



# Hope PDO & Preschool

## From the Directors...

Dear Parents,

We are off and running at Hope Parent's Day Out and Preschool! The children are adjusting to the school day and their new schedule. It is exciting to see them moving from one activity to another and hearing their joyful voices throughout the hallways. A huge thank you to the volunteer parents who have been staying to help make the transition smoother for the little ones! Your help is invaluable. We also thank you for attending our Back to School Night. The staff always enjoys this opportunity to meet with you, and hopefully ease the transition into school, and your comfort level in leaving your children in our care.

Our newsletters are jam packed with information. We always list the Emergency Volunteers for this month, and the following month. We are excited about using Sign Up Genius for our Emergency Volunteer sign up. You will receive a reminder email from Sign Up Genius a few days before your day, and a list of monthly volunteers in our newsletter. If it is your day to be our emergency parent, please come and check into the office that morning. Remember to keep your calendar open for the day. We greatly appreciate your help.

Did you know that we have fire drills each month? This helps to keep our children safe so they know what to do in case of an emergency. To build bridges with our community helpers, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> were filled with visits from the Greenwood Village Police and the Fire Fighters. While seeing their vehicles is exciting, the children also learn what to do in an emergency, and learn that these community workers are here to help us. We also have Tornado Drills and Lockdown Drills each month.

Did you know that 15 hours of In-Service training is required annually for all who work in early education? On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Hope will be closed so that staff can attend a full day of classes and training. It is wonderful way for us to keep on top with new ideas and become better-informed educators.

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## Directors' Letter (continued from page 1)

### ~So many thank yous...~

All of our before and after school enrichment activities are off and running! Courtney Taylor is heading up Stretch & Grow and has our Dancers off to a great start. Nicole Conry is busy teaching Spanish. Muy buen! We still have a few openings in Stretch and Grow and Dance. Let us know if you are interested.

We had our first delicious staff breakfast September 13th. A big thanks goes out to Corine Kampf, Kim Michels, Shannon Hackett, Julia Pape, Lauren Sutton, Tara Terella, and Liz Grayson. A big thank you to Dawn Hovanec for organizing the monthly staff breakfasts for us.

Our first of two Book Fairs is November 7-11th. A huge thank you to Patricia Colella for chairing this big event. She is in need of volunteers to work a short shift before or after school every day. Be looking for an email to sign up on a Sign Up Genius this month. Please let us know if you do not get it. Thank you!

### ~PTO Info~

Thanks to all, especially our hard working PTO chair Amy Hunt! If you would like to get involved, please contact Amy at [amyhunt@live.com](mailto:amyhunt@live.com).

Our one Dinner Night Out this year was at Piccolo's Monday, September 26th. Thank you for supporting Hope and joining us for dinner. It was a great night- with so many families filling the restaurant.

### ~Noteworthy and Newsworthy~

- \* Thank you for your help with sunscreen! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Courtney or Robyn. If you do not want us applying sunscreen, please come by the office and pick up an "exempt" form for sunscreen.
- \* We are in need of a changing table. If you have one that you are not using and you would love to donate it- we would be so appreciative! Thank you!
- \* Music with Maestro Bob is underway on Wednesdays and Thursdays once a month for the 3's and older. Maestro Bob (choir director Robert Larson) will be leading this fun activity again this year. The children love their Maestro Bob time!

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- \* Halloween is just around the corner! To celebrate, we have a fun sing along and costume party with our preschool and JrK children on Thursday and Friday, October 20th and 21st. We will start about 9:45 upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The children parade in a circle by class, and then we do a group sing along. If your child does not come on those days, you are more than welcome to join us! (Bears and Hedgehogs will celebrate in their rooms.)
  
- \* Fall Break is October 22nd- October 28th.
  
- \* Please remember that we follow the Cherry Creek School District for holidays and school closure days. If Cherry Creek Schools are closed, so are we. If they are on a delay, we start at 9:30 still. (With the exception of our one in-service day Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.)
  
- \* You are probably receiving your monthly Scholastic Book Orders. We know that reading to your child is the best way to promote literacy, and we feel that Scholastic provides an excellent product at a fair price. We are able to acquire many books, books on CD, and teacher resources with the bonus points we receive from your purchases. Thank you for supporting us with your orders!
  
- \* If you haven't purchased your King Soopers Reloadable Gift Card yet, now is the time. You pay \$5.00 for this card which then has a \$5.00 credit at King Soopers on it. Before shopping, just go to the front desk and "load" any amount you want, or have the cashier re-load your card before you begin checking out. You may use a credit card, check or cash. Hope always receives 5% of any money you load, so this is the card that keeps on giving. Some people load by the trip, and others budget their monthly groceries with the card. Stop by the office and pick one up!
  
- \* Please remember to sign your child in and out with your full signature. Initials do not satisfy the state on these papers which are legal documents. Thank you!
  
- \* Please remember that school hours are 9:30-1:30 each day. Please do not leave your child in their classroom until the teacher is in the room. Thank you!
  
- \* As you take your child to the doctor and get immunizations, please remember to bring Courtney an updated, signed copy. That keeps our files up to date and is very helpful!

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- \* Thank you for partnering with us with the Healthy Way to Grow program. The water bottles are a hit! The children have access to water all day, and drinking water is so good for us! The healthy lunches and snacks that we are seeing are wonderful- thank you so much!
- \* If you have any extra clothing that you would like to donate to our emergency extra clothes bin, we would be grateful.
- \* Miss Kim, our wonderful dance teacher, is in need of help watching her boys while she teaches. If you know anyone who would be interested- please call or stop by the office and let us know.
- \* We have posted playground rules outside for all to see. We appreciate your help in following these rules when you are outside with your children, as this makes it easier for us to all be consistent. Thank you!

Again, we thank you for choosing Hope for your young children's early childhood experience. It is a blessing to work with your beautiful children.

Serving Him with love,  
Robyn Maxum and Courtney Taylor





## Nursery Rhymes

In keeping with our belief that kindergarten readiness begins at birth, we will be stressing several nursery rhymes each month. Children love Mother Goose because “she enchants the ears and knows how to make words sound wonderful.” This is a big part of phonemic (the sounds that letters make) awareness and is a necessary pre-reading tool. Help your children learn these rhymes and have fun! Below are the nursery rhymes for September and October. The nursery rhymes we will be using are taken from *Mother Goose: A Treasury of Best-Loved Rhymes* illustrated by Tim and Greg Hildebrandt and edited by Watty Piper.

### October

#### Hey Diddle, Diddle (Letter D)

Hey, diddle, diddle,  
The cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over  
the moon.  
The little dog laughed  
To see such sport,  
And the dish ran away  
with the spoon.

#### Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, Teddy  
Bear, turn around!  
Teddy Bear, Teddy  
Bear, touch the  
ground.  
Teddy Bear, Teddy  
Bear, jump up high.  
Teddy Bear, Teddy  
Bear, touch the sky

#### Peter, Peter, Pumpkin- Eater

Peter, Peter, pumpkin-  
eater,  
Had a wife and  
couldn't keep her.  
He put her in a  
pumpkin shell  
And there he kept her  
very well.

### November

#### Jack, Be Nimble

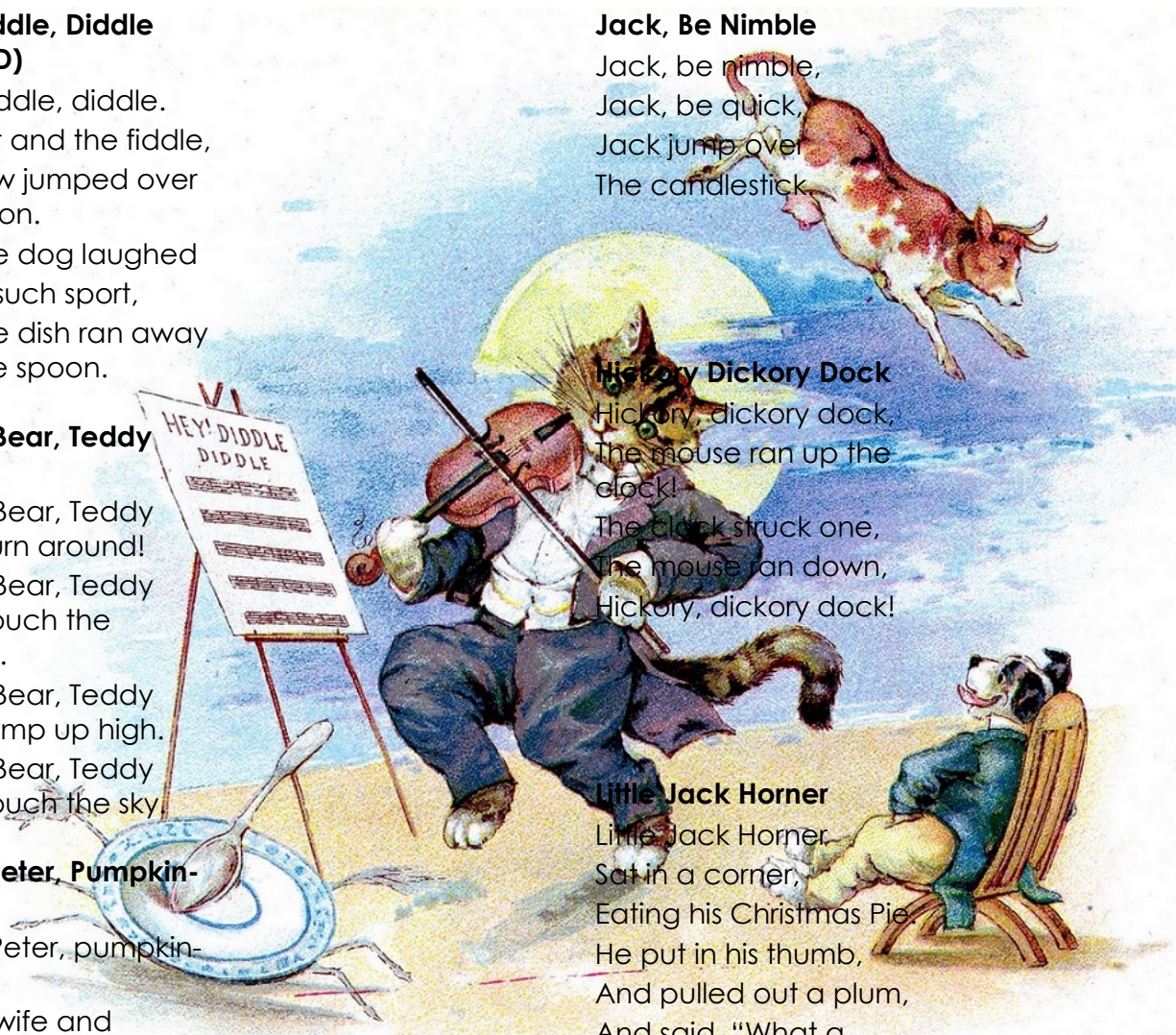
Jack, be nimble,  
Jack, be quick,  
Jack jump over  
The candlestick.

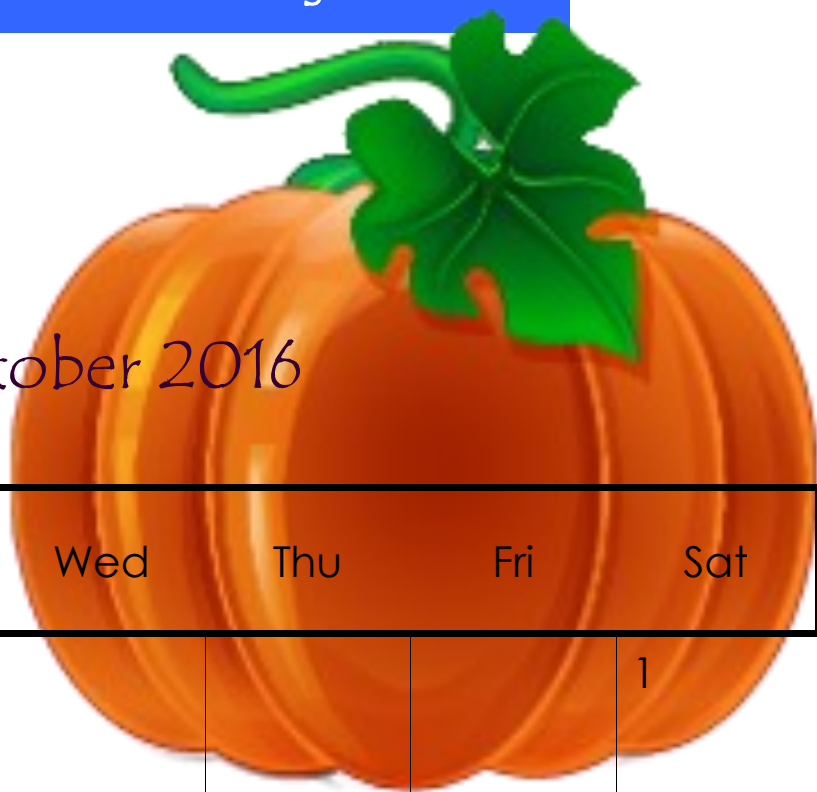
#### Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory dock,  
The mouse ran up the  
clock!  
The clock struck one,  
The mouse ran down,  
Hickory, dickory dock!

#### Little Jack Horner

Little Jack Horner  
Sat in a corner,  
Eating his Christmas Pie.  
He put in his thumb,  
And pulled out a plum,  
And said, “What a  
good boy am I.”





# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 NO SCHOOL	8
Letter: Dd Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Dinosaurs						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Letter: Review ABCD Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Awesome Autumn						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Letter: Ee Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Halloween						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
NO SCHOOL—FALL BREAK						
30	31					
Letter: Ff Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Friends/Family						





# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
Letter: Ff Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Friends/Family						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Letter: Gg Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: God						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Letter: Hh Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Hats and Hair Days/Thanksgiving						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Letter: Review Unit: Thanksgiving			NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK			
27	28	29	30			





## Emergency Volunteers

The volunteers for each day should check in at the office. If you've saved a different day, please see Robyn.

### October

**Monday, Oct. 3**

Wade Michels  
Catherine Jay

**Tuesday, Oct. 4**

Meghan Vickery  
Vanya Hecht

**Wednesday, Oct. 5**

Catherine Jay  
Theresa Tscheschke Gundl

**Thursday, Oct. 6**

Kate Lenig  
Holly Buck

**Monday, Oct. 10**

Stephanie Longcope  
Kate Waldinger

**Tuesday, Oct. 11**

Meghan Vickery  
Stephanie Longcope

**Wednesday, Oct. 12**

Stephanie Longcope  
Kate Waldinger

**Thursday, Oct. 13**

Stephanie Longcope  
Kendra Berney

**Friday, Oct. 14**

Kate Waldinger  
Catherine Jay

**Monday, Oct. 17**

Tara Terella  
Amy Hunt

**Tuesday, Oct. 18**

Tara Terella  
Jessica Shepherd

**Wednesday, Oct. 19**

Tara Terella  
Stephanie Thompson

**Thursday, Oct. 20**

Whitney Gates  
Amanda Nelson

**Friday, Oct. 21**

Daniela Kirmse  
Emily Becker

**Monday, Oct. 31**

Kate Waldinger  
Patricia Colella

### November

**Tuesday, Nov. 1**

Liz Grayson  
Amanda Nelson

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**

Tara Terella  
Amy Souther

**Thursday, Nov. 3**

Theresa Tscheschke Gundl  
Amanda Nelson

**Friday, Nov. 4**

Amy Souther  
Jared Hankins

**Monday, Nov. 7**

Tara Terella  
Amy Souther

**Tuesday, Nov. 8**

Whitney Gates  
Allyson Dailey

**Wednesday, Nov. 9**

Kristin Fuerst  
Stephanie Thompson

**Thursday, Nov. 10**

Melissa Mitarotonda  
Shannon Martin

**Friday, Nov. 11**

Ashley Sadler  
Allison Muldowney

**Monday, Nov. 14**

Marci Pisciotta  
Ella Snurka

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**

Marci Pisciotta  
Amanda Nelson

**Wednesday, Nov. 16**

Marci Pisciotta  
Kacey Whittenburg

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

Marci Pisciotta  
Gina Draudt

**Friday, Nov. 18**

Marci Pisciotta  
Jenn Hofmann

**Monday, Nov. 21**

Colleen Madden  
Melissa Trujillo

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**

Whitney Gates  
Krista Weber

**Monday, Nov. 28**

Patricia Colella  
Melissa Trujillo

**Tuesday, Nov. 29**

Jenn Hofmann  
Kelly Tierney

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**

Kelly Steinke  
Melissa Trujillo





## Meet the Staff

Name: Denny Bahn

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Pre-K with Beth Mills on Mondays and Wednesdays

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

10 years

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

My co-workers are great!! And I love being with the children.

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband Tom - 36 years; son Turner and wife Sarah who have Holland and Riley; daughter Hilary and husband Taylor; son Evan and wife Kristen with daughters Mila and Cora; 2 dogs - Otto and Hattie

**Where did you grow up?**

Ohio

**What do you do in your free time?**

Garden, scrap book and attend my grandson's hockey games

**What's your favorite color?**

Green

**What word most defines you?**

Happy!!

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Coffee - any kind

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Ocean

**The book or the movie?**

Book

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Dinner at home

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Sweet

**Concert or sporting event?**

Sporting event

**Favorite dessert?**

I like them all!

**Favorite snack?**

Chips

**Favorite restaurant?**

Any sushi restaurant

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Vanilla latte

Name: Jane Baker

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Teach L13

Aide L23

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

6 years

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

Praying in the morning, watching children grow and working with great women

**Tell us about your family:**

Dan husband

Brooke daughter (25)

Beau first born male

Natalie daughter (21)

Marni his wife

**Where did you grow up?**

Aurora, CO

**What do you do in your free time?**

Rest:)

**What's your favorite color?**

Blue

**What word most defines you?**

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Coffee black

**The mountains or the ocean?**

If I must choose, mountains

**The book or the movie?**

Book

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

ballet

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Dinner at home

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Sweet

**Concert or sporting event?**

Concert

**Favorite dessert?**

Turtle brownie

**Favorite snack?**

hummus

**Favorite restaurant?**

Most any:)

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Skinny vanilla latte

## Meet the Staff

Name: Dawn Coleman

### *First just the facts...*

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Teach Jr K Owls MWF

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

6 years

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

The kids

**Tell us about your family:**

Married to Brian 19 years. We have two kids – Owen (17) and Grace (13) and dog Beamer

**Where did you grow up?**

Virginia

**What do you do in your free time?**

Listen to Owen sing or watch Grace dance

**What's your favorite color?**

Red

**What word most defines you?**

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Coffee – lattes

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Ocean

**The book or the movie?**

Movie

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Ballet

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Night on the town

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Both—together!

**Concert or sporting event?**

Concert

**Favorite dessert?**

cheesecake

**Favorite snack?**

chocolate

**Favorite restaurant?**

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Pumpkin Spice Latte

Name: Nicole Conry

### *First just the facts...*

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

I assist in the 2 1/2 on Monday, 2's on Tuesday-Thursday and I teach Spanish Enrichment.

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

3 years.

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

I love working with children and the staff is amazing!

**Tell us about your family:**

I've been married for 13 years and I have 3 children.

Mia is 9 years old, Kevin is 6 years old and Dylan is 5 years old. All of them are Hope preschool graduates!

**Where did you grow up?**

Montevideo, Uruguay.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I love outdoors! Hiking, biking, going to the pool, playing with my kids and going to concerts.

**What's your favorite color?**

Red and turquoise

**What word most defines you?**

Fun!

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Coffee,

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Ocean!

**The book or the movie?**

The movie

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

The Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

A night on the town

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Sweet

**Concert or sporting event?**

Concert

**Favorite dessert?**

Cheese cake

**Favorite snack?**

Cheese and yogurt

**Favorite restaurant?**

Maggianno's

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Café Latte

## Meet the Staff

Name: Liz Davidson

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Assist Beth Mills in PreK  
Assist Miss Theresa in 2's

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

This is my 3rd year

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

The kids and staff

**Tell us about your family:**

I have been married for 12 years and we have a daughter who is in 3rd grade at High Plains and a 11 yr old black Lab.

**Where did you grow up?**

South Carolina

**What do you do in your free time?**

Raft, camp, snow ski (anything outside)

**What's your favorite color?**

purple

**What word most defines you?**

Easy going

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Coffee, skinny latte

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Tough one, I grew up near the ocean, but now live in the mountains. I love both.

**The book or the movie?**

movie

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Depends on what mood I'm in.

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

sweet

**Concert or sporting event?**

Sporting event, but love concerts too

**Favorite dessert?**

Anything with chocolate, carmel and nuts

**Favorite snack?**

Pretzels and hummus

**Favorite restaurant?**

Chianti

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Skinny caramel latte

Name: Janet Denette

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Assist in the 1's, MWF

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

10 years this year

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

The children and great people to work with

**Tell us about your family:**

3 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren

**Where did you grow up?**

Indiana

**What do you do in your free time?**

Garden inside and out

**What's your favorite color?**

Red

**What word most defines you?**

Happy – I love life!

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

both

**The mountains or the ocean?**

ocean

**The book or the movie?**

both

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Night on the town

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

fish

**Sweet or salty?**

salty

**Concert or sporting event?**

both

**Favorite dessert?**

none

**Favorite snack?**

Hot wings

**Favorite restaurant?**

Bonefish

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Green Tea

## Meet the Staff

Name: Tara Duncan

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Teach in L4 - 3 1/2 - 4 year olds

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

This is my 3rd year

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

The staff

**Tell us about your family:**

My husband is Todd - civil engineer

4 children - Torri - 22, Ellie - 20, Brinle - 18, Taegan - 12

**Where did you grow up?**

Utah

**What do you do in your free time?**

Read, shop, workout, decorate

**What's your favorite color?**

Yellow

**What word most defines you?**

Dedicated

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

Neither

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Both

**The book or the movie?**

Both

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Both

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Both

**Concert or sporting event?**

Depends on the concert - both

**Favorite dessert?**

Homemade chocolate chip oatmeal cookies

**Favorite snack?**

Apples, hummus & chips

**Favorite restaurant?**

Kneaders

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Vanilla Frapp

Name: Lansing Ermentraut

**First just the facts...**

**What class do you teach or assist in?**

Teach 1's and Growing MWF

**How long have you worked at Hope?**

9 years

**What's your favorite thing about working at Hope?**

The children, staff and parents

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband Todd, 3 kids- Jordon (11th grade),

Madison (8th) and Carson (6th)

**Where did you grow up?**

Wyoming

**What do you do in your free time?**

Read, outdoor fun time with family and friends

**What's your favorite color?**

Green

**What word most defines you?**

Happy

**Do you prefer...**

**Coffee or tea? What kind?**

tea

**The mountains or the ocean?**

Love them both

**The book or the movie?**

Book

**The Broncos or the ballet?**

Broncos

**A quiet dinner at home or a night on the town?**

Dinner at home

**And now, the speed round...**

**Dogs or cats?**

dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

salty

**Concert or sporting event?**

concert

**Favorite dessert?**

Apple crisp or pie

**Favorite snack?**

popcorn

**Favorite restaurant?**

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Chai tea latte

# Final Thoughts and Announcements

## Hope Church Trunk or Treat

Hope UMC welcomes PDO families to attend Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 15th from 4-6pm in the church parking lot. Children wear their Halloween costumes and trick or treat from decorated trunks in the parking lot. They can also enjoy fun activities like a cake walk and crafts on the church lawn. A light dinner will be served. If you could donate a bag of candy per child, that would be awesome! There will be a box in the PDO hallways for the candy. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Stapleton at [kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org](mailto:kate.stapleton@hope-umc.org).



## PLAYGROUND RULES

1. No playing on the outside or on top of the play structure.
2. No climbing up slides. Go down feet first.
3. No throwing rocks, sand or snow.
4. Sand stays in sand boxes.
5. No rocks or sand in grass or concrete area.
6. Ride-on toys stay in concrete area.
7. No climbing on or over the fence railings.
8. No objects under the monkey bars.
9. Sand box covers must stay on sand boxes after school hours.



**Children must be supervised at all times!**