

Welcome back! We missed everyone this summer! We hope that you had a restful and relaxing summer, filled with great adventures. We were so pleased to see most of our families at our “Welcome Back Night” last week – thanks again to PTH (Parents and Teachers of Hope) for throwing such a great party!

As I mentioned at Welcome Back Night, our theme for the year is “Shining in Hope”. To me, this means shining our lights both in our own school and church community, as well as the larger West Seattle community. It means showing our core values of respect-rigor-relationship-responsibility to each other, as well as the world around us. It means being positive and encouraging in all that we do. I am excited to see where this theme will lead us this year!

I would also like to give a special welcome to those families who are joining us this year. The beginning of the school year brings a lot of new information, so please let us know in the office or ask another family if you have any questions at all.

As our new school year kicks off, I hope you all feel welcomed here, and that you see our lights shine. We are glad you are here!

Philippians 2:14-16, “Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life”

Blessings,

Kristen Okabayashi, Hope School Principal

Newsletter Information

Our newsletter will also be posted to our website at www.hopeseattle.org. Please notify the school office at 206-935-8500 if you require a hard copy. Our weekly newsletter is used for general announcements, calendar date reminders, Parent Involvement Program (PIP) opportunities, sports, and much more! Other communication tools we utilize are Vertical Response, which goes out via email and SchoolReach, which goes out via phone. Please ensure that the school office has current up to date information for your family.

Mark Your Calendars!

Fri. 9/9 - Free Dress Day

Wed. 9/21 to Fri. 9/23 - 6th grade Outdoor Education trip at Miracle Ranch!

Wed. 9/21 - 6:00 PM WA D.C. meeting for 6th/7th grade parents in gr. 8 classroom /

7:00 PM First PTH General meeting in the church commons.

Notes And News

Chapel Offering Envelopes

Offerings are collected during our Wednesday chapel service from the students using their weekly offering envelopes. Your students offering envelopes were sent home yesterday to use for the whole school year. These offerings allow students to develop a pattern of giving as part of their Christian lives and to share God’s love by supporting missions and charities. Therefore, we encourage students to give from their own money (allowances, earnings and the like).

School Crossing Guard

We were notified by the Seattle Police Department last year that we lost funding for the position of School Crossing Guard. We are looking for volunteers to help fill this position. Hours before school are 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM and after school from 2:45 PM to 3:15 PM. Please contact Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500 if you are interested. Training and crossing materials will be provided.

Fall Fundraiser!

Our first fundraiser of the school year is underway! If you did not receive your Believe fundraiser packet, please request one through the school office. Orders need to be turned in by Friday, September 23, 2011. For questions or to volunteer to help distribute orders contact Becky Jones at 206-708-1587.

Playground Packets

For all parents who volunteer at lunch and recess time – thank you so much! It is a total blessing for our hard working teachers. Parents, please remember to sign in and out at our main office. You will also pickup a small accordion file holding injury reports and discipline reports – a playground packet! If a student has an injury that involves first aid or requires discipline support from you, we ask that you fill out one of these forms and hand it to the student's teacher when they return from lunch for the teacher to handle as needed. We value each child's privacy, so in keeping with our school's policy, we ask that you keep this information confidential. Please return the accordion file of blank forms back to the office when you sign out.

School Handbook and PTH Handbook

Your school handbook will be distributed at our curriculum night on Tuesday, September 27th. Please review the information to help you and your student understand our school policies and the purpose of our Parents and Teachers of Hope, PTH. Information regarding school attendance, homework, extra-curricular activities, uniform policy, volunteer opportunities and general school policies and much more are covered in the School Handbook.

School Directory

Each year the school prints and distributes a school directory for our school families. Every effort is made to publish a complete and accurate directory. If you have had a change of address, phone or email since completing your registration form for 2011-12, please notify Mrs. Wallace by Friday, September 16th. Our directory will be distributed on Tuesday, September 27th.

Drop off/Pick up Procedures

Here are a few notes to help with our Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedure: students may arrive beginning as early as 8:10 AM and our school doors open at 8:15 AM. Please drop off in front of the school. If you need to go into school at drop off or pick up time, please park elsewhere as the front of the school gets very busy! At pick up time, please pull forward with the line of cars. For our students safety, please do not double park your car and drop off or pick up your child from the middle of the street. Thank you!

“COFFEE WITH THE SAVIOR” is a new six week Bible study designed for moms with young children. We will meet on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the Commons beginning September 13th. Contact Patra.Mueller@cui.edu or 206-402-4784 to order your book and sign up for child care.

PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program K - 8)

Picture Day Help: Mrs. Wallace needs help on Thursday, September 29th with picture day and she could use one more parent to assist the photographer. You will receive a free #C photo package for helping out! Call the school office 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.

Athletic Events

Help is needed with line judging, score board or officiating for our girls 7/8 grade volleyball and boys 7/8 grade flag football. No experience necessary. Contact Mr. Kapels if you can assist at bkapels@hopeseattle.org or call 206-935-8500. Thank you!