



JOURNEY OF HOPE

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THE DOORS WE OPEN AND CLOSE EACH DAY DECIDE THE LIVES WE LIVE.

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open the door to good nutrition by providing two nourishing meals daily, building healthy minds and bodies.



Mrs. Raquel Martinez, School Secretary, greets the Solis Family. Presently, 96 families experience the gift of HOPE as they pass through these welcoming doors.

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to Technology, using computers and the internet, and encourages students' imagination with enticing BOOKS!



Sister Katherine Kinnally, Principal, meets students as they arrive from the school bus, ready to open the many doors of learning available to all 146 students.

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opens her First-Graders' door to new experiences by focusing on their reading skills.

FIRST GRADE TEACHER

opens another door of opportunity by applying to medical school to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. He recently received his Bachelor's Degree from FSU.



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HOPE RURAL GRADUATE



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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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.

“Be an Opener of Doors”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Friends,

Walking around the campus of Hope Rural School one becomes aware of the many doors our children walk through daily - doors that lead to classrooms, media center, art/music, guidance, Title 1, cafetorium, parent outreach and administration building. The deeper meaning of these entrances signify endless opportunities - creative programs that open minds, build bodies and strengthen spirits in new and wonderful ways.

The fruit of what happens behind these doors is evident when you visit the school. Both students and teachers continue to wow and amaze everyone with their creative bent to learning and living. The Third Grade Assembly this week was no exception. Using their gifts of art, music, technology, language arts, and memorization skills in praise of “The Little School of Hope”, the third graders dazzled the entire student body with their illustrations, photography, similes, cheers and songs. These eager, enthusiastic 8 year olds brought the mission statement to life and proclaimed it in a way it had never been done before. Their similes have been illustrated and compiled in a book. Here’s a small sampling:

Hope Rural School is like a chain because we are all attached.

Hope Rural School is like a train because it leads us to the right track.

Hope Rural School is like a game because we are never bored.

Hope Rural School is like a plant because we are growing together.

Hope Rural School is like candy because it’s a sweet place.

Their teacher, Mrs. Erin Dilla wrote: “*Hope Rural School is like a favorite book, overflowing with awesome characters, that you just can’t put down!*”

It’s no wonder that our students are flourishing in such an environment!

A few weeks ago a letter arrived from one of our former students Elisea Jose, a Hope Shaw Scholar. She shared some exciting news, “I am continuing my education and will be starting this fall on my Master’s Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Words cannot express how grateful I am to Hope Rural School for the blessings, encouragement and support you have given to me. I definitely will return and give back to our community that I care for and where I learned so much. I am on a new journey but I will NEVER forget the people that helped me and molded me into the person I am today.” How delighted we are that a new door has opened for her.

Thank you for being an “Opener of Doors” for Elisea and for so many of our students, past and present. The precious resources contained within the walls of Hope Rural are the direct result of the generosity and kindness of our faithful benefactors, foundations and organizations. Without your belief and support, none of this would be possible.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Dooley, SSND

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Director

March 3, 2013

SAVE THE DATE

“Opening the Door of HOPE”

at the Kane Center in Stuart, FL
with our students performing

“The Sound of Music”

in. Octavio ~ Hope Rural School is like a brain of great ideas. Juan ~ Hope Rural School is like grass because it always grows. Damian ~ Hope Rural School is like a dream come true. Jubely ~ Hope Rural School is like a candy because it's a sweet place. Natalie ~ Hope Rural School is like a prize I just won. Briana ~

Hope Rural School is like a chain because we are all attached. Teresa ~ Hope Rural School is like God because He always invites us



OPENING A DOOR ACROSS THE OCEAN

The resources and tools that have enabled Antonio Silvestre, our Parent Outreach Coordinator, to influence and guide the lives of Hope Rural students and their families, the people of Indiantown, and the local surrounding communities has broadened to include his hometown of Jacaltenango, Guatemala. During this past summer, Antonio reached across the ocean to encourage countless young adults to take charge of their lives and make a difference in the world. Using the well-known story of the chicken and the eagle: *An eagle egg was found by a farmer who took it home to his chicken farm, where it*

was hatched and raised with the other chickens. One day the "chicken" noticed a beautiful, majestic eagle SOARING above and said, "I wish I could do that!" and noticed that he looked JUST LIKE the eagle. He kept trying and trying to fly until one day he was SOARING above everything too - because he realized that he WAS an eagle! The students' reaction told Antonio that they understood what he was trying to teach them – they TOO could soar...they TOO could create a better life for themselves through education. He also told them that he shares his story to encourage them to join him in the FULL CIRCLE of giving back to their communities. Antonio plans to return again in 2013.

OPENING THE DOOR TO CHARACTER

Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness, Citizenship, Responsibility, and Respect - the six pillars of character underlie every aspect of the day at Hope Rural. Students and Staff are encouraged to demonstrate and promote these qualities at school, home, and in their community. In honor of Character Counts, Holly Laiben and Robyn Vanover of the United Way of Martin County awarded our Guidance Counselor, Danielle MacNamara, a grant to host a fun, interactive assembly for the students and their families. This program emphasizes positive values and bully prevention.



Two of our students, Sheila Morales-Perez and Veronica Andres-Francisco, are pictured above with our guests and Ms. Danielle.

Hope Rural School is like a rose because they both are beautiful. Ashlee ~ Hope Rural School is like a soccer game because we have goals. Daniel ~ Hope Rural School is like a plant because everyone wears green. Cynthia ~ Hope Rural School is like a keyboard because we are neighbors. Alex ~ Hope Rural School is like a dream that I will never forget.



OPENING THE DOOR OF GRANDPARENT WISDOM

Mr. Steve Curcio, lovingly called “Mr. Patrick” by the second grade class, comes four days a week to work with students one-on-one. He is sponsored by the Foster Grandparent Program through the Council on Aging of Martin County. You will often hear him brag about “MY teacher” and “MY kids” with a huge smile on his face. Mr. Patrick helps our second graders with Mental Math, Reading, Geography, correctly pronouncing their words, and even the daily tasks of keeping shoes tied!

OPENING THE DOOR TO CITIZENSHIP

HATS OFF TO MS. LUPE and MS. ERICA!



The Kindergarten Class learned about the voting process!



TAKING TURNS...they Showed their I.D. Cast their **BALLOT** and Received an “I VOTED” sticker.

They're on the path to being GREAT citizens of the United States of America.

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED



Hope Rural Donors and their loved ones are never forgotten. Their spirits live on in our hearts and in our prayers. To express our unending thanks to God, we lift up their names at daily Morning Prayer, weekly Mass, and a yearly Memorial Celebration where we remember in a special way, those who have died within the year. As a chime sounds and names are intoned, a personalized candle is lit and offered in their memory. These prayerful experiences offer an opportunity for the children to express their sympathy and gratitude.



Miguel ~ Hope Rural School is like a smile because it makes you happy. Noelia ~