

# The Trailblazer Times

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS

**K-3 Ms. Sue and  
Ms. Cindy**

We hope all of our Hope families had wonderful summer vacations! I have spent some of my summer time working on my art car and reaping the benefits of a wonderful tomato and pepper gardening season. Our assistant teacher, Cindy, got to spend lots of time at the pool with her kids and enjoy some family vacations to Disney World and Charleston.

But, as the fall approaches, we certainly look forward to returning to our Hope K3 classroom. We are so excited to meet all of our new students with whom we will be sharing new learning adventures with and getting to know each of our new "Bears."

We will start September off with letters A,B,C and numbers 1,2,3. Our Read It Once Again book will be Goodnight Moon.

**K-3/K-4 Ms. Brenda and  
Ms. Elizabeth**

Welcome back to school, everyone. September will start the school year off with a bang. The Busy Bees' themes are All About School, All About Me, All About Families, and Dinosaurs. We will also incorporate Read It Once

Again storybook themes into our curriculum. The first book we will read is Brown Bear, What Do You See? We will also begin Handwriting Without Tears as well as many science experiments and social studies activities. I will have a sign-up sheet for Room Moms and field trips as needed. We are very excited about the upcoming school year, and we know it is going to be a wonderful one.

**K-4 Ms. Karen and  
Ms. Lani**

On the first day of school we will find out what happens If You Take a Mouse to School. After that we will learn about the Rainbow Fish, and then talk about me, myself, and I.

Our Read It Once Again book for September is the Very Busy Spider. We will learn about spiders and about other insects.

We will use the Handwriting Without Tears again this year to learn to make our letters. In September we will begin learning to make our upper case letters F, E, D, P, B, and R.

Hope that everyone has had a wonderful year in the Rainbow Fish class!

**K-4 Ms. Kay and  
Ms. Bernadette**

We hope everyone had a great summer and that our students are ready for an exciting year of learning. Ms. Bernadette and I are looking forward to our new group of preschoolers.

The first few weeks of school, we will be getting to know new friends, telling about our families, and learning new routines. We have several students who are new to our school. We hope the "old" students and parents will work to make our "new" friends feel welcome.

In handwriting, we will again be using "Handwriting Without Tears." This program has been our basis for the last few years and our students tend to do well with it. Our language program will again be "Read It Once, Read It Again." We've also had good results with this program. As school begins, we will be sending more information on these programs.

We'd like to wish everyone the best school year ever! Welcome back!!

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### **September points of interest:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>— Preschool Open House
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day (school is out)
- 8<sup>th</sup>— First Day of Preschool
- 21<sup>st</sup>— First Academy Progress Report
- 30<sup>th</sup>— Doughnuts for Dad
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>— Academy 5 to the Peace Center

# ACADEMY NEWS

## Academy 1 Ms. Christine and Ms. Kim

Welcome Back!! Academy 1 is off to a great start. Our class has spent the last week and a half learning our procedures and getting to know our new friends. We have worked as a team to develop flow charts that will assist us in remembering our classroom routines. We have also done many activities geared to-

wards learning about our classmates and have discovered many shared interests. Everyone is adjusting beautifully!!

In September, we will learn to identify letter sounds, as well as practice our writing skills. In Math, we will work with one-to-one correspondence and number recognition. In Social Studies, we will learn the difference between rules at home and rules at school.

Ms. Kim and I are so excited about our new friends and are looking forward to a fun and exciting year!



..."getting to know our new friends".

## Academy 2 Ms. Constance and Ms. Julie

Welcome Academy 2 families! It was so nice to see all of you at open house. Ms. Julie and I are already enjoying all of the smiles and hugs we receive throughout the day from the children. We definitely look forward to seeing them bright and early each morning.

The students have settled in nicely to their new environment. We are learning about each other and having fun! Everyone has become acclimated to the new classroom pro-

cedures and schedules. It is a lot to remember at first!

As you know, the first nine weeks, we are studying the rain forest. The children have already studied specific characteristics of rain forests and unique types of animals. Please don't forget to send in theme-related shares, so the class has an extra opportunity to learn something new! Parents are also welcome to help with afternoon crafts, suggest field trip locations, and volunteer as a guest

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speaker on a topic of interest.

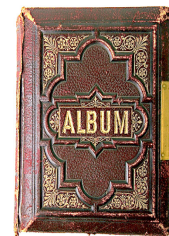
The homework binders will be coming home daily now and should be checked for any important notices and/or materials. Please feel free to utilize the "communication pouch" to send in notes to the teacher or letters to be put in the mailbox for Friday's mail delivery.

Thanks for a great start to our new academic year!

## Academy 3 Ms. Marydell and Ms. Marianne

Hello everyone! Academy 3 is off to a great start! We have been working hard to build strong relationships with each other in our classroom family. We have six classroom sis-

ters and eight classroom brothers. I know that our family is going to be absolutely WONDERFUL! Teaching at Hope Academy is truly a pleasure for Mrs. Marianne and me. We are anticipating an outstanding year.



We are building strong relationships in our classroom family

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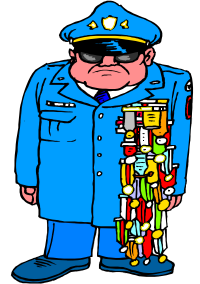
## Academy IV Ms. Claire and Ms. Bettye

Academy IV is off to a great start! We are settling into our routines and procedures as we adjust to our new schedule. We are learning about scientific methods of investigation, observation, and properties of matter. Our class is reviewing and studying maps and elements of maps as we prepare to create our own maps of

fictitious islands! We are learning about types of figurative language and elements of poetry. We are creative writers!

Our class is working to recognize patterns in math and reviewing concepts and skills from our learning during the last school year. We have used brainstorming, sharing, and decision-making processes to create and establish our own class rules as well as class jobs. We will be taking turns

as Marshals of various responsibilities such as Line Marshal, Equipment Marshal, etc. We are having fun and learning every day!



## Academy V Mr. Phil and Ms. Bettye

We began this year with a bang. AV team members have begun this year with an attitude for success and a cooperative spirit that are functioning as a catalyst for multiple achievements.

Academy V students have be-

gun their adventures by exploring themselves through an essay entitled, "I am unique," cultivating a knowledge of our home state's region, and examining the "nature of waves."

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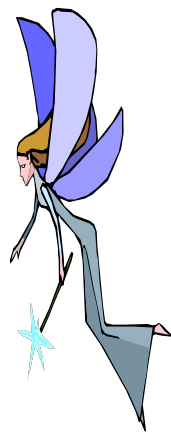
## HOPE Wishing Well

### Academy wish list

1. Plastic forks and spoons
2. Vitamin C cough drops

### Preschool wish list

1. Cheez-its
2. Graham Crackers

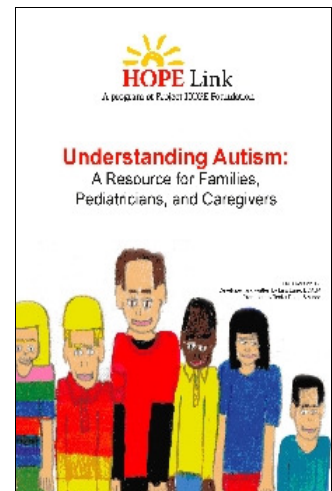


We have little fairies making wishes come true.

## Exciting News!

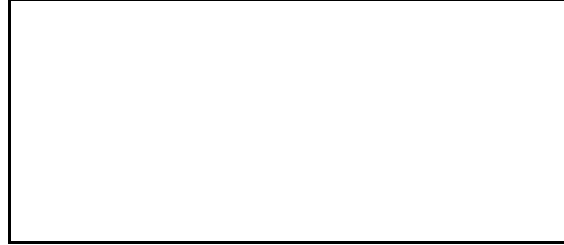
Project HOPE has just released a new DVD, Understanding Autism: A Resource for Families, Pediatricians, and Caregivers. This DVD provides a better understanding of autism, using video clips and personal stories. It is now available for sale at Amazon.com for \$25 or through the HOPE Academy office. It is a great gift to give teachers, doctors, friends, family, and neighbors.

To view the movie trailer of the DVD go to youtube. Make sure you take the time to view it and pass it on! We want to reach 1000 (or more) views in the next month!



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## Team Hope

Welcome back to school!  
Please join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> TEAM Hope meeting on Friday, September 18th @ drop off in Room **TBA**. For those of you who are new to our family, TEAM Hope stands for “**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore”. We are the teacher and staff support program. Our school depends on you as a volunteer to help the school reach its fullest potential. There are many different ways to achieve this goal. A form was sent home with your child (ren) on the first day of school. I hope you have had the opportunity to look it over and send it back in. We will be discussing opportunities that are available as well as all the school year events. All are welcome (younger children too) to attend. I look forward to meeting all of our new families and seeing our current

ones as well. For more information, you can contact Christine Peebles at 915-6359 (cell) or @ home 458-8441. Christine Peebles

### CALLING ALL DADS!

Come have some donuts with your child(ren) on Wednesday, September 30th.

Academy classes (A1-A5) is scheduled from 8:00am to 8:30am and the Preschool classes will be from 8:30am to 9:00am. We will be in the Adventurer's Sunday School classroom #24/25. Dads in the past have always enjoyed this event. You wouldn't want to miss it. This is also a great opportunity to meet the other Hope dads. We'll see you on the 30<sup>th</sup>!



### Box Tops

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a great summer and saved all those Boxtops. I am going to be sending home a note on how Boxtops are going to work this year. There is a new program for teachers that can benefit all of Hope Academy. I am open to suggestions for prizes for individual winners. My goal is to make this beneficial for everyone, but mostly for Hope of course. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jill Venant (843)902-1694. Thank you in advance for all of your support. Jill Venant