

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – June 2nd, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

This week we saw the end of May, and the start of June. June is often the busiest month of the school year, with field trips, special projects, leaving ceremonies and report cards. It is also Pride Month. Please stay tuned about some special activities coming from our Prism Club.

Today we felt very supported in the office. We welcomed a guest Principal and Vice-Principal and were very excited to spend time with these talented people! Read below for more details.

As a reminder, tomorrow is a PA Day and there will be no school for students.

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.

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

### Upcoming Dates

June 3rd - PA Day, no school for students

June 6th - 10th - EQAO administration period for grade 3 - homeroom teacher will convey exact dates/times

June 13th - 17th - EQAO administration period for grade 6 - homeroom teacher will convey exact dates/times

June 14th, 7pm - June School Council Meeting, link TBA

June 29th - Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony

June 29th - Term Two Report Cards (Grades 1 to 8) / Communications Of Learning (Kindergarten) distributed electronically.

June 30th - Last day of school for students

### Pride Month

The month of June was chosen for LGBT Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. As a result, many Pride events are held during this month to recognize the impact 2SLGBTQ+ people have had in the world.

Pride Month provides an opportunity to learn about the history and significant contributions of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and to reflect, celebrate and learn about these contributions together.

Pride events are typically held during LGBT Pride Month and include LGBT pride parades and marches, rallies, commemorations, community days, dance parties, and festivals

Hopewell is committed to promoting equity and inclusion within our learning community and we believe that honouring and sharing the diversity within our school will help to dispel harmful biases and enlighten our understanding of each other. We encourage every member of the Hopewell family to take part in celebrating Pride Month 2022.

## National Indigenous History Month

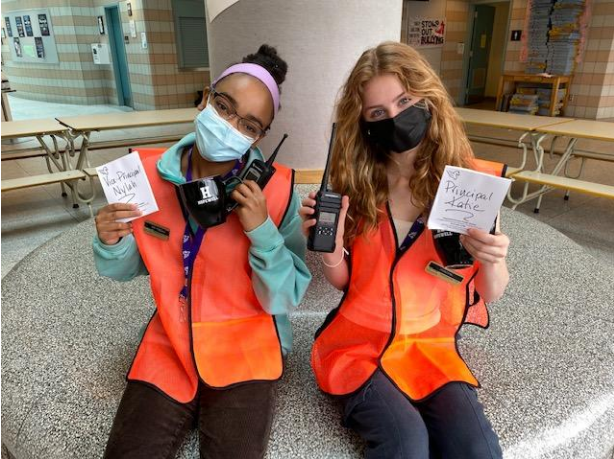
June is also National Indigenous History Month. National Indigenous Peoples Day also takes place this month, observed on June 21 during the summer solstice. At Hopewell we have a year-round responsibility to embed and celebrate the beauty, richness and diversity of Indigenous people, traditions, culture (historical and contemporary), and ways of knowing into the everyday lives and learning of students. It is also our responsibility as a District to remain committed to the [Calls to Action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#), and to teach all students the truth about the ongoing legacy and significant impacts of colonialism, and, in particular, residential schools, including the loss of Indigenous life, language and culture. Join us in celebrating the beauty and brilliance of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples, and explore resources, books, and other learning materials on the district website [here](#).

## Ottawa Humane Society Fundraiser



Hello, our names are June and Beatrice, and we are grade 3 students at Hopewell!! The Ottawa Humane Society is facing \$15,000 dollars in damages, due to the storm on May 18th. They are in desperate need of donations. We would like to help them by organizing a fundraiser here at Hopewell. Starting June 7th until the 10th, we will be at the Friendship Tree during second recess and lunch to collect donations. Every person who donates gets their name on a special bulletin board in the main hallway. If you could spare some money for the animals in need please send money with your child next week. We and the animals thank you!

## Principal and Vice-Principal For A Day!



A long, long time ago, in February, 2020, Hopewell students danced their hearts out to fundraise for a new kindergarten yard. The Dance-A-Thon was a huge success. Two of the prizes were the opportunity to be Principal and Vice-Principal for a day. Grade 6 students Katie J. and Nylah T. were the winners! Finally, over two years later they claimed their prize. Grade 8 students Katie J. and Nylah T. traded in their student status for Principal/Vice-Principal name tags.

Katie and Nylah did a wonderful job. They kept students safe, supported the adults in the school - duty teachers, Elections Ontario officials, pizza volunteers and guest staff. They also spent some special time with kindergarten classes in the new kindergarten yard! They have confirmed that it is an awesome new space! Katie and Nylah reported that they had a wonderful experience but walking around and talking to people was a little tiring. They never realized how many people the Principal and Vice-Principal talk to in a day! We can't wait to see what the future holds for Katie and Nylah!

## OCDSB Summer School For Grade 6, 7 & 8

Registration is now open for 2022 Summer School Programs for students in Grades 6-8. Two non credit programs are available for OCDSB students currently enrolled in Grades 6-8, as well as some Reach Ahead Credit courses available to Grade 8 students entering Grade 9.

Please note, plans for Summer School 2022 are being made for a return to in-person summer learning, as well as for continued virtual options (dependent on enrollment). In-person programming will follow public health guidelines and may change if necessary prior to program start.

Registration deadline: June 17, 2022

Program duration: July 7 - July 29, 2022 (students to attend until July, 28, 2022)

Class Times: 8:30 am - 3:35 pm

More information, including how to register and a list of our program offerings is available on the [OCDSB Website](#).

Questions: Please email [contedcredit@ocdsb.ca](mailto:contedcredit@ocdsb.ca) or call 613-239-2620.

### **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.

### **Hopewell School Council**

Hello Hopewell families!

It feels like the count-down to summer holidays has begun.

**CALL-OUT TO ALL GRADE 7 PARENTS!** In keeping with Hopewell tradition, we encourage the parents of grade 7 students to volunteer to organize the grade 8 leaving celebration. This leaves the grade 8 families to enjoy the festivities on the day.

The last School Council meeting before the holidays is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or issues that you would like raised, please let us know by Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

For these or any other Council-related business, please reach out to us at [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Alex & Petra

Co-Chairs