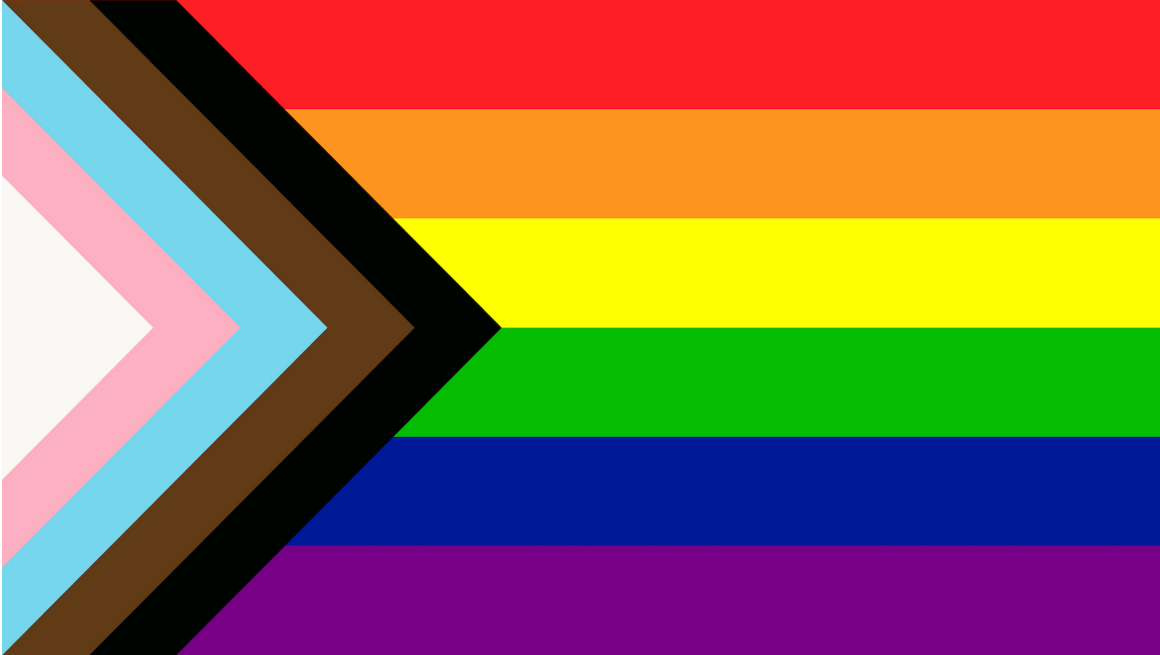


## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – May 20th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

We hope you had a great week. The yard clean up that took place last weekend was noticed right away by students on Monday and a huge thank you is extended to all of the families who arrived to make our yards nicer. Lots of weeding, mulch spreading and sweeping took place under extremely warm conditions and we are grateful for this support. Cupcakes and a garden plant sale were also part of the day and we invite you to read more about that in a student article included in this message.

As we move into warmer days we would remind families to send a water bottle with students daily. We have water filling stations on each floor and encourage proper hydration throughout the day. Hats and sunscreen are also recommended.

A reminder that Monday, May 23rd is Victoria day, and there will be no school or childcare for our students.

You will find more news below about important events and happenings.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. Stay safe and take good care. We wish you a lovely long weekend with friends and family!

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

### Upcoming Dates

May 23rd - Victoria Day, School is closed  
June 3rd - PA Day, Students do not attend school  
June 29th - Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony  
June 30th - Last day of school for students

### International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia



On May 17th, communities around the world recognize the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. Hopewell, as part of the OCDSB is committed to continuing to work together to build an inclusive, supportive environment for all students, staff and families. Students, families, and staff of all gender identities and expressions should always feel physically and emotionally safe, welcomed and accepted at school. Today and every day, stopping harassment and discrimination is everyone's responsibility.

The OCDSB is committed to building a culture of caring, which prioritizes the dignity and well-being of students in inclusive and caring classrooms. For resources and additional supports, please take a look at our page of [2SLGBTQ+ Supports](#) at the OCDSB.

Additional Resources:

- [May17.org](http://May17.org)
- [Resources](#) from the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD)

### Used Clothing Drive

Hopewell will be hosting a clothing drive next week, May 24-27 in support of the Ottawa Clothing Drive.

Our students will be collecting gently used clothing items each morning from 8:45-9:00 am outside the turf yard. The Ottawa Clothing Drive is supporting local charities including Dress for Success and Restoring Hope. As such, they are collecting specific items. **Children's clothing is NOT requested as part of this initiative.** See the list below:

- Men's Casual Clothing
- Men's Shoes
- Women's Shoes
- Teen Clothing
- Teen's Shoes
- Women's Professional Summer Clothing and Shoes
- Men's Professional Summer Clothing and Shoes
- Prom Dresses
- Snowsuits
- Jewelry

This is a great opportunity to go through your own closet over the long weekend and get purging!

### Canada-Ukraine Foundation

The Grade 2s are excited to announce our total amount of money we made from the bake sale last Saturday. We raised \$2176.20 for the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

-EF2A & EF2B

### Luv2Groove

Hopewell students were fortunate enough to take part in a dance workshop put on by Luv2Groove this week. Luv2Groove fosters the growth and development of dance education through a blending of our passions in dance, health and education. Their goal is to enhance the arts curriculum in schools by encouraging students to move, groove and to have fun. Different classes took part in workshops and dance units, gaining self-confidence, developing

discipline, increasing their physical capabilities and gaining a deeper appreciation for the arts. Luv2Groove shares our belief in celebrating our diverse society, creating spaces where students feel safe, valued, and respected through dance. Luv2Groove will be back over the next two weeks delivering sessions to the classes who have yet to get their groove on!



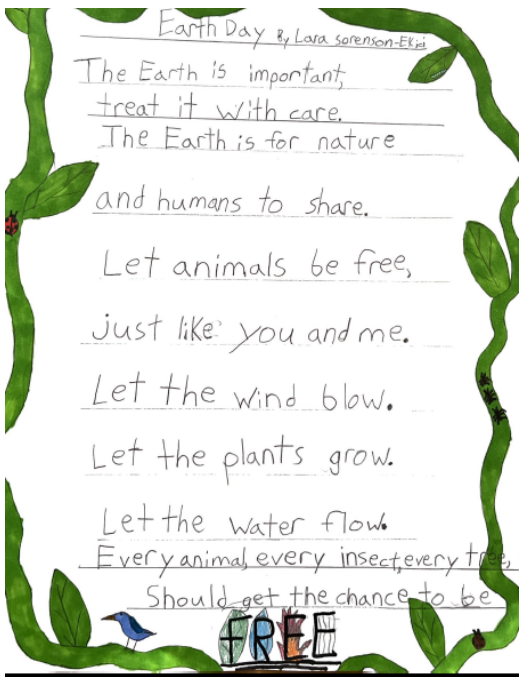
**Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony**

On Wednesday, June 29th we will be honouring our grade 8 students who will be moving to secondary school in the fall. The in-person leaving ceremony is scheduled to take place at 9:30am (students should arrive at 9am as usual). Students may invite 2 guests to attend. If you require additional guests to attend please reach out to your child’s homeroom teacher. The ceremony will be short followed by a reception outside for guests and graduates until 11am. Following the departure of guests, our grade 8’s will then engage in a special celebration at the school that will include lunch and activities. Dismissal will be at 3:30pm, as usual. More information is to come, but we wanted to give families a general idea of what to expect on this special day.

In preparation for this event, we continue to welcome parent volunteers to help with decorations, and other special displays. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact our school council chairs at: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca)

**Poetry Winner**

Students in the EF23A class entered poems in an Earth Day poetry contest through Simbi, and the winners for round one were recently announced. Lara Sorenson-Ekici won for Grade 3. Congratulations Lara! Her poem is below.



Information on Summer School programs can be found here [Grade 6,7,8 Summer School Program website](#) . If you would like to register your child for summer, please contact Vice-Principal Christopher Wereley at [christopher.wereley@ocdsb.ca](mailto:christopher.wereley@ocdsb.ca)

### **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](mailto: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 Hopewell Avenue Public School Council**

Happy Friday, Hopewell families!

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for last week's yard cleanup. The Hopewell trees are no doubt grateful for the TLC. It was wonderful to have a chance to reconnect with so many members of our Hopewell community in person.

May 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ordering pizza. You still have time to place an order for the month of June. Please order on <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com> by May 27<sup>th</sup> if you would like to order for June only. You'll see that we have added a gluten free / dairy free option for June.

If you have any questions about these initiatives or School Council in general, please reach out. We'd love to hear from you: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Wishing you a very happy and healthy long weekend,

Alex and Petra  
Co-Chairs