

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – April 6th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

“Hopewell has Heart” was the theme of this week. On Tuesday our school community once again stepped up in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Allison Dingle, Chair of the Centre extends her deepest thanks. Our donations have made a difference.

Today we enjoyed our first spirit day of the month - Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day! There were lots of enthusiastic participants promoting a relaxing vibe in our Hopewell house!

Another reminder about dressing for the weather... this week was one for the books and those extra socks really came in handy for many of our students. We continue to be hopeful that we will turn a corner to sunnier days!

Below our #HAPShots have captured many other events of our week - an awesome event featuring math games designed by grade 6 students, art, music and some creative indoor recess play!

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. We wish you and your families a wonderful long weekend. For those who acknowledge Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter! For families celebrating Passover, Chag Pesach Sameach! Have a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

April 7th - Good Friday, school is closed
April 10th - Easter Monday, school is closed
April 11th, 7pm - School Council Meeting, link is [here](#)
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

Spirit Days In April

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!



**Stay tuned for
"April Showers, Bring May Flowers"
for the month of May!**

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 - Happy Easter weekend!

On Tuesday 11 April, 7:00-8:45pm is our monthly School Council meeting ([online](#)). Anyone is welcome to join! Please see details of the agenda below. Do send us any questions or items you would like to discuss (sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Draft Meeting Agenda for 11 April 2023 (7:00-8:45 PM)

1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of March minutes (5min)
2. Introductions (5min)
3. Principal's Report – Martina Sherwood (15-20min)
4. VP Report – Sandy Miller (5mins)
5. Teacher Representative Report – Meg Fracke (5min)
6. Financial situation and Audit - Nicola Calder (5min)
7. Committees and events (30min)
 - a. Pizza day/ Lunch program - Sarah Matthews (5min)
 - b. Yard: Spring clean 30 April - Katie Breen (5min)
 - c. Bike sale (29/30 April) - Rebekka Roy (5min)
 - d. Traffic update - Erik and ArielAnn (5min) and Letter Sunnyside/Bank - Alex Randall
 - e. Grade 8 graduation plans - (5min)
8. Representatives (20 min)
 - a. Grade reps - Carlo/ Sarah/ Alex/ Daphne (10min)
 - b. OCASC - Daphne (5min)
 - c. Wellness: report on 2nd meeting - Rebekka (5min)
9. Answer any *pre-submitted* questions (5min)
10. Varia (5min)
11. Closing and set next meeting 9 May 2023 (5min)

Join us for our annual Spring Yard clean and "Everything on Wheels" Bike-sale. Mark your calendars for 30 April 2023!!! We are looking for volunteers for that weekend. See details below.

Hopewell Ave Public School presents




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

Our next Coffee/Tea meet & greet with parents/ guardians is Friday 14 April at Hopewell school in Room #225. Block your calendar and join.



Fridays
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9th

Hopewell Ave. PS
 School Council Room
 Rm 225
 noon to 1:30 pm

Hopewell Parents & guardians

coffee time
 2nd Friday of every month!

Expand your village & meet other Hopewell Parents/Guardians!
Coffee & tea provided.
 Please bring your own mug.
Can't make this one? No problem!
We will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of every month!

Brought to you by your Hopewell Ave PS School Council.
 Please contact sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca for more details.

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

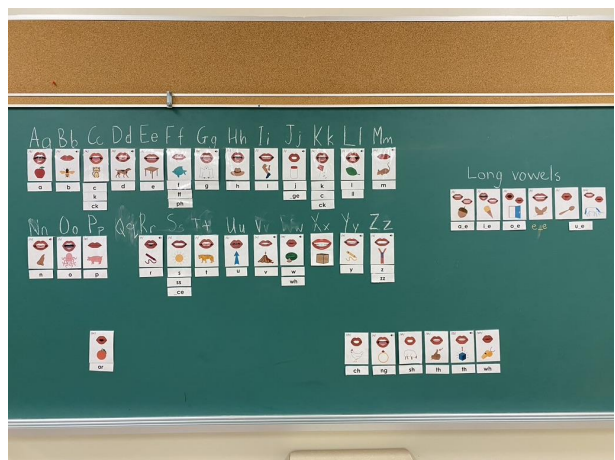
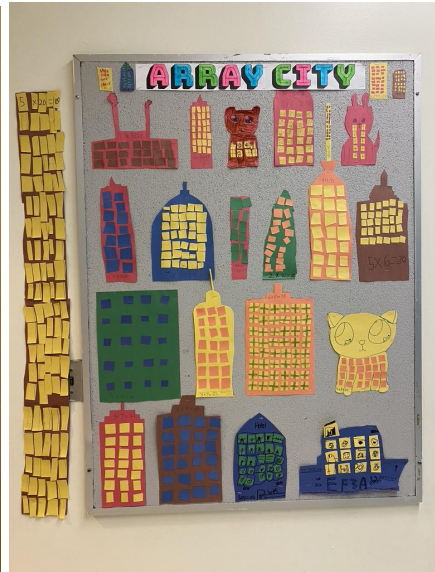
Thanks and Happy long Easter weekend,

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#HAPShots

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





DISTRICT NEWS

Social Media and Your Kids



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.