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43 YEARS of GIFTS That Keep On Giving...



HOPE RURAL SCHOOL FAMILIES

Your support for the students and families of Hope Rural School that you LOVE so well, make an **IMPACT EVERY DAY!**



WARM WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL



“As members of the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation, we are called to proclaim the Gospel through the ministry of preaching and teaching in the building of a holy and just Church and society.” This year, Sister Martha and I begin our 8th year at Hope Rural School. We have been on mission as teachers and administrators in NY, NJ, PA, WI, IL, MN, and FL. We are proud of a rich history of making a difference in the lives of families we have served and continue to serve. This year, our Congregation celebrates 175 years of a rich history. We numbered 1,983 women in 1966, today we are approximately 300. You can read more about us at www.Sinsinawa.org. Please keep our Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

in your thoughts and prayers as we remember you in our daily prayers.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Hope Rural School is to offer hope to families.

The school primarily serves children from immigrant families by providing them with a Catholic Elementary education in grades Pre-K through 5 in an environment that nurtures the Gospel values of mercy, justice, and love, through fostering the principles of Christian discipleship; supporting, guiding and encouraging parents in the education of their children; developing an appreciation and respect for heritage; encouraging and enabling graduates to reach their full potential through advanced education.

Dear Friends,



During this beautiful season of giving and receiving, we at Hope Rural School pause to remember and give thanks to God for you and the many wonderful people who bless us daily. The lives of our students and their families are better because you care enough to give the very best - your support and love.

As I reflect on the past year and prepare for the one ahead, I'm reminded that generosity is more than just a seasonal occurrence; rather it's a sentiment we should celebrate and cherish all year round.

No matter the time of year, small things can make a profound difference for those in our community. While life has taken us down many challenging paths since the pandemic, God continually presents us with opportunities to give our time and treasure to make a difference. All of you who have invested your time or treasure in this incredible mission over the years can join with the countless staff, faculty, administration, board members, volunteers, donors, and parents and bask in the glory of knowing you are part of a mission that daily gifts the students with joy, imagination, wisdom, and faith.

May God, the Giver of all gifts, reveal to you and your family your own special gifts as you experience the blessings of this beautiful season. I leave you with the following words by Howard Thurman...

**“When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost...to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.”**

Love, Sister Elizabeth Dunn, OP



Welcome to the season of remembering and showing love!

You do this so well. Christmas brings love alive in all you do for the children and their families. They do not take your gifts for granted, but as gifts of love greatly given by friends. To give a cup of cold water, even just a drink, to one of the least of Jesus' followers, is to be blessed, to receive a reward. That is what Jesus told His fledgling disciples. He was telling them how rewarding giving can be. Your generosity to our school and these children are your gifts of water. You are in our circle of prayer mentioned by our students and reiterated by their teachers.

May the Child of Bethlehem bless you & yours as you have blessed us!

Gratefully, Sister Martha Rohde, OP

VILMA SHAW SCHOLAR GRADUATES



Azucena Lopez
Florida Atlantic University
Bachelor of Science
in Biology



Carolina Domingo
University of Central Florida
Bachelor of Fine Arts
in Graphic Design.

VOLUNTEERS... GIVING TIME AND TOUCHING HEARTS

Hope Rural School is gifted with generous Volunteers and Mentors.

One of our mentors shared these words after spending some time with our students:

“I thank God for blessing me with a meaningful and joyous opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life.”

Colleen Leong
1st Grade



Peg Clifford
4th Grade



Ernie Vallebuona
5th Grade

Don Sheetz
Grades 1st - 2nd - 3rd



Alan Morales
(Alumni) P.E.



Brian Connolly
PK3 - PK4 - K - 3rd

Jill Johnson
4th Grade



Kathy Nye
3rd Grade



THE GIFT OF GIVING FROM OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY



Kindergarten visiting friends at the Monterey Yacht and Country Club, Stuart



Knights of Columbus donated beautiful new lightweight jackets for our students.



Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club, Palm City brought Christmas to our families!



PREK, K, 1st BREAKFAST with SANTA AT E.R. BRADLEY'S PALM BEACH with P.B. Day Academy Lower School



St. Mark's Catholic School in S.W. Ranches brought BOOKS for EVERY CLASS!



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS...

Welcome to our new First Grade Teacher ~ Ms. Alina Jalice



“It is a blessing to be part of this collaborative Hope Rural family whose mission is to help equip our students with the tools needed to make their dreams become a reality. When the first grade teacher position opened, even though I totally enjoyed being the Guidance Counselor - I knew it was my opportunity to permanently become part of the Hope Rural family.

I believe that I was “called upon” to teach our students. Through them and with God, everything and anything is possible. I believe in our children, their future, and I believe in their dreams becoming realities - a reality that commences with their education, AND my daughter Gigi is also a student here! ♥ ♥

I am honored and privileged to partake in their journey as their First Grade Teacher at Hope Rural School. I promise to support, encourage and believe in them and in all of their greatness every step of the way.”

~ with love and hope, Ally

Welcome to our new Guidance Counselor ~ Mr. Jonah Shafer



“Hello everybody, my name is Jonah Shafer. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Central Florida. I believe that I was hired for the position of Guidance Counselor at Hope Rural School by being at the right place at the right time - to say I was nervous during my first few weeks would have been a huge understatement.

As I settle into my new job, it is a pleasure being with the friendliest and brightest kids, the teachers and staff are some of the most welcoming people I have ever encountered, so my nervousness has all but evaporated, and I truly see what makes this school such a remarkable place!”

Working here as a guidance teacher is an absolute joy. I want to offer these kids the best guidance and teaching I can possibly give. This is truly a special place. I am glad to call myself a member of the Hope Rural Family.”

~ Sincerely, Jonah

Welcome to our new School Cook ~ Mrs. Elia Garcia



“My name is Elia Garcia and I was born in Mexico. It is a pleasure to serve as the cook at Hope Rural School. I really enjoy making breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack for all the students and staff. I look forward to doing my best every day!”

~ with love to all, Elia



“Providence **CAN** provide, Providence **DID** provide, Providence **WILL** provide.”

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY and FRIENDS / CAMPUS LIFE

So very grateful for the many WONDERFUL donors who helped us with the renovation of our cafeteria! Refinished floors, new window treatments, new fans (to be installed soon) and our students renaming it

“CAFE HOPE!”



Palm Beach Gardens Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary have been gracious givers to Hope Rural School for many years. They also gift many bicycles!



Peace Pole in the center of our courtyard.

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A visitor from St. Patrick Church, Palm Beach Gardens wrote: “I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to visit your school. Hope is a perfect example of how so much good can come from small blessings. The children are excited to learn and the teachers are skilled and caring. The school is well organized to meet the needs of the students and their community. Time spent with the children made me smile and cry at the same time. It is not often that anyone can be moved in that way. May God continue to bless you, the staff and students. Please know that I remain committed to support your efforts in any way I can.”

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR LOVED ONES



Memorial / Tribute Gifts

Remembering your loved ones through memorial gifts in lieu of flowers and tribute gifts in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or other meaningful events, is a thoughtful and life-giving way to continue the mission work of Hope.

Please also consider remembering Hope Rural School in your will...a tribute for a lifetime.

Your contributions bless many! You are in our prayers and thoughts each day.

WATCH OUR WEB PAGE: WWW.HOPERURALSCHOOL.ORG FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!