



Newsletter: Oct 11 - 17 , 2026



We are deeply grateful that the girls were unharmed and completely safe. As a team, we take full responsibility for the situation that led to this citation, and we welcomed the opportunity to fix it immediately.

On October 6th, our staff completed a focused refresher on active supervision—reinforcing strategic staff positioning, continuous visual counts, active listening, and early redirection to allow children to explore safely. Today (October 9th), State Licensing officially cleared us of the deficiency.

We appreciate your trust and partnership as we continue caring for your family.

1. Theme of the Week

Theme: Letter E. Show & Tell will be held on Friday. Please have your child bring an item that begins with the letter E. Encourage your child to share a few details about the item they chose by answering one of the 5W1H questions: What, When, Who, Where, Why, or How.

2. Church Singing - 10/11/2026 (Sun) 9am English Service

Penguins & Owls will be singing during the English Service on Sunday, Oct 11 , at the 9:00 am service. All children are asked to participate, unless excused by their teacher for special reasons. As it is difficult for children to sit through the service, we asked that the Penguins & Owls students be dropped off at room 6 at 8:45 am while parents proceed to chapel for service. Please dress children neatly for church. Thank you!



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3. Picture Day

If you haven't, please fill up the picture form and return to the teacher.

10/14/2025 (Wed) Fall Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts, & Dolphins

10/15/2025 (Thu) Fall Picture Day for Ducklings, Alligators, Owls

10/16/2025 (Fri) Fall Picture Day for Bears, Lemurs, & Penguins

If you have more than one child at Hope, the older child will take siblings pictures on the day of the younger sibling's assigned picture day. Then the older sibling will take their individual pictures according to the assigned schedule.

*** No make-up day, so please try your best to bring your child in for individual pictures and class pictures.

4. Parenting Workshop 1

Date: 10/20/2026 Tuesday 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Location: HOPE Chapel

Adults ONLY

Our first parent workshop topic is *"Ready for Real Life: Unpacking the Five Essential Soft Skills"*.

We are excited to welcome keynote speaker Andrew McPeak from Growing Leaders! He will share practical ways to help our children make positive choices in today's hyper-connected yet lonely world. While today's youth are the smartest generation yet, many still struggle with basic social skills. Learn more on his [YouTube channel](#).

Please sign up HERE: <https://forms.gle/wYFdX52en543xncd9>

Parent Participation Requirements

1. Parents are required to attend a **minimum of 2 parent workshops** scheduled during the early evenings throughout the year.
2. Families who attend all 3 parent workshops will be awarded a \$25 credit towards tuition.
3. Families who do not meet the minimum 2 workshops requirement will be fined \$50 at the end of June each school year.

5. Mark Your Calendars

2026-2027 School Year (You can view the calendar on our [website](#))

We will notify you ASAP when change is necessary. (updated: 8/25/2026)

10/11/2026 (Sun) 9:00am Church Singing @ English Worship (Penguins & Owls)

- updated on 8/25/2026

10/14/2026 (Wed) Fall Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts, & Dolphins

10/15/2026 (Thu) Fall Picture Day for Ducklings, Alligators, Owls, & Siblings

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10/20/2026 (Tue) 4:30-6:00pm	Parent Workshop 1 Keynote Speaker: Andrew McPeak Ready for Real Life: Unpacking the Five Essential Soft Skills
10/23/2026 (Fri)	Costume Parade & Harvest Carnival on campus
11/6/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
11/7/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
11/11/2026 (Wed)	Veterans Day (school closed)
11/26 – 27/2026 (Thu-Fri)	Thanksgiving Holiday (school closed)
12/12/2026 (Sat)	Christmas Program: 4s & 5s @3:30pm; 2s & 3s @5:00pm
12/24/2026– 1/1/2027 (Th-F)	Christmas/New Year Break (school closed)
1/4/2027 (Mon)	Staff Work Day (school closed)
1/5/2027 (Tue)	School Resumes
1/11 - 2/19/2027 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference (Class specific dates to be determined)
1/18/2027 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (school closed)
1/22/2027 (Fri)	Snow Day
1/24/2027 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
2/9/2027 (Tue) 4:30-6:00pm	Parent Workshop 2 Follow-Up on Essential Soft Skills - Ms. Cynthia
2/12/2027 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
2/15/2027 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (school closed)
2/28/2027 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Bunnies & Alligators)
3/6/2027 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
3/10/2027 (Wed)	Spring Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts & Dolphins
3/11/2027 (Thu)	Spring Picture for Ducklings, Alligators & Owls
3/12/2027 (Fri)	Spring Picture for Bears, Lemurs & Penguins ***Cap & gown pictures for kindergarten bound children
3/18 - 19/2027 (Th & F)	Staff Development and In-Service (school closed)
3/21/2027 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Owls, Bears, Penguins, Alligators, Lemurs)
3/25/2027 (Thu)	Easter Egg Hunt on Campus
3/26/2027 (Fri)	Good Friday (school closed)
4/11/2027 (Sun) 9:00am	Church Singing @ English Worship (Lemurs & Bears) - updated on 8/25/2026
4/28/2027 (Wed) 4:30-6:00pm	Parent Workshop 3 Essential Soft Skills - Ms. Mandy & Ms. Shirley
4/30/2027 (Fri)	Field Trip (Oakland Zoo) - (updated: 8/24/2026)
5/2/2027 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
5/7/2027 (Fri)	Mother's Day Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm
5/10-14/2027 (Mon-Fri)	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/14/2027 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
5/17 - 6/18/2027 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference (Class specific dates to be determined)



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5/22/2027 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
5/31/2027 (Mon)	Memorial Day (school closed)
6/11/2027 (Fri)	Father's Day Activity 3:30 – 5:00pm
6/13/2027 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Colts & Dolphins)
6/18/2027 (Fri)	Juneteenth Observed (school closed)
6/27/2027 (Sun)	Family Day for Incoming New Families 1:00 - 3:00pm
7/5/2027 (Mon)	Independence Day Observed (school closed)
7/20-23/2027 (Tue-Fri)	Preschool Promotion Program 10:30 – 11:30am
	Tuesday 7/20 Owls
	Wednesday 7/21 Penguins
	Thursday 7/22 Bears
	Friday 7/23 Lemurs
8/11 – 13/2027 (Wed-Fri)	School Cleaning /Staff Work Days (school closed)