teachers' conference in Seaside, Oregon. This year, the conference was for both teachers and church workers, so it was fun to see some familiar faces as Hope Church's former senior pastor Keith Eilers and former DCE Jeff Kranich were also in attendance.

It seems like all of us who attended the conference had a different highlight. With our school's focus on literacy this year, many of our teachers attended a workshop or two about "The Daily 5", as we are fine-tuning our literacy centers and figuring out what works well. Several teachers attended an inspirational workshop or two taught by the keynote speaker this year, a former teacher named Debbie Silver. Mrs. Silver's workshops revolved around the theme of finding your inspiration and passion in teaching, and combined with her talent of a stand-up comedian, we all really enjoyed her wit and her message. Other workshops included topics such as dyslexia, technology, and classroom management.

As great as the conference was, one of my personal highlights was hanging out with our awesome Hope teachers, as we were together almost constantly throughout the conference time. On the way home Friday night, we were stuck in traffic from about Olympia on, and so we talked non-stop and played a couple rounds of "2 Truths and a Lie", which is always fun. The conference was wonderful in many different ways!

Blessings on your week, Kristen Okabayashi

Mark Your Calendars!

Tues. Nov. 1: 7:00 PM Open House
Fri. Nov. 4: Quarter 1 Ends
Sat. Nov 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back 1 Hour
Mon. Nov. 7: Quarter 2 Begins / 2:00 PM NED Assembly
Fri. Nov. 11: No School and No ESC-Veterans Day Holiday
Fri. Nov. 11: Hope & Seattle Lutheran Schools Auction at 4:30 PM
Tues. Nov. 15: Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home

NED Assembly

NED is coming to Hope! NED will combine yo-yos and audience participation with solid biblical instruction to teach students how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life: **N**ever Give Up – **E**ncourage Others – **D**o Your Best! This chapel assembly is designed to encourage our students to become Champions for Christ by developing godly character and academic excellence. An order form to purchase yo-yos and accessories is included in your students Tuesday communication packet. A NED Zone will be available at school at recess time during the sale week for your student to play.

Hope Food Drive!

Hope School student council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit our community from November 2 to December 9, 2011. With the holidays coming up, please consider how you can be a blessing to those in need, and donate to our food drive! We are looking for donations of all canned food, and especially ready-to-eat foods such as granola bars, canned meat, flip-top canned fruit, etc.

Food donations can be brought in to classrooms beginning Wednesday, November 2. The second and third place classrooms will all receive a “free dress” day, and the winning classroom (measured by food items per student) will receive a “free dress” day, along with an ice cream party! Thank you in advance for your support.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember that this coming Saturday night, November 5, is “Fall Back” night! Set your clocks back an hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

School Directory Updates

Addition of Michael & Shelly Zuppe:
Inger Zuppe, Grade 8
4415 SW Walker St.
Seattle, WA 98116

Change of Address for Jonathan Snyder:
25630 109th Ave SE
Kent, WA 98030

PIP Opportunities

NED Assembly Help: Need volunteers to man a table to sell yo-yo’s and accessories the week of November 7th. Help is needed before school from 8:00 to 8:30 AM and after school from 2:45 to 3:15 PM. Call Mrs. Wallace if you are able to help at 206-935-8500.

Scrip Sales People Needed: There are currently openings to sell scrip both before school (8:15-8:40) and after school (2:45-3:15). This is a great way to earn PIP hours and you can do it when you are bringing your kids into school or waiting for them to get out of school. For more information, please contact Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500.

Athletics

7th and 8th Grade Basketball Update

We received the unexpected news Monday night that Hillcrest Presbyterian Church will not be able to host us for sports programs anymore, due to their own circumstances. At this point, they have agreed to let us hold basketball practices there for the month of November. Please join us in praying that we are able to quickly locate a gym where our boys and girls can practice, and if you know of any gym that could be available, please let Brett Kapels know at bkapels@hopeseattle.org or phone (206) 913-7195. We will update you as we have more information.

At this point, our boys’ team parent meeting will be held on Monday November 7th at Hillcrest Presbyterian Church at 6:45 PM. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend if your child will play boys basketball this year. Thank you!