

Words of Hope

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

What is your Hope story?

As we prepare for our first open house of the year (coming up on **Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM**), we recognize that our single best marketing tool that we have is YOU. Yes, you, our current happy Hope families. We rely on word of mouth to spread the news of how great Hope School is, and so we ask that you help by inviting friends and family in to visit our school and get more information about us.

As you talk with or email friends about our school, I would like you to ask yourself what is YOUR story about Hope? What do you like about our school or what do you think is unique about our school? Please take some time to consider this, and think of your own particular story.

When I think of my own family's Hope story, I think of my oldest child who started in Hope Kindergarten as a fairly quiet and serious student in fall 2004. Now, as he is finishing up his 8th grade year, Hope has helped him turn into the young man that he wants to be. He continues to enjoy quieter activities such as chess and reading, but I appreciate that he ventures out to try whatever he wants, instead of fitting into a "chess player and reader" label. He is confident enough to try new things, and has discovered that he loves basketball and track, and he played flag football with the school for this first time this fall. He is comfortable speaking in large groups, and has fine tuned his great sense of humor with his friends (and teachers!).

Here is another Hope story, from a new preschool family, "We get weekly preschool newsletters, communication from the school is clear and inspirational, and I can't imagine a better place for our family to be. We feel truly loved and blessed to be at Hope."

Please take some time in the next day or two to share YOUR story with friends and family, and invite them to come visit us. We have two events coming up, our open house mentioned above, as well as our Kindergarten Information Night (coming up on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM**). Families may also attend a school tour every Thursday at 9:30 AM, or call us for a visit. Thank you to YOU for considering your story of Hope, and for being our best marketers.

Blessings on your week,

Kristen Okabayashi

Mark Your Calendars!

Mon – Thu, Oct 24-27: Grades 1-8 Standardized Testing
Wed. Oct. 26: 9:00 AM School Picture Retakes
Fri. Oct. 28: Free Dress Day
Tues. Nov. 1: 7:00 PM Open House
Fri. Nov. 4: Quarter 1 Ends
Fri. Nov. 11: No School / Hope & Seattle Lutheran School Auction at 4:30 PM

2011 Hope Lutheran School Fall Athletic Schedule:

DATE	Sport	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
TODAY	XC	Concordia Lutheran	@ CLS Tacoma	3:45
TODAY	F	Shorewood Christian	Riverview Park	3:45
Thu. 10/27	V	Shorewood	Seattle Lutheran	3:45/4:30
Fr/Sa 10/28-29	V	Peace Tournament	Peace, Bremerton	TBD

V-VOLLEYBALL F-FLAG FOOTBALL XC-CROSS COUNTRY

7th and 8th Grade Basketball Season

Official sign ups will be tomorrow, Wednesday October 26th. A sign up form will go around for those who are interested in playing. Proper paper work and the \$60 athletic fee will need to be turned in before the first game. The boys will start practice the week of November 7th, with their first game being December 5th. The girls will begin practice the week of November 14th, with their first game December 15th. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Kapels know by emailing him at Bkapels@hopeseattle.org.

Basketball Open Gym

Mr. Kapels and Mr. Menashe will have open gym time available for any 5th - 8th grader, male or female, who wants to come and play basketball before school. It will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:10 AM at Seattle Lutheran High School gym. This is a great opportunity to come and play basketball while preparing for the upcoming seasons.