

## January 2018 Newsletter

Dear HopeMark Family,

For your reading pleasure, here is the January newsletter! There is a lot of exciting information to pass along!

**MLK Holiday** Please remember there is no school on Monday, January 15, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

### **Supply Fee Due**

The Spring supply fee is due by January 31. Fees are as follows:

2-day class: \$45, 3-day class: \$50, Pre-K Classes: \$ 60

**Class Pictures** Class pictures will be posted toward the end of this week along with a signup sheet. If you would like to purchase a copy of your child's class picture (taken on the day of the Christmas program,) please sign up on the sheet. The cost of the photo is \$5.

**Yoga Classes** Charge yoga will be offering a 12-week session beginning Wednesday, January 24. Afternoon classes will take place on Wednesdays from 9:45 – 10:45 am. Students then have the option of staying for lunch bunch afterwards. Morning classes will take place on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 pm, with the option of staying at lunch bunch after morning dismissal. (please check for availability.) Children attending our 2-day classes are welcome to attend either one of these sessions!

A flyer, registration form and waiver are attached to this email. If your child attended the fall session, you do not have to re-register, but must call or email the instructor, Carrie Miller, to let her know your child will be attending!

**Karate Classes** Robinson's Karate will be continuing classes on Mondays at 10:00 am for our afternoon children. Beginning February 5, a karate class will be offered to our morning children at 1:00 pm on Mondays. Children must be 4 years old to register, and there must be at least 5 children enrolled in the class. If your child attends one of the morning classes and is 4 years old, please let Steve Robinson know you are interested! A flyer is attached to this email. Once 5 children have expressed interested, he will confirm with you! Lunch bunch is available before class for morning children, and after class form afternoon children, pending availability. Please let Mrs. Ryan know if you would like your child to attend lunch bunch!

**T-shirts and Hoodies** We are excited to offer colorful t-shirts and hoodies with our HopeMark logo for purchase! Now in ash gray, gold, and royal blue, our short sleeve t-shirts are \$10, long sleeve t-shirts, \$15, and hoodies cost \$25! Sizes are Small and Extra Small. Stop by the office to try one on your child for size! (we also have a limited number of gray and navy clothing available at half price!)

### **Cookie Platters**

We had several Christmas plates left at HopeMark after our Christmas programs. If you are missing one, please stop by the office!

### **High School Volunteers**

Two seniors at Bishop DeBourg High School, Patrick Fanera and Kevin Enright, are completing service hours at HopeMark. They will be volunteering in our classrooms through January 17.

## **Registration for the 2018/2019 school year**

Registration for current HopeMark students is now open for the 2018/2019 school year. If your child is eligible to attend HopeMark next year, a registration card will be sent home with your child this week. Extra cards will be available in the hallway and school office. We encourage you to register in January, prior to open enrollment, beginning on February 1. For current families who register in January, the registration fee will be \$50. As of February 1, the fee will return to \$75.

If your child has just started at HopeMark this semester, you do not need to pay a second registration fee, but you do need to fill out a registration card for the 2018/2019 school year!

The following classes are available:

### **2-Day Program: Tuesday / Thursday 9 – 11:30 AM**

This class is typically a child's first school experience, and is primarily composed of three year olds. The 2-day program focuses on developing social skills, adapting to the school environment, and an introduction to academic concepts, primarily through games and hands on play.

### **3-Day Program: Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9 – 11:30 AM**

Children in these classes continue to develop socially, and participate in a more focused Kindergarten readiness program. These children complete an alphabet book, learn number concepts, begin printing using correct grip and formation, and are introduced to academic concepts such as opposites, rhyming, patterning, etc. through games and play. Children in this program are typically four years old, and will either enter Kindergarten, or continue onto one of our Pre-K classes.

### **Jr. Pre-K Program: Monday– Thursday 12:15 -2:45 PM**

This class is recommended for children with late winter, spring and summer birthdays who will Kindergarten eligible the following school year. This class offers an intensive Kindergarten readiness program as well as time devoted to free play and social interaction. Please see Mrs. Ryan with any questions regarding this class.

### **Sr. Pre-K Program: Monday – Thursday 12:15 -2:45 PM**

This program is designed for children with late summer and fall birthdates who turn 5 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, and have missed the July 31 Missouri Kindergarten cutoff date. Some parents may also choose to enroll their child who is eligible to attend Kindergarten, but would benefit socially, physically or academically from another year of preschool. This class offers an intensive Kindergarten readiness curriculum as well as time devoted to free play and social interaction. (Exceptions to the December 31 cutoff date for entry into Sr. Pre-K are made on an individual and space available basis, and determined by a child's skill set and social readiness.) Please see Mrs. Ryan with any questions regarding this class.

Note: Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Once a class fills to capacity, we will start a wait list. I do expect the afternoon classes to fill to capacity, so if you are interested in Jr. or Sr. Pre-K, please turn in your registration asap! Registration fees are non-refundable.

**Welcome New Families!** HopeMark was fortunate to have seven children join our school in January! An updated class roster will be published later this week. Please welcome the following children to our school!

Big Bird's 2-day class: Bronte Clarke and Adelyn Raycraft (class total now 11 kids)

Kermit's 2-day class: Maggie Turner and Frederick Werner (class total now 12 kids)

Kermit's 3-day class: Gordon Patterson (class total now 16 kids)

Jr. Pre-K: Olivia Hagan and Walter Mandusic (class total now 15 kids)

We also say goodbye to two students this month: Silvia Wu (Big Bird 2-day) and Lydia Grissom (Kermit 3-day) We'll miss you!

**Open House** On Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 – 11:00 am, we are opening our doors to prospective families to come and see all we have to offer at HopeMark. Please invite any families you know who may be interested in sending their child to HopeMark. As an incentive, for any family you refer who registers, we will give the referring family a \$25 discount on their child's next month's tuition. We will also be asking for parent volunteers to attend the open house and speak to prospective families about our school. Be watching for a sign-up sheet to volunteer!

We would love any help you can offer to get the word out about HopeMark! If your workplace has a community bulletin board, we would love to give you a flyer to post. Next week, we will also have yard signs available to take home and advertise our open house!

### **Facebook Reviews**

More and more often, prospective families tell us they found HopeMark via a Facebook search. One of the main things parents look at are Facebook reviews. If you are a Facebook user, please consider "reviewing" HopeMark. The more positive reviews on our page, the more registrations we will hopefully receive, thus increasing the viability of our school!

**Looking ahead to February – Community Helpers** Our theme for the month of February and early March is Community Helpers. During this time, we invite parents to come in and talk to the kids about their profession! We hope you will consider scheduling a time to come talk to the kids. I promise, you will have a great time! Please call or email Mrs. Ryan to schedule a date to visit us. In the past we have had firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, musicians, bakers, lawyers, counselors, veterinarians, the opportunities are endless!

**Inclement weather** Now that winter has arrived, I want to remind you that if HopeMark needs to cancel school due to weather, our school will be listed on FOX, KMOV, and KSDK television stations. An email will be sent to our families as well. Please refer to the parent handbook for more information!

### **Donation opportunities for the month:**

Post It Notes, liquid hand soap refill, hand sanitizer