

## Reminders, Refreshers, News and More!

### Happy Holidays from Hope Online!

#### No School

**December 20, 2007- January 2, 2008**  
**Classes resume on January 3, 2008**

#### Winter Wonderland

There's a chill in the air and the snowflakes are starting to fall—winter is on the way.

The science of [snow](#):

Snow crystals are created in the clouds when water vapor freezes on a particle of dust, a floating bit of bacteria, or another solid material. When cloud temperatures are at the freezing point or below and there is an ample supply of moisture in the air, ice crystals form around a core particle.

As water vapor condenses and freezes, the complex pattern of a snowflake is born, one molecule at a time.



#### **SNOW: Did you know...**

The most snow to fall in one season occurred during 1998-1999. That winter, 1,140 inches of snow fell on Mount Baker, Wash. That's 95 feet of snow! Good luck shoveling that out of your driveway.

#### Hope Online Student Essay Contest Winners

George Hakala, Grade 1, Redeemer Lutheran School

Brandi Leonard, Grade 5, Redeemer Lutheran School

Hana Mhareb, Grade 7, Crescent View Academy

Payton Shaw, Grade 9, All Peoples Learning Center

**Thanks to everyone who participated!**

#### Student Art Contest Reminder

The deadline for the Hope Online Student Art contest has been extended! Submissions are now due by

**January 15, 2008.**

A winner from each of four grade level categories (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) will receive a \$50 gift card to their choice of Barnes and Noble, Sports Authority or Wal-Mart.

It's easy to enter—just submit a piece of [winter-themed](#) original artwork! For example, your art can reflect the winter weather, your favorite thing about winter, your favorite winter activity, or how winter makes you feel.

Submissions can be digital art, paintings, drawings, sculpture, collage, or whatever art type inspires you. Please mail or bring your submissions to Theresa Solano at the Hope Online office.

The winning submissions will be featured on the Hope Online website, [www.HopeOnline.org](http://www.HopeOnline.org).

#### The Hope Beat Student Column

Don't forget to turn in your column.

This is your chance to report on issues important to you, the students of Hope Online.

Remember, starting in January, *The Hope Beat* will feature the writing of a different Hope Online student each month.

Entries should be 200 words or less, and must be related to education or Hope Online. Always turn entries into Theresa Solano at [Theresa.Solano@HopeOnline.org](mailto:Theresa.Solano@HopeOnline.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and your column might be chosen for the next student newsletter.

#### Books of the Month

Recommended reading for Hope Online students:

(Grades K-6): ***Falling Up*** by Shel Silverstein  
Magical poems and drawings will open your eyes and tickle your mind!

(Grades 7-9): ***The Acorn People*** by Ron Jones  
A group of disabled kids teaches a new camp counselor that nothing is impossible with encouragement, determination, and friendship.

(Grades 10-12): ***Ironman*** by Chris Crutcher  
A tri-athlete learns to control and develop his emotional strength in anger-management classes.

*"No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting."*

**-Lady Mary Wortley Montagu**

#### Hope Online Mentor Profile: Darcy Kennedy, Cherry Creek Learning Center

After obtaining both a Bachelors and a Masters degree, from the University of South Dakota and the University of Iowa respectively, Mrs. Kennedy decided to stay in the classroom—as a teacher.

Since 1995, she has taught at various grade levels, but Mrs. Kennedy has always felt a particular affinity for instructing high school students.

Mrs. Kennedy believes Hope Online is a great option for her students because it provides them with a second chance.

"My students have an opportunity to make up for lost time. Some students have made bad choices—both academically and in life in general. Hope Online provides a safe environment in which students can get another perspective on education and the world around them."

Something you may not know about Mrs. Kennedy? She is quite the movie buff! She and her family love watching films of all kinds—everything from classics, like *Father Goose* with Cary Grant, to action flicks like *National Treasure* starring Nicholas Cage.

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