

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – April 14th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Spring has sprung with the arrival of the beautiful weather this week. Our play structures are open and the flowers around our school are starting to bloom. Shorts weather is definitely upon us - speaking of shorts, our Hopewell Spring Spirit Wear is for sale from now until the 5th of May. New for this season are a zip hoodie and shorts. See below for the link and further details.

Below our #HAPShots have captured many events of our week - presentations by Rideauwood and Skills Ontario, Prism Club buttons in production, bannock, seed starters, community maquettes, MacSkimming, and literacy in action!

For those celebrating Orthodox Easter, we wish you a basket full of happiness, joy, and peace. For those celebrating Vaisakhi, best wishes for a year filled with abundance, health, and happiness.

Have a wonderful weekend. Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

April 30th - Anything With Wheels Sale - details below
May 22nd - Victoria Day, school is closed
June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students
June 29th - Last day of school

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIDAYS IN APRIL

For the month of April, we will be hosting
Spirit Day Fridays!
And one Thursday...

April 6th: PJ/ Comfy Clothes Day

- start the long weekend off in comfort!

April 14th: Career Day

- dress for the future career that you want!

April 21st: Earth Day

- wear green and blue and pick-up garbage in and outside of the school!

April 28th: Dress to Unimpress

- The opposite of fancy clothes!



Spirit Wear Spring Sale

Our Spirit Wear is now available online. Follow this [link](#) for pricing and to order your spring swag. New for this season is a zippered hoodie and shorts! Orders will be accepted until May 5th with delivery expected by late May/early June.

*We will have sizing samples available in the atrium next week.



Intermediate News

Gauss Math Contest for Grade 7 and 8 Students

The Gauss Math Contest is on May 17th this year, and introduces students in Grades 7 and 8 to a broader perspective of mathematics in a fun, accessible way. Intriguing problems and a multiple-choice format make the Gauss contests a wonderful opportunity for all participants to grow their interest in and get curious about the power of math. Interested students are encouraged to let their math teacher or Ms. Neerhof know they would like to participate by April 20th. More information can be found [here](#).

Skills Ontario Presentations

Grade 7 and 8 Students participated in presentations with a representative from Skills Ontario on Thursday and Friday this week. The presentation included an overview of what the skilled trades are, why they are important, and some examples of possible careers. We appreciate the opportunity to learn more about this pathway!

Intermediate Yearbook Planning

Planning for an Intermediate Yearbook has begun! Students who are interested in contributing to this team were invited to join a brainstorming session this past Wednesday outside of Room 325. Interested students are asked to listen to announcements for the next meeting, or connect with Mr. Wood.

Luv2Groove for Intermediates

The Luv2Groove instructors are back this year and are running dance workshops for Grade 7 and 8 students next week! Students will have one session per day from Monday to Thursday. Students are reminded to bring appropriate footwear/attire and prepare to get their groove on.

Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



Here is an overview of what's currently happening at Hopewell:

Primary Activities

Primary Art Club with Ms. Upton, Tuesdays, first recess

Reading Club with Ms Vorobej, Thursdays, first recess

Cursive Writing Club, Mondays, first recess

Choir, Wednesdays, first recess

Junior Sports

Girls' Soccer - Intramurals Thursdays @ 1:40pm - Gym (please note: this is not taking place Friday, March 10th, but will resume on March 24th)

Intermediate Activities:

Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays and Thursdays, first Recess

Study Hall - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, second Recess

Open Art Studio - Tuesdays and Fridays, first Recess

Maker Space - Fridays

Math Club - Wednesdays, first Recess

Prism Club - Thursdays, first Recess

Spirit Club - Tuesdays, second Recess

Reps - Tuesday, first Recess

Music Open Studio - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, first Recess

Grade Seven Band - Tuesdays, 8:20am

Grade Eight Band - Thursdays, 8:20am

Jazz Band - Mondays, 8:20am and Wednesdays, 11:10am

Stretch and Strength - Thursdays, second recess

Class Placements And Planning For 2023-2024

Our school team puts a great deal of thought and time into organizing classes. We consider a variety of criteria, putting the academic and social/emotional needs of each student as the highest priority.

Appreciating that the development of classes is a thoughtful process, if you feel you have a very special need to be considered or believe that we need to have additional information to best place your child, please put it in writing and address to: martina.sherwood@ocdsb.ca by Friday, April 21st, 2023. Please note: friend and teacher requests do not fall into this category and will not be considered.

Please also let the office know if your child will be leaving Hopewell in September 2023 as this will assist us with our projections for staffing purposes.

HOPEWELL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello Hopewell community -

Join us for our annual **Spring Yard clean** and **"Everything on Wheels" Bike-sale on 30 April!** We are thankful to the many of you who have already volunteered, and we hope many more will sign up to help that weekend.

Sunday is looking to be a great event with not just a Bike-sale and Yard clean, but there will be a Bake-sale, bike-tune ups, info from the City on bike safety and many more ideas in the works. Join us and reach out to Rebekka or our email.

Hopewell Ave Public School presents



April 30
9-noon

ANYTHING ON WHEELS

Consignment **SALE** fundraiser & bike tune ups

Drop off from 2-5pm, Saturday, April 29th
in the Hopewell Avenue parking garage (17 Hopewell Avenue)

bikes, skateboards, scooters, strollers, unicycles, summer sports gear

Name your price & receive 70% of the sale.

Visit **www.hopewellaveps.ocdsb.ca** or
 **@HopewellAvePSSchoolCouncil** for details.

Volunteers needed! Helpers get 15 minutes prior to the sale to put aside any items they would like to purchase. For more information, contact rebekkawroy@gmail.com

Thanks to all Council members for the great meeting we had last Tuesday. We made progress and heard updates on many points: School principal, VP and teacher report, Lunch program updates, Events planned for Gr8 graduation and a

parent evening in May (more details on both coming soon and reach out if you would like to be involved!).

Our next School Council meeting is planned for 9 May.

As always, please find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) and contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Thanks and Happy long Easter weekend,

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#HAPShots

A little glimpse of what we’ve been up to this week!





Do you wonder how your child is using social media? Join the OCDSB and [MediaSmarts](#) on Wednesday, April 19th for a virtual Speaker Series event that will help parents better understand how their kids are using social networking. Understanding the connected world of kids and teens can be challenging for parents. Adults do not communicate online in the same way as kids, and not necessarily on the same social media networks. This workshop will provide parents and caregivers with tips and tools to help their kids minimize negative experiences and maximize the positive opportunities that social media has to offer.

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

About the Speaker:

Matthew Johnson is the Director of Education for MediaSmarts, Canada's centre for digital media literacy. He is the architect of Access, Use, Understand, Create: Digital Media Literacy Framework for Canadian K-12 Schools and the author of many of MediaSmarts' parent, youth and classroom resources including Break the Fake, which returned the beloved house hippo to Canadian screens. He is a member of the Canadian Pediatric Society's Digital Health Task Force and has served as an expert on panels convened by the Sex Information & Education Council of Canada and the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario's Strategic Priorities Advisory Committee.