



Dear Hopewell Families:

On Wednesday we acknowledged Pink Shirt Day at Hopewell. Many staff and students wore pink to take a stand against bullying. We take pride in our Hopewell community and are united in our commitment to stop bullying and choose kindness.

School photo day is this Tuesday for all of our students! We have not had an opportunity to capture your children's smiles in a long time and are excited to welcome school photographers into our building. At this time, only individual photos will be taken. Please remind your child to pack their smile on Tuesday.

Please continue to complete the [COVID Screening](#) with your children everyday prior to their arrival. If your child is going to be absent, please remember to call our attendance line (613-239-2348, press 1) to report the absence. The OPH flowchart to understand [symptoms and isolation requirements](#) is a valuable resource as well.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. Stay safe and take good care.

Martina Sherwood & Christopher Wereley
Principal & Vice Principal
Hopewell Avenue Public School

Upcoming Dates

March 1st - School Photos (individual photos only)
March 9th 6pm to 9pm - Emotion Coaching Workshop hosted by Hopewell School Council
March 14th - March 18th (inclusive) - March Break, school is closed
March 22nd, 7pm - School Council Meeting, Virtual Link TBA
April 4th - Grade 8 Leaving Photos
April 15th - Good Friday, school is closed
April 18th - Easter Monday, school is closed
April 26th - Photo Retake Day (Individual photos and leaving photos)
June 3rd - PA Day, Students do not attend school
June 30th - Last day of school for students

Rapid Antigen Tests

Rapid Antigen Tests are available to students who have used both of their original tests and require replacements. Should you require additional tests for your child, please email us at: hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca with the subject line: Rapid Antigen Test Request. Include the name and homeroom of your child in your message.

A Message From School Council

Hello Hopewell Families!

Are emotions running high in your home? Ours too.

That's why school council is sponsoring a **free** Emotion Coaching workshop for parents and caregivers of students at Hopewell and surrounding schools on Wednesday, March 9th from 6pm to 9pm.

It's an interactive virtual workshop run by Ottawa psychologists Dr. Katherine Henderson and Dr. Shari Mayman. You will learn practical skills to help you connect with your child and foster their resilience. School council members who have attended this course in the past say it changed their parenting for the better.

You can find more details on this poster or click here to [register](#) on Eventbrite.

For questions about this workshop or any other school council business, we can be reached at sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Have a great weekend!

Alex & Petra

Co-Chairs

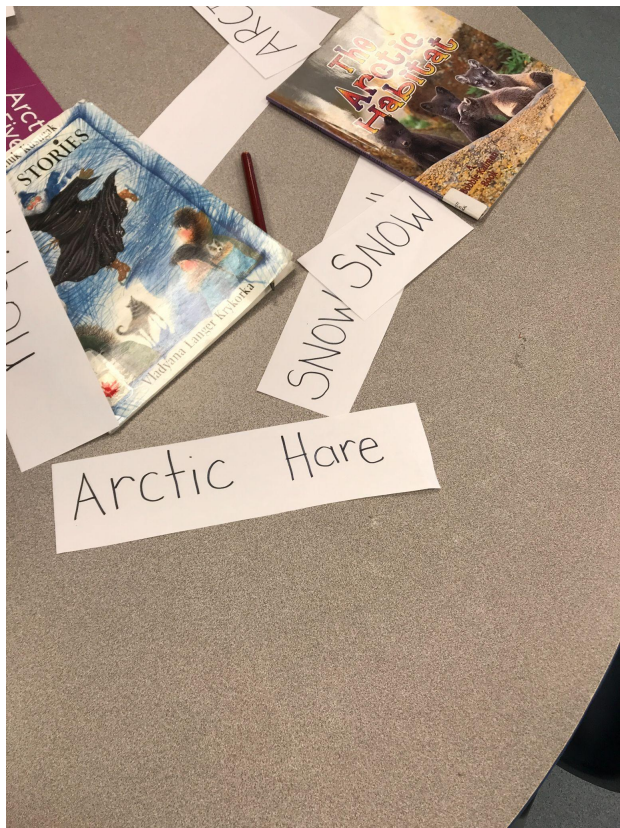
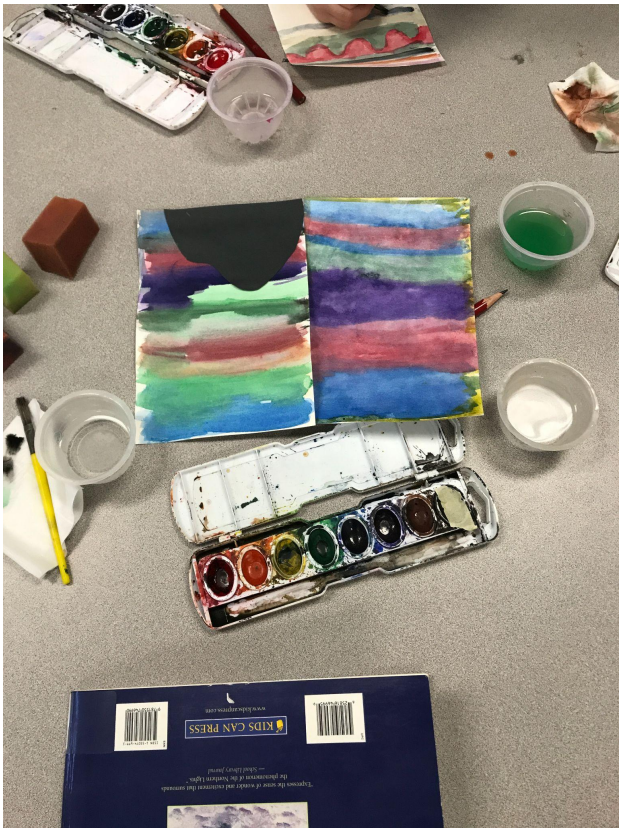
Some Cool Stuff To Share...

The Dolphin Class Dives into Arctic and Antarctica Adventures!

For several weeks the Dolphins dove into learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. When the cold weather hit, inquiry investigations stirred. When discussions first started, they could name but a few animals, and knew that they were both cold regions. During learning their interests were sparked, and after activities were completed their knowledge deepened. They learned that the Arctic is in the North Pole (where Santa lives), and that Antarctica is in the South Pole. They also learned that there are different animals in both regions, with the penguin living only in Antarctica. In addition, they carried out experiments with blubber fat to see how polar bears keep warm, learned that the plural of inukshuk is inuksuit and much more. Students shared their information with their parents who in turn contacted relatives with Arctic knowledge.

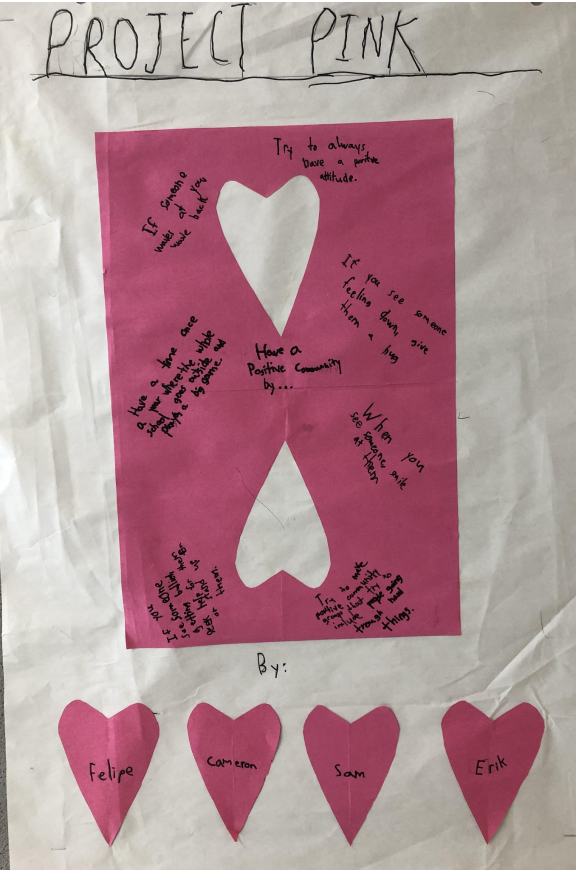
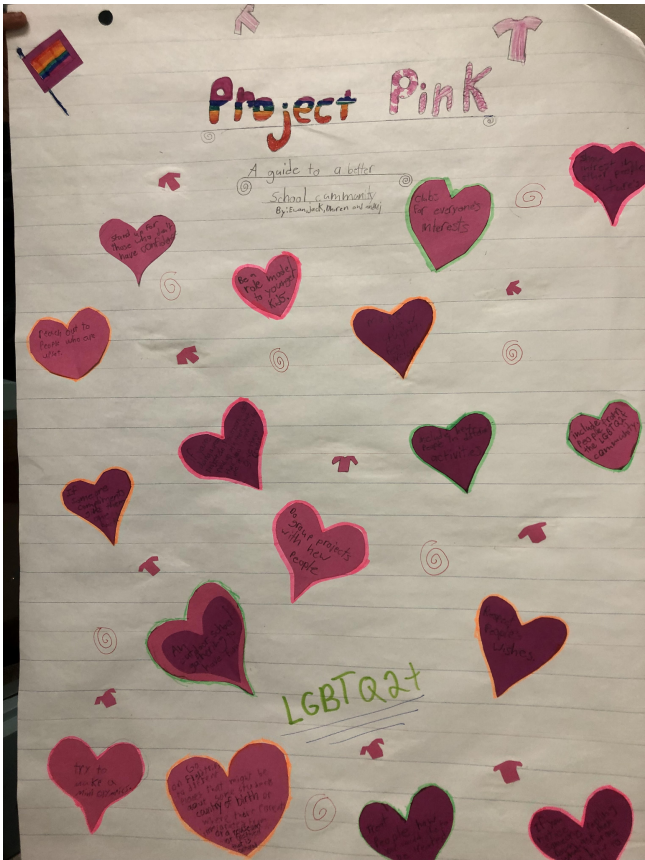
Lisa-Joy Gunter from Frontiers North Adventures, Manitoba connected with the students via Google Meet and presented Arctic facts to the children. The Dolphins culminated their learning with a mural, painting the backdrop of an Arctic/Antarctica scene and animals from the two polar regions.





Pink Shirt Day

As part of Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd, students in EF56A were asked to brainstorm and work together to create posters and share ideas about maintaining a positive school community. Some of their ideas to make the school feel more welcoming is for students to partner up with someone who they don't normally talk to, or to make new students feel welcome by talking to them and saying “Hi!” They also suggested making sure everyone has a say in a group project or creating an inclusive learning by incorporating different cultures from the classroom. When they were coming up with ideas for the project/poster title, the students landed on the name “Project Pink” as a little nod to Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to EF56A for promoting kindness and inclusiveness.



OCDSB Community Check-In

Earlier this week, the district sent an email to all parents and guardians and students in grades 7-12 asking you to share your thoughts as part of our Community Check-In. Please visit the [OCDSB Website](#) to learn more and take part in the survey.

The purpose of this exchange is to engage participants in community dialogue. You will likely see thoughts shared by others that you don't agree with. The rating process (assigning 1-5 stars) is how you can indicate your level of support, or lack thereof, for each thought. Please do not report thoughts you disagree with, instead assign a low number of stars. Thoughts will only be removed from the exchange if they contain offensive language, individual's names or private information, or indiscernible text.

Draft School Year Calendars Available for 2022-2023 - Subject to Ministry Approval

The proposed elementary and secondary calendars for the 2022-2023 school year are now available on our website. Please note, these calendars are subject to Ministry Approval, which we normally receive during the month of May. Please visit the [OCDSB Website](#) to learn more.