

March Newsletter

We are grateful for your support to this year's Parent Night. Because of your generosity, we raised \$4621.00 to donate to Nationwide Children's Hospital! In addition, we have \$353.00 of Scholastic Dollars from the book fair to purchase items to donate to the hospital for the children to enjoy. Further, we have hundreds of dollars of toy donations to take to the hospital from our Kids helping Kids campaign. Thank you for the wide range of new items for the children.

Please see the list of businesses who donated their products or services for the silent auction at the welcome desk. We appreciated receiving a wide variety to include in the silent auction. Thank you to the families who donated these items!

A special thank you to Aimee Seggerson and Allison Kupper for their leadership in planning a successful Parent Night! In addition, thank you to the teachers and staff who assisted in picking up items, creating artwork with their students and helping during the event.

Silent Auction Items to be Picked up

Please come to the welcome desk this week to pick up your items for the silent auction. All items must be paid for by March 6. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Metroparks Visit

Highbanks Metropark's Naturalists will be presenting an Ohio Animals program for our school in March. Naturalists use live animals and/or pelts to discuss Ohio animals & habitats. Live animals may include toad, gray tree frog, eastern box turtle and/or black rat snake.

Openings for next year

Please refer your friends to our Preschool and Kindergarten for next year. We have several openings in the W/F 3's, the 3.5/4's afternoon, the 4's afternoon and some openings in other classes.

Upcoming Events

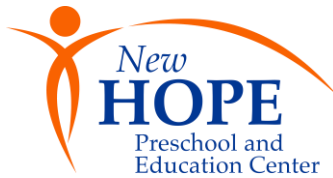
Mar 10, 11	Storytime in the Sanctuary 11:10 – 11:20 and 2:40-2:50 (Families welcome)
Mar 11	Metroparks Visit
Mar 12	Kindergarten class not in session- teacher work day.
Mar 13	No school- Professional Development day
Mar 18, 19	Parent/teacher conferences, no school if your classroom is having conferences, all other classes are in session
Mar 19	Kindergarten Parent/teacher conferences- no school for Kindergarten only
Mar 23, 24	Metroparks visit
March 30- April 3	Spring Break

Spring Conferences

On March 18th and 19th, the Green, Red, Purple, Rainbow and Blue classrooms will be offering parent/teacher conferences. Emails have been sent with direct links to the Sign-up genius for conferences. All other classrooms will be in session at their normal times. Kindergarten's conference day is March 19,

Coronavirus

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has provided information regarding Coronavirus. ODH recommended sharing these documents with you. Please see the next page for information. In addition, the next email you will receive includes a detailed "What you need to know" from CDC about coronavirus. We will continue to update you when we receive ODH or CDC updates.



COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Information for Early Childhood Care Providers

February 27, 2020

Current Situation

There are no confirmed cases COVID-19 in Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and local health departments will investigate newly reported possible cases (in people referred to as Persons Under Investigation or PUIs).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to consider the health risk from COVID-19 to be low among the general public in the U.S. However, COVID-19 continues to be an issue of concern nationally and internationally, and there is the increasing possibility that eventually community person-to-person spread will occur here.

As of February 24, 2020, the CDC reports 14 cases of COVID-19 detected and laboratory-confirmed in the U.S., with 12 related to travel and two from person-to-person spread. Additionally, the CDC reports 45 cases of COVID-19 in people repatriated to the U.S. by the Department of State. These include three from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, and 42 from the Diamond Princess cruise ship.

General Information and Precautions

Currently, you are only at risk if you (1) are displaying symptoms; and (2) have traveled to China in the 14 days before feeling sick or have been in contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19. By and large, travel history is key.

People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 have reported symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing that may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days after exposure to the virus. At this point you are more likely to catch the flu or a common cold, which both show some of the same symptoms.

ODH recommends precautions used for reducing the risk of infection for other illnesses, such as flu.

- Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water. If unavailable, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick (except to visit a health care professional) and avoid contact with others.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

More information on coronavirus disease 2019 can be found on the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) coronavirus website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and the [ODH](https://www.odh.ohio.gov) coronavirus website at www.odh.ohio.gov.

