

HOPES RISING

Our Community Newsletter

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HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s mission is to provide community services that respond to the social, educational and training needs of individuals in an effort to overcome barriers and fight the causes of poverty.

HOPES FEATURED ON THE TODAY SHOW!

HOPES CAP, Inc. was selected by NBC's TODAY Show to receive a free paint 'makeover' to several areas throughout the David E. Rue building in Hoboken, NJ, courtesy of a national paint company, Sherwin-Williams. To watch the segment, go to www.hopes.org or our Facebook page @HOPESCAPInc



Alison Cherpitel, HOPES Teacher at Rue

Week of the Young Child



During The Week of the Young Child (April 16-20), HOPES EHS Plainfield had a variety of fun themed days for the children. These days included Pajama Day, where both children and staff came to school dressed in their favorite PJ'S, and Paint Day, where teachers had a variety of activities that included paint, such as painting with stampers, with their hands, with brushes, and with shapes. Other activities included Silly sock day, fitness day/Hop a Thon in which children and staff did different hopping activities and raised money for MDA and lastly "Nature Day" where the whole center went into the playground and planted flowers and vegetables to create the second annual EHS garden. The children were able to touch the soil, put seeds into the flower pots and water the plants. Along with this fun activity, the children did activities in their classrooms which involved creating flower pictures, reading stories about flowers and vegetables, and created a collage of vegetable pictures that were taken out of a supermarket circular. Nature day will continue throughout the months, as the children will help take care of the EHS garden, create birdhouses, and have a butterfly project.

Article submitted by Mary Pinto, EHS Plainfield Education Site Supervisor

Photos from Park Avenue - EHS Plainfield



Photos from Brandt - Preschool Hoboken



Photo from Rue - Preschool Hoboken

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Photo from Connors - Preschool Hoboken



HOP-A-THON FUNDRAISER FOR MDA

HOPES Early Childhood Programs raised over \$4,500 during the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Hop-A-Thon. The event took place during Week of the Young Child and helped teach children about physical disabilities and the importance of accepting and helping all children. In addition to learning an important lesson, children at all sites participated in fun events such as hopping stations, hopscotch, hula-hop, sack hop and long hop. MDA uses these funds to help provide vital services to children and families including medical care, support groups, locating and repairing wheelchairs and other equipment as well as funding accessible summer camps for children.

Article submitted by Ellen Samitt, Mental Health & Disabilities Specialist.

PLAINFIELD ART AUCTION



Volunteer Opportunities, apply here: <https://www.hopes.org/volunteer-application>

Infants/Toddlers Classroom Assistant Volunteer Opportunity

Time spent playing with children is never wasted.

Volunteer Opportunity is anytime Monday through Friday 8:00 AM-3:30 PM. Please specify your availability on the volunteer application.

FACEBOOK REVIEWS - YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED

Individuals are invited to leave a Facebook review for HOPES CAP, Inc (@HOPESCAPInc). You can write a review and rate HOPES services. **Note:** Star ratings are from 1 star to 5 stars - 1 star for poor quality to 5 stars for excellent quality.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Free Tax Preparation still available through June 30**, call Mary Caldwell, Community Programs Specialist, for more information 1-855-OK-HOPES ext. 1108.
- **June 9 | Hamilton Open House (Somerset)** - Fun Bus, petting zoo, and more.
- **Open Enrollment for Expectant Women, and Early Childhood Programs for Fall 2018.** To request information: <https://www.hopes.org/registration>

See printed flyers or check out HOPES website for more information.

