Hopkins House Innovative Preschool Academy to Host Grand Reopening to Celebrate the Opening of a New STEM Lab and Introduce New Programs

HERNDON, VA, August 14, 2017 – The Innovative Preschool Academy, located in the Fairbrook Park office building at 200 Fairbrook Dr. in Herndon, will celebrate its grand reopening with a week of events at the academy starting August 21. The grand reopening will include the opening of a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) lab, the launch of a new part-time program, and multiple community events.

The Innovative Preschool Academy offers a warm and high-quality educational environment for children from 6 weeks through 5 years of age to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. The academy is a true school environment including a rigorous curriculum and assessment. In addition to being a state licensed facility, the academy holds prestigious National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation and Virginia Quality rating and was recently recognized as a Top Preschool in the region by Northern Virginia Magazine.

On August 21, the academy will host a Grand Opening for its new STEM lab. This lab will be utilized to introduce students to various STEM concepts and activities using developmentally-appropriate computers and tablets as well as microscopes and other tools to aid in scientific inquiry. In addition to STEM enrichment, students will also participate in other weekly enrichment activities including Spanish, Sign Language, and Zumba. "Our educational team and local partners have a wealth of knowledge on a variety of topics and we are excited to introduce this content to our young scholars" said Hopkins House president, J. Glenn Hopkins.

Starting this fall, the academy will offer a part-time program for its youngest students as a pathway to preschool and kindergarten. Part-time options include full day and partial day options and there will be a limited number of part-time spaces in each class. "We have recognized the need for more flexible programming to accommodate family schedules in the Herndon and Reston communities," said new academy principal, Catavia Buck. "We're excited to offer these part-time options and to offer high-quality early education to more families in the region."

On August 23, the academy will host an early childhood development and education workshop at the academy. This workshop will be the first of many throughout the school year and will be open to current families as well as community members. Open houses for prospective families and local businesses will be hosted on August 24 and 25.

ABOUT HOPKINS HOUSE: Founded in 1939, Hopkins House is a nonprofit organization focused on early childhood education and career development programs that help build the foundation for 21st-century achievement and success in the new global economy. The mission of the organization is to provide high-quality, high-impact educational programs and learning opportunities to children, youth, and their families, regardless of income, to help them achieve, in measurable, effective ways, their full intellectual, economic, and social potential.

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