

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – April 8th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

Happy Friday! We hope you have had a great week.

We continue to track staff absences closely and we will make every effort to keep classes and our school open. If we cannot operate safely due to staffing shortages, a class or our school may have to pivot to remote learning until we can arrange for appropriate coverage. If this happens, we will make every effort to advise families the night before. We encourage families to have contingency plans in place and to monitor your email for updates.

Your support to keep our school community as safe as possible continues to be appreciated. We continue to promote proper hand hygiene and can share that all of our classrooms are now equipped with a HEPA filtration unit. If you or your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, complete this [self-isolation determination tool](#) to find out if self-isolation is needed. The [Voluntary COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#) is still active and is for Parents, students and staff - please use the dashboard to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.

Below you will find further updates and news. We are very excited to share the accomplishments of one of our grade 8 classes - they are blossoming architects and environmental stewards who should be very proud of their work! As we plan for next year, we would remind families to contact our school office if you are moving. This is greatly appreciated as we work to confirm enrollment numbers for September.

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

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. We wish you and your families a wonderful weekend. Stay safe and take good care.

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

Upcoming Dates

April 12th, 7pm - School Council Meeting, Virtual Link: meet.google.com/eqb-zzhq-gyc

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

A Message From Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

Pizza Day volunteers needed!

Do your kids miss the hot lunches in school
and look forward to the return of Pizza Day?

*Please consider giving a few hours of your
time to help make our lunch programs run
smoothly, and join our team!
We are planning the return of PIZZA DAY*

Contact School Council
if you are interested:
ps-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca



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Hopewell Ave School Yard Cleanup

Saturday 7 May 2022



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*Show us your green
fingers and join us to
clean our School
yard!*

*Want to plan some outdoor
fun in the Yard on 7 May?
Join our planning committee*

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Hello Hopewell families and happy Friday!

Big news! With some help from the Hopewell community, we will be able to bring back pizza lunches! This has been a very important fundraiser for School Council in the past, but more important than that, it's just really, really popular with kids and parents alike. Please consider volunteering to bring back this well-loved tradition. We hope to start as soon as possible.

More big news: we're preparing for our first in-person event since pre-COVID times. Rain or shine, on May 7th, School Council will host a yard cleanup. More than yard work, we hope it will also be a bit of a Spring party, maybe even with some live music. Anyone wishing to help plan this fun and casual event, please let us know. A small, cautious step towards something resembling normal.

One final announcement: the next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12, from 7-8:30 at meet.google.com/eqb-zzhq-gyc. We always appreciate questions sent in advance so that answers will be ready.

We can be reached at sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Wishing you a happy and healthy weekend,

Alex & Petra
Co-Chairs

Student School Climate Survey Update

Approximately half of our grades 4-8 students have completed the School Climate Survey. The survey is required by the Ministry of Education as part of the Safe Schools initiative, and provides feedback to each school about the extent to which parents, students and staff feel their school supports learning and positive behaviour, and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The School Climate Survey asks students, parents and school staff for their opinion on key areas that research has shown to be important in understanding school climate, and that have an impact on student outcomes – with a focus on safety, well-being, relationships, and sense of belonging. Hopewell parents are able to [view a copy of the survey](#). All eligible students will have completed the survey by the end of next week.

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.

Bordenball intramurals Are Coming To Hopewell!

Starting April 19th, every junior student (grade 4-6) who would like to participate in bordenball intramurals, will have the opportunity to do so. All games will be during the first recess. Mme. Lemyre has been going to all junior classes throughout the week to hand out a concussion form. If your child is interested in participating please fill out the concussion form and give it back to their teacher or Mme Lemyre. Please hand in all forms by April 13th, 2022.

We are also looking for intermediate students (Grade 7-8) interested in coaching or refereeing the bordenball intramurals. If your intermediate child is interested, please remind them to contact Mme Lemyre: melissa.lemyre@ocdsb.ca

Grade Eight Experiential Learning Project!

For the past week and a half students from R8A have worked with mentors from the [No. 9](#) IMSC organization to imagine and create a sustainable community in an area near Hopewell. The students worked on a project to develop a stretch of land between Somerset and Gladstone along the light rail line. The envisioned and created a model of a space where there are flower gardens, outdoor music venues, community vegetable gardens and open green spaces to gather, and mixed among these creations were different pieces of public art and places to share local artist creations.

There were opportunities for students to explore their creativity in an open build experience as they were taken through the thought process that architectural and urban development students would observe in post-secondary programs.

Thank you to Elizabeth, Sandra, Flora, Sean, Micheal and Tiffany for leading the group throughout this project. It is deeply appreciated.

