



# 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 schedules. It is delightful 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, October 9, 10, 11 and 12th will be filled with visits from 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 are required annually for all who work in early education? On Friday, October 6th, 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 of new ideas and become better-informed educators.

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

All of our before and after school enrichment activities are off and running! Our Monday and Tuesday Stretch and Growers are busy moving and Miss Kim has our Dancers off to a great start. Nicole Conry is busy teaching Spanish. Muy buen! We are excited to also be offering Theater taught by our own Miss Nicky on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. We still have a few openings on some days in each of these activities. Let us know if you are interested. There are forms outside of the office as well.

We had our first delicious staff breakfast on September 18th. A big thank you goes out to Mallory Sollie, Heather Thompson, Lindsay Casas and Julie Pape. What a treat! Our first of two Book Fairs is November 6-10th. 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.

Our one Dinner Night Out this year was at Piccolo's on Monday, September 25th. 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 want your child to get some vitamin D each day, please come by the office and check the "exempt" box for sunscreen. If you want your child to have sunscreen each day before playground time, we are asking parents to please supply a sunscreen stick, labeled with your child's name, to make it easier on the staff to apply sunscreen to so many children.
- Fall Break is October 23rd- October 27th.
- Halloween is just around the corner! To celebrate, we will have a fun sing along and costume party with our preschool, Pre-K and JrK children on Monday and Tuesday, October 30th and 31st. We will start at 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.)

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## Directors' Letter (continued from page 2)

- 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 still start at 9:00. (With the exception of our one in-service day on Oct 6th.)
- 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 and books on CD 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 on your King Soopers card, 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 9:00-1:00 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!
- The healthy lunches and snacks that we are seeing are wonderful - thank you so much! And thank you for bringing those full water bottles each day. It is so important for the children to have easy access to water throughout the day.
- 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!
- If you have papers in your child's tote for us, please do be sure to tell us, as we don't check the inside of totes regularly.

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

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## 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 October and November. 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

#### **The Grand Duke of York**

Oh, the grand old Duke of York,  
He had ten thousand men.  
He marched them up to the top  
of the hill,  
And he marched them down  
again.

And when they were up, they  
were up,  
And when they were down,  
they were down,  
And when they were only half-  
way up,  
They were neither up nor down.

#### **Jack, Be Nimble**

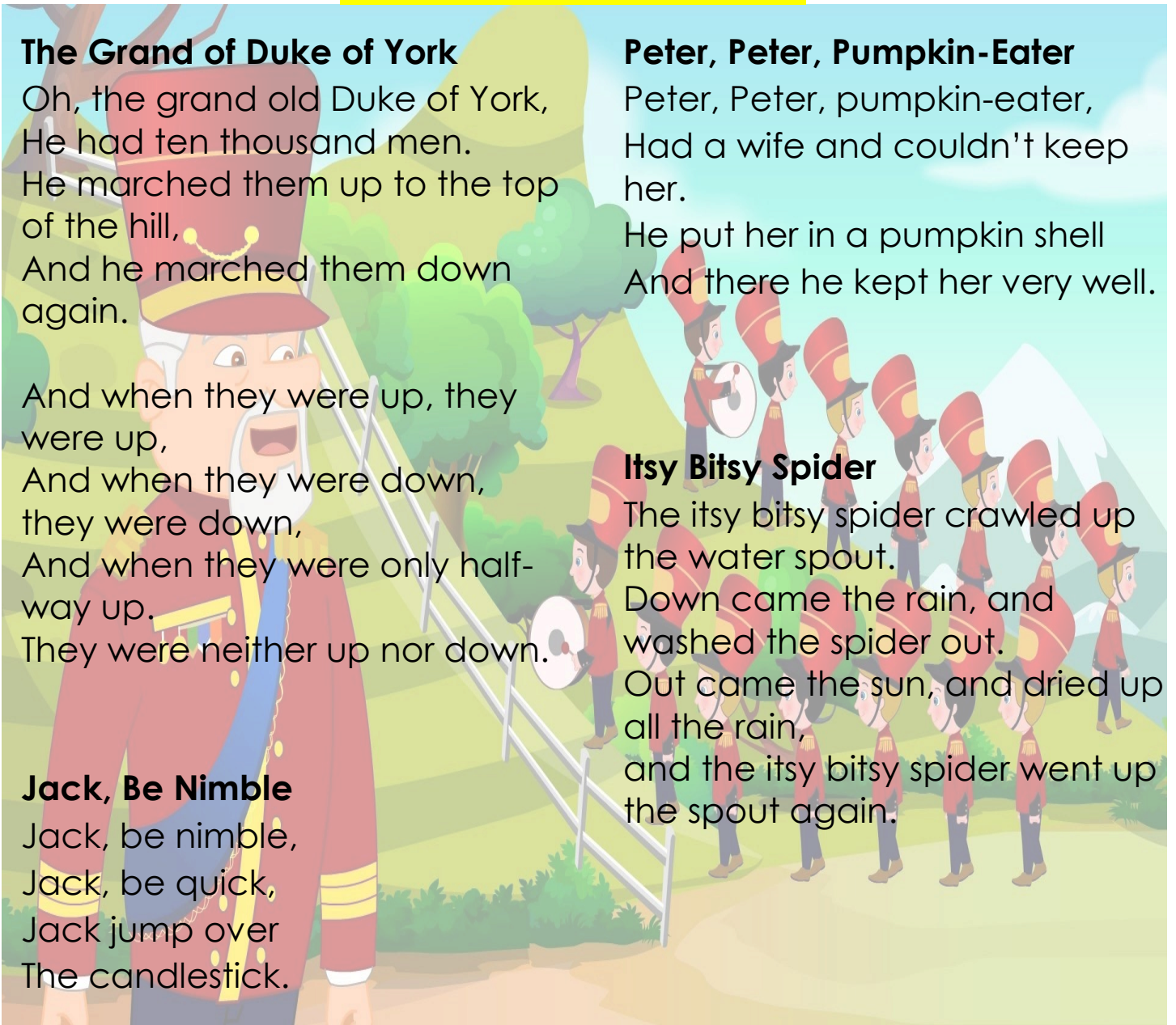
Jack, be nimble,  
Jack, be quick,  
Jack jump over  
The candlestick.

#### **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.

#### **Itsy Bitsy Spider**

The itsy bitsy spider crawled up  
the water spout.  
Down came the rain, and  
washed the spider out.  
Out came the sun, and dried up  
all the rain,  
and the itsy bitsy spider went up  
the spout again.







## November

### **Two Little Blackbirds**

Two little black birds  
Sitting on a hill  
One named Jack,  
The other named Jill

Fly away Jack,  
Fly away Jill  
Come back Jack  
Come back Jill

### **I See The Moon**

I see the moon,  
And the moon sees me;  
God bless the moon,  
And God bless me!

### **A Wise Old Owl**

A wise old owl lived in an oak  
The more he saw the less he  
spoke  
The less he spoke the more he  
heard.  
Why can't we all be like that  
wise old bird?





# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 NO SCHOOL	7
Letter: Dd Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Dinosaurs						
8	9 Police Visit	10 Police Visit	11 Fire Department Visits	12 Fire Department Visits	13	14
Letter: Ee Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Community Helpers, Police & Fire						
15	16 Individual & Class Pictures	17 Individual & Class Pictures	18 Individual & Class Pictures	19 Individual & Class Pictures	20 Individual & Class Pictures	21
Letter: Ff Color: Orange Shape: Square Unit: Family/Friends/Pumpkin Festival						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO SCHOOL—FALL BREAK						
29	30 HALLOWEEN PARADE	31 HALLOWEEN PARADE				
Letter: DEF Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Halloween/Heroes						





# November 2017

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			1	2	3	4
Letter: DEF Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Halloween/Heroes						
5	6 BOOK FAIR	7 BOOK FAIR	8 BOOK FAIR	9 BOOK FAIR	10 BOOK FAIR	11
Letter: Gg Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: God						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Letter: Hh Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Unit: Harvest/Thanksgiving						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Letter: li Unit: Thanksgiving			NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK			
26	27	28	29	30		
Letter: GHI Color: Yellow Shape: Star Unit: Hibernation						



## Emergency Volunteers

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

### October & November

10/02/2017	Monday	Nicole Miles
10/03/2017	Tuesday	Patricia Colella
10/04/2017	Wednesday	Maggie Bixler
10/05/2017	Thursday	
10/09/2017	Monday	Catherine Jay
10/10/2017	Tuesday	Amy Hunt
10/11/2017	Wednesday	Kim Ziegler
10/12/2017	Thursday	Kelly Steinke
10/13/2017	Friday	Shannon Martin
10/16/2017	Monday	Catherine Jay
10/17/2017	Tuesday	Brittini Philips
10/18/2017	Wednesday	Casey Whitney
10/19/2017	Thursday	Molly Kruljac
10/20/2017	Friday	Christie Carron
10/30/2017	Monday	Katie Korejwo
10/31/2017	Tuesday	
11/01/2017	Wednesday	Melissa Jacobs
11/02/2017	Thursday	Sara Krajacic
11/03/2017	Friday	Elle Ethington
11/06/2017	Monday	Astrid Trinkaus
11/07/2017	Tuesday	Amanda Chafin
11/08/2017	Wednesday	Heather Thompson
11/09/2017	Thursday	Kara Schmahl
11/10/2017	Friday	Trisha Burns
11/13/2017	Monday	Shanna Ash
11/14/2017	Tuesday	Melissa Mitarotonda
11/15/2017	Wednesday	Melissa Jacobs
11/16/2017	Thursday	Melissa Mitarotonda
11/17/2017	Friday	Valerie DeGaetani
11/20/2017	Monday	
11/21/2017	Tuesday	Missy Hendrickson
11/27/2017	Monday	Melissa Trujillo
11/28/2017	Tuesday	Sarah Beckley
11/29/2017	Wednesday	Lauren Kauffman
11/30/2017	Thursday	Mittsi Petersen





## Meet the Staff

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

**Name:**

LoLo Weber

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Teach in the Giraffes M - F

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

13 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Husband - Brent; 25 year old Cameron; 10 year old Wally Weber

### *Now, for something a little different...*

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Had my 1st Chick-Fil-A!



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

Read, cook, exercise

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Whole Foods; Barnes & Noble

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

"Good Morning!" from all who I see; a little bacon; sunshine and fresh air; a Peanuts cartoon

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

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Bacon dipped in dark chocolate

**Concert or sporting event?**

Sporting event

**Favorite dessert?**

Lemon cake

**Favorite snack?**

Chex Mix

**Favorite restaurant?**

Barrolo Grill

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Nonfat Latte

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

**Name:**

Pam Winkelman

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Teach in Frogs M - F



**How long have you been working at Hope:**

2 years

**Tell us about your family:**

Married to Jeff 27 years, 2 daughters - Danielle, 22, Jillian, 20

### *Now, for something a little different...*

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Traveled to visit friends and family

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

DIY projects and shopping

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

Marshalls; Christopher & Banks; Kohls

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Someone makes a meal or helps around the house

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

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Both

**Concert or sporting event?**

Both

**Favorite dessert?**

Tiramisu; Cheesecake; Ice Cream

**Favorite snack?**

Cheese - meat - crackers

**Favorite restaurant?**

Bangkok Tokyo; Bonefish Grill; Cheesecake Factory

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Caramel Macchiato; Chai Tea Latte

**First, just the facts...**

**Name:**

Anjee Wren

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Teach in Brown Bears M, W & F

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

This is my 5th year

**Tell us about your family:**

Married to David for 18 years; Children - Jillian, 13 and Elliott, 5

**Now, for something a little different...**

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Spent a day in the Napa Valley wine tasting at the V. Sattui Winery

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

Watch silly "reality" TV; shop

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

The Mall; Target; Maurices; IKEA

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Coffee, Coca Cola; Prayers



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

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Both

**Concert or sporting event?**

Both

**Favorite dessert?**

Chocolate chip cookie; milkshake; Good 'ol ice cream cone

**Favorite snack?**

Nuts; Fruit

**Favorite restaurant?**

3 Margaritas; Bookmakers; Bad Daddy's; Olive Garden

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Dark Roast with 2 pumps vanilla and cream; Iced Vanilla Coffee

**First, just the facts...**

**Name:**

Laura Zeman

**What class do you teach/assist:**

Assist in Hedgehogs T, TH

**How long have you been working at Hope:**

First year back, but 7 years, I think...

**Tell us about your family:**

I have a husband and 4 boys ages 25, 20, 18 and 15 - all into either music or sports

**Now, for something a little different...**

**What's the coolest thing you did this summer?**

Ziplined Fremont St in Vegas with my bestie, Miss Amanda

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

I like to workout, go for walks, hike, hang out with my boys. Photography. Music.

**Where is your favorite place to shop:**

I'm not a big shopper...

**What are some small things that make your day better?**

Coffee, flowers, "Thank you's", music, HUGS

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

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Sweet or salty?**

Both, but I try to stay away from both as much as possible

**Concert or sporting event?**

Ooh... concert, but both

**Favorite dessert?**

Pretty much any...

**Favorite snack?**

Nuts

**Favorite restaurant?**

Macaroni Grill; Texas Roadhouse

**Favorite Starbucks drink?**

Skinny Mocha; sugar free anything



# Final Thoughts and Announcements

## Hope Church Trunk or Treat

Hope UMC welcomes PDO families to Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 14th 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).



## Individual and Class Pictures

### Monday, October 16th:

Ms. Lansing's Monday Hedgehogs (Class & ALL Monday students' individual pictures)  
 Ms. Anjee's Brown Bears (Class and ALL Monday students' individual pictures)  
 Ms. Theresa's Monkeys (Class and ALL Monday students' individual pictures)  
 Ms. Coleman's Owls (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Hastedt's Turtles (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. LoLo's Giraffes (Class and individual pictures)

### Tuesday, October 17th:

Ms. Lansing's Tuesday Hedgehogs (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Amanda's Brown Bears (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Amy's Elephants (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Kim's Blue Birds (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Festi's Owls (Class and individual pictures)

### Wednesday, October 18th:

Ms. Lansing's Wednesday Hedgehogs (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Anjee's Brown Bears (Class and Wed/Fri students' individual pictures)  
 Ms. Theresa's Monkeys (Class and Wed/Fri students' individual pictures)  
 Ms. April's Elephants (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Tara's Foxes (Class and individual pictures)  
 Ms. Pam's Frogs (Class and individual pictures)



### Thursday, October 19th:

Ms. Lansing's Thursday Hedgehogs (Class and Thursday only individual pictures)  
 Ms. Christi's Monkeys (Class and individual pictures)

### Friday, October 20th:

Ms. Lansing's Friday Hedgehogs (Class and Friday only individual pictures)  
 Ms. Anjee's Brown Bears (Class picture only)  
 Ms. Theresa's Monkeys (Class picture only)  
 Ms. Festi's Owls (Class only)