



# JOURNEY OF HOPE

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## VISION, PROVIDENCE, PARTNERSHIP, TRUTH

**“Education is simply the soul of our society that trespasses from one generation to another.”**



What an honor it is to be part of the Hope Rural story long enough to be teaching the children of my former students. This year is extra special because I have four second generation students in my first grade.



**Oh,  
The Places  
You'll Go...**

**Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to  
Great Places!  
You're off  
and away...**

*Dr. Seuss,  
Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

**We are ALL children of FORMER STUDENTS of Hope Rural School!**



# WARM WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Sister Elizabeth Dunn, OP

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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 past year, it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to meet many of you: donors, fundraising committee members, volunteers, former faculty, former students, and visitors to Hope Rural School. It has also been an honor to hear from many of you and to read your congratulatory messages of hope, love and encouragement. HOPE, that capacity to believe in positive outcomes, features prominently in the history of your relationship with Hope Rural.

Many of you have been longtime friends and supporters of our school and have never grown weary of bringing HOPE to our children and their families by placing your trust in our mission and sharing your wisdom, talents and resources with us on our Journey of HOPE.

In this newsletter, we wanted to share with you some of the endless blessings that have been part of 37 years and now grace the lives of a second generation of Hope Rural students:

- First grade teacher , Erin Dilla teaches a second generation
- Second generation of 23 students
- Quality education programs
- Reaccreditation of Hope Rural School
- Encouraging and enabling Hope Rural graduates to reach their full potential through higher education with a Vilma Shaw scholarship
- Partnerships with others

Each day we live in awe of the God who has privileged us with the opportunity to work at this time, in this place with a dedicated faculty, staff, board members, volunteers, fundraising committees, benefactors, parents and countless friends, who help co-create with the Divine, a future beyond our wildest dreams for our children and their families.

In this season of giving thanks, we also remember our Co- founders, Father Frank O'Loughlin and Sister Carol Putnam, RSCJ. Directors, Sister Marie Celeste Gatti, OP, and Sister Mary Dooley, SSND, and all those living and deceased who partnered with them, embraced their leadership as gift and realized their years at Hope Rural as a blessing.

“Life itself will purify our HOPE step by step  
if we live with a passion for the possible,  
Sooner or later we realize that what we mistook for a limit  
proves to be a horizon.  
And, like every horizon,  
It recedes as we move on toward fullness of life.”

~ David Steindl-Rast

Thank you for supporting us in this deeply rewarding work. Without your belief and support in our mission, none of this would be possible.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Elizabeth Dunn, OP".

Sister Elizabeth Dunn, OP, Director

## SAVE THE DATES

Kane Center Annual Dinner ~ March 5, 2017

Golf Tournament ~ April 30, 2017

## JOYFUL GREETINGS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

John F. Kennedy once said that “Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.” I feel privileged to touch the future by helping to spread the values of mercy, justice and love to our children and parents. I want to help set our Hope Rural Family on Fire to live and spread the Gospel throughout their world and to be all that they want to be. Neil Postman wrote that “children are the living messages we send to a future we will not see.” Looking at our children, I see a wonderful future. I know that so many of you have joined us in providing a future as well as a blessed present for our children, Thank you for your generosity of self, service, and caring

Sr. Martha Rohde, O.P.



## RE-ACCREDITATION



Pictured above: Hope Rural Faculty and Staff

Visitation Team / Accreditation Team

Closing remarks of the Visitation Team: “I know I speak for the Visitation Team when I say that the Mission Statement of Hope Rural School is alive and well and thriving, and this is extremely evident from all the meetings and interactions we have had with staff, parents, and students. This is a community that is truly Catholic in every sense, where the Mission is etched on the hearts of its members and into the very fabric of their being. We have come and seen how Hope Rural School is truly a beacon of hope for this community and we have been impressed by the school community who call Hope Rural School their second home. Congratulations on a successful Florida Catholic Conference Visitation. Congratulations on educating your students so that they can become HOPE filled leaders in their communities.”

Thank you to Sister Stephanie Flynn and Marie Davis of the Visitation Team and Mrs. Marie Privuznik and Mr. Gary Gello, Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Palm Beach for your validation, recommendations, vision, and accolades for Hope Rural School!



Check out our WEBSITE: [www.hoperuralschool.org](http://www.hoperuralschool.org)

Please consider clipping and sending BOX TOPS to HOPE RURAL SCHOOL.



**...You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights!  
 You'll join the high fliers, who soar to high heights.  
 You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!  
 Your mountain is waiting, so...GET ON YOUR WAY!**

Dr. Seuss, *Oh the Places you'll Go!*

EXPLORERS! Our students are learning about 14 different countries around the world. Each group is made up of 10-12 students from various grade levels and each teacher is coordinating the learning activities in their group. We meet once a month exploring and creating a final project for a "Learning Showcase" afternoon to share all the wonderful things we are learning. ▼



Don Sheetz - or "Mr. Don" as our children fondly call him, is a dedicated volunteer tutor for our 2nd and 3rd grade students two days a week. He LOVES to read and inspires our students with one on one attention, encouragement, and lots of smiles. You can also find "Mr. Don" traveling with "his kids" on field trips and Summer Camp adventures. In his "other spare time" he records material for the blind, the visually impaired, the reading impaired, and the dyslexic via the Learning Ally Studio "virtually" from his home. Learning Ally is the world's largest provider of audio textbooks and literature. We are proud of all our volunteers who generously bring so much to the table to enrich our students lives. ▼

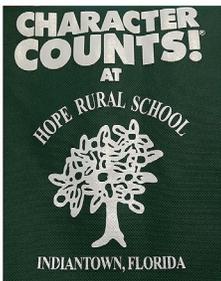


Paul Yorke is a lifelong creative thinker and has volunteered at Hope Rural School since 1986. He has gifted our students with a dazzling array of higher level thinking over the years from basic computer lessons to owl habitats to coding! This year he is teaching our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students how to use their coding skills to build and control robots. It's always fun and inspiring with "Mr. Paul"! ▼

Parent Outreach Director Asuzena Lopez and Guidance Counselor Alli Newman were awarded a Mini Grant for "Family Game Bags" filled with educational games for our families! ▼



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**GOALS**  
**LEARNING CODE w/ROBOTICS**

- \* CONCEPTUALIZE PROBLEMS
- \* LOOK FOR PATTERNS
- \* FOSTER TEAM WORK
- \* ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVENESS
- \* LEARN HARDWARE/SOFTWARE
- \* EMPOWER STUDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER AND THINK INDEPENDENTLY
- \* HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING



## NEW FACULTY MEMBER

**New Art Teacher , Mrs. Betty Jenkins. We extend a warm Hope Rural welcome to Mrs. Jenkins!**

Mrs. Jenkins found out about the need for an art teacher at Hope Rural School from her neighbor, Mrs. Linda Bouwman, who teaches fourth grade at Hope Rural. "My passion for teaching art and helping children develop their natural talent motivates me as the part-time art teacher at Hope Rural School. In my teaching of art I believe in fostering a positive learning environment for all students in which they have an



opportunity to use their imaginations and create their own masterpieces using different art media. I am really enjoying helping each child develop their individual talent." Mrs. Jenkins lives in Jensen Beach with her husband, Mike. Both of them are juried artists in the Jensen Beach Art Club.

## WE TAKE CARE OF GOD'S EARTH AND LEARN TO EAT HEALTHY



The UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program has provided resources in the form of soil, lumber, seeds and seedlings to build six 4 ft by 4 ft raised beds in the Hope Rural Community Garden. These raised beds will be used by Pre-K 4, K, 1, 2, 3 and 5. Students will each have the opportunity to plant in the garden, see their plants grow and harvest for snacks and garden parties. Heather Henderson will provide training and resources for teachers to use the garden to supplement their science, math and history lessons.



Family Nutrition Program Assistant Terry Cangianelli will use the garden to supplement the nutrition education. She is providing monthly classes at the school where they learn how to practice food safety, make healthy food choices from the five food groups, and engage in physical activity every day. The curriculum focuses on *MyPlate*, the newest symbol designed by the US Department of Agriculture to help Americans eat healthier.



# OUR SHAW SCHOLARS

**Our Mission at Hope Rural is to encourage and enable Hope Rural graduates to reach their full potential through advanced education.**



I received my Bachelor of Science in Soil and Water from University of Florida. "Hope Rural School gave my family and me the opportunity to succeed during difficult times. I experienced many wonderful things from Hope Rural School that made me the person I am today. I have become a responsible, friendly, and a honest person. I learned that education is important in order to succeed in life. Hope Rural gave me hope that I can succeed with the rest of the world and for that I am eternally grateful. Thank You!"

- Augustin Francisco

*You have brains in your head  
you have feet in your shoes...*



I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Diversified Agriculture from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, GA

- Kiersten Cartwright.

*You can steer yourself  
any direction you choose!*



I received my Bachelor's Degree in Business administration from Indian River State College. Isabela is the first in her family to graduate from college. "I am excited and proud. I am looking forward to my journey."

- Isabela Pedro

**2016-2017  
Current Shaw Receipts  
(working toward Degree)**

Jazmyn Brooks  
Maria Dominguez  
Juan Domingo  
Valdine Duperat  
Juan Gaspar  
Andrea Hernandez  
Amilicar Lopez  
Azucena Lopez  
Alfredo Pedro  
Dario Perez  
Sandy Perez  
Maria Pedro \*  
Guadalupe Romero  
Lourdes Romero  
Juana Tomas

\*Associate in Arts Degree

## 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.**

**"Providence CAN provide,  
Providence DID provide, Providence WILL provide."**

Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP