

# Children of Hope Child Development Center

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## Hope Happenings: News from Mrs. H's Office

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I'm a happy camper this month as I recently got to spend some extra time with our students, and I enjoyed it so much! I had such fun alongside Mrs. Angilletta, as we were "Groovin' to the Music" at Fun Friday! We played instruments, including a beautiful djembe that the teachers gave to me at Christmas time, we learned about rhythm and tempo, sang lots of songs, and danced it out to everything from Lady Gaga to Prokofiev. The kids were even reading music! I then enjoyed extra time with the kiddos while teachers were holding Parent/Teacher conferences. I'm so proud of the growth of our students and I thank my staff for the mindful, purposeful work they do to foster that growth. Lucky me!

**Happy  
Birthday!**



Mrs. Mueller:  
March 4<sup>th</sup>

And speaking of my staff, "To everything there is a season..." and we find ourselves facing a season of change. As our beloved Mrs. Dolny celebrates the college graduation of her youngest children, twin boys, she is ready to explore some new adventures. She will be retiring from teaching at the end of this school year to take on new adventures with her friend's travel business. We will miss her so, but we are absolutely cheering her on! Before she sets off, she has graciously offered to mentor and train our newest team members, the lovely Aubree DuPlessis and Vanessa Smith. Both are COH parents and wonderful advocates for children who will partner with Mrs. Dolny and Deacon Connie to make for a warm, smooth, successful transition. What excellent hands our toddlers will be in! Please help me welcome these two outstanding women and wish our dear Mrs. Dolny the very best! She has blessed us and many families and children these last six years here at COH and we love her for it.

Warmly,  
*Mrs. H*



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**From Esperanza:**

You are invited to join us for worship on **Sundays** at 9:00am. Fellowship follows with coffee and snacks. Sunday Funday with Deacon Connie follows at 10:15am. Adult Bible Study meets at 10:30am.

**Holy Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday** worship  
March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Good Friday** worship with Promesa de Esperanza's Choir Cantata  
March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Easter Vigil** worship  
March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** worship services March 31

- *Sunrise Easter Service, lower courtyard 6:30am*
- *Pancake Breakfast in upper courtyard 7:30 - 8:45am*
- *Easter Worship in sanctuary 9:00am*
- *Easter Egg Hunt for kids on playground 10:15am*

**FAMILY  
CHAPEL TIME  
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT**



**8:30am**

Frogs: Monday, March 25

Ducklings: Tuesday, March 26

Penguins: Wednesday, March 27

**Lesson: Fruit of the Spirit**

Galatians 5:22-23

This month we will learn about the Fruit of the Spirit, gentleness. In this season of Easter, we will show gentleness to one another like Jesus did by the washing of the feet. This is a special Chapel Time that we look forward to each year. Hope you can join us!

**But THE FRUIT  
of the Spirit IS...**



**GALATIANS 5:22-23**

# LUNCH BUNCH



## **NEW LUNCH BUNCH PICK UP TIMES EFFECTIVE NOW**

**Pick Up at 1:00pm: \$15  
OR**

**Pick Up at 2:00pm: \$20**

Will invoice via Brightwheel

**\*NO LUNCH BUNCH on Tuesday, March 5th  
due to Staff Meeting**

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## **PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL**

**We love when the kiddos stay after school and play! We especially love the friendships that the moms foster during this time! All are welcome!**

- Please help us remind the kiddos of the school rules on the playground
- Please eat food, any lunches, and lollipops in the breezeway area and not on the playground or in the reading pods
- Please keep an eye on your kiddos after school so they are not climbing on top of the playhouse, fences, or the reading pods
- Please keep gates closed until a grown-up opens them



Watch here as Dr. Becky Bailey explains the three brain states: <https://youtu.be/HRoetJnhlwE>

# # FIRST THINGS FIRST

## KINDERGARTEN = READINESS =



### What do kindergarten teachers think?

Who knows more about being ready for kindergarten than kindergarten teachers? We [asked some kindergarten teachers](#) from across Arizona about what children need to be ready for their first day of school:

- Language and early literacy skills (like vocabulary and how to handle books)
- Listening skills ("Attending kindergarten involves lots of listening!")
- Independence
- Self-control
- Focus
- Curiosity
- Persistence
- Following directions (with one or two steps)
- Fine motor skills (to hold writing tools or use scissors)
- Writing their name
- Counting to five
- Bathroom skills (going by themselves, washing their hands, how to blow their nose and sneeze into their elbow, etc.)
- Sharing and taking turns
- Being a friend

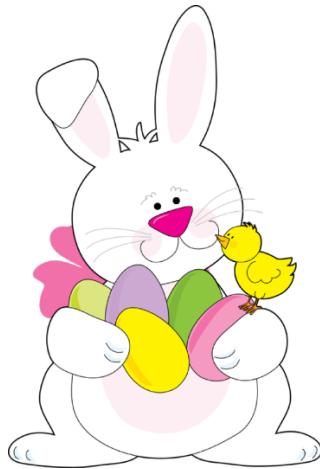
Full article and videos here: [Kindergarten Readiness - First Things First](#)

# Ahwatukee Easter Parade

## & Spring Fling Festival & Craft Fair!

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

meet at 9:30am at Warner & 48<sup>th</sup> St



**Grab your Easter bonnet, decorate your bikes and wagons, and join us (preschool and church members) for the annual Easter Parade!**

**After the 1 mile walk where the kids can hand out candy to the audience, head on over to the baseball fields for the festival and craft fair for more fun!**

**Are you creative? We'd love a banner for the kids to walk behind!**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Mrs. H will share the meeting spot (each group is assigned a numbered spot) when it is assigned by the parade coordinator.**



**Thanks to everyone who came out for Trivia Night! We had a ball!**

**Congrats to Team Urine Trouble who held on to their title and won again!**

**Thanks to our Parish Administrator, Joni, her husband Steven, daughter Ashley, and son-in-law, Richard, for all their work in planning and implementing, making this such a fun night for all!**

**Hope to see you next year for our 10<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night!**



[garden-of-eatin-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:garden-of-eatin-admin@googlegroups.com)

Do you like to garden? Raised beds are available for rent in our community garden. Please note each bed is private so please do not take any samples from the beds. The preschool rents the bed closest to the playground fence, with the Sitzmann Family tending it for us.

**Want to help the preschoolers in the garden?**

**Reach out to Jane & Leah's mom, Cassidi!**

## Preschool Board Meeting



Tuesday, April 16th

6:00 - 7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

If you would like to volunteer for our preschool board, please see Mrs. H. We would love to have you as we plan our school year.

7 Meetings total will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in September, October, November, January, February, March, and April



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you all for coming to our conferences. We really value this time with you as we share your child's growth and progress with you. Together we are better! Thank you for your partnership.



**2024- 25 School Year**

**Only a few spots remain!**

**Enrollment Packets available via BW and Website**



Please make drop off and pick up times with your child

***Cell Phone Free Zones***

## **SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

We at **Children of Hope Child Development Center** are committed to providing a smoke-free environment for children, staff members, and child care providers. Due to hazards from exposure to second-hand smoke and as a recognized Empower child care facility, it shall be the policy of this child care facility to provide a tobacco-free environment for children, staff members, child care providers, and parents.



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