

Dear Hopewell Families,

We began our week with Flo Franco in the building. Flo Franco was the winner of the extremely popular Manie Musicale and has rock star status in our school community. The purpose of his visit was not to give a concert, but to speak to our grades 4 to 8 students about resilience, pursuing their passions, teamwork and doing your best.

Today we had the privilege of welcoming the many volunteers who have supported our school community in so many ways. A huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers - you are all rock stars and we appreciate you very much!!

For families who are participating in any of our lunch programs, please note that Friday, June 9th is the last day for Milk, Monday, June 12th is the last day for Subway and Friday, June 16th is the last Pizza day. We have included this in the calendar below and you will find this information on our <u>website calendar</u> as well.

On June 8th we will be showcasing Hopewell's arts talent. A music night at Hopewell and an arts vernissage at Happy Goat will be taking place. Further details are below.

Below you will see many of our highlights on **#HAPShots** that include Making music with Boomwhackers, our visit from Flo Franco - winner of this year's Manie Musicale, early literacy in action, grade 8 filtration testing, grade 3 EQAO, Lego Robotics, newly hatched baby ducks from the Elephant kindergarten class, and water cycle explorations.

Please note, tomorrow is a PA Day and there is no school for students.

Have a wonderful, weekend. Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely, Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller Principal & Vice-Principal

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### **UPCOMING DATES**

June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students June 5th - June 8th - EQAO, Grade 6 June 8th - Music Night; Magenta Noodles Vernissage (@ Happy Goat) June 9th - Last day for Milk Program June 12th - Last day for Subway Lunch Program June 16th - Last day for Pizza Lunch Program June 26th - Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony June 28th - Report Cards / Kindergarten Communications of Learning accessible online June 29th - Last day of school

#### SCHOOL NEWS Music Night



Hopewell's musicians have been working hard and are really looking forward to sharing their progress with you the evening of June 8th, for the first Music Night since 2017! Please join us at 6:30 in the school gym to enjoy songs performed by the primary and junior choirs, and at 7pm to listen to the grade 7 and 8 concert bands, and of course, the Hopewell Jazz Band! Admission is free so we hope everyone can join us!

# **Magenta Noodles**

An Artistic Collaboration Between Happy Goat and Hopewell Intermediate Students and Educators

Artists randomly selected two words from a bowl filled with suggestions made by Hopewell students and staff. These two words are the inspiration for their artwork and are noted on accompanying labels. Any material can be used to express the outcome.

The exhibit explores the philosophy: art for art's sake. Artists could make this project what they wanted, use any material necessary and spend as little or as much time as they could afford. We hope you enjoy the variety of interpretations!

This exhibit will launch on Thursday, June 8th at 8pm with a vernissage at Happy Goat. Our HPS Art Club and community is lucky to have such a collaborative partner. Thank you to the Happy Goat staff and Hopewell School Team for their support and making the space for artists to share!

# **OSTA Updates**

# Are you moving or changing daycare providers?

Information accuracy affects OSTA's planning. Any changes to your home or alternate addresses must be provided to your school. It is critical that parents and

guardians provide their school with any changes to home/alternate addresses AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid extended waiting for a transportation change in the fall.

## Joint Custody and Transportation to Two Homes – Renewals

Important Deadline – Joint Custody renewals must be done every year! The renewal form for existing variable transportation arrangements (Joint Custody) is available online.

### Renewal Joint Custody

Forms must be submitted NO LATER THAN June 30th by at least one parent/guardian.

## Empty Seats/Courtesy Seating for the 2023/24 school year

The Empty Seat Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Any students who are not in the Bus Zone may apply for an empty seat via the online form. Please submit one application per student in your household. For more details, visit OSTA's website. Printed copies of the form may be requested at the school.

# **OSTA Parent Web Portal Closed**

OSTA's Parent Web Portal (Bus Stop Finder) will be closed from the end of June until mid-August. The portal will reopen in mid-August with next year's transportation information. Please regularly check OSTA's website and social media pages for important transportation announcements, deadlines, and other vital information.

### Not using the bus next year?

Let OSTA know by declining transportation

Are you eligible for transportation but not using it next year? Decline today! Keeping OSTA informed is important as it allows us to make better use of available transportation services for those that need it! For more information, visit OSTA's website.

# School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day

Learn all about school bus and pedestrian safety at OSTA's safety day event on Sunday, August 27 th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Children can take a ride on a real bus and participate in Pedestrian Safety training with the Ottawa Safety Council. For more information and to register, visit OSTA's website.

#### Take the wheel and Drive Yellow today!

Looking for a satisfying part-time job that fits your work-life balance? Take the wheel and drive yellow! Yellow school bus drivers are impactful workers who are highly valued by our communities for getting kids safely to school. Visit driveyellow.ca for more information on becoming a school bus driver!

#### **Intermediate News**

# **OCDSB Black Youth Forum**

The 6th Annual Black Youth Forum will take place on June 7th at the University of Ottawa. The theme of this year's conference is "Black Joy". Through presentations and discussions, students will explore what Black Joy means in terms of representation, community and how this influences self-worth, well-being and success in and outside of schools. Students in Grade 7 -12 who identify as African, Black or African/Afro-Caribbean and their allies are invited to attend. <u>Black Youth Forum Posters</u> have been posted throughout the Intermediate division and interested students can email jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca to register.

#### Math and Language Summer School for Grades 6-8

Continuing Education offers Math and Language programs for Grade 6, 7, and 8 students who are achieving below provincial standard and would benefit from this

"reinforcement and review" opportunity. The program runs from 8:30-3:30 daily from July 5 - 27th at four different sites, as well as virtually.

Teachers are reaching out to families of students they would recommend for the program, but parents can also communicate with their teachers if they are interested in registering. More information about the program can be found <u>here</u>, or by contacting jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca.

### Grade 9 Credit Options for Grade 8s

Did you know that Grade 8 students can get a head start on earning credits this summer? Continuing Education offers both <u>Reach Ahead</u> courses virtually and in-person, as well as <u>eLearning</u> courses.

Continuing Education is also offering credit programs for African, Black, and Caribbean students through the <u>Sankofa Centre of Excellence</u>, as well as specialized programs for 2SLGBTQ+ students called <u>Building Bridges</u> developed by the Equity Team.

Check out their websites for more information, and reach out to <u>jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca</u> if you have any questions.

#### 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 **Junior Activities** Grades 3 to 6 Choir - Fridays, first recess Girls' Soccer - Intramurals Thursdays @ 1:40pm (This will run until May 25th) **Intermediate Activities:** Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee Grades 6, 7, 8 Mondays 3:45 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am (Turf Yard) Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays and Thursdays, first 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

#### HOPEWELL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello Hopewell community -

Our *next School Council meeting will be at the Hopewell School library from* **7:00-9:00pm on June 13th.** Please join us for the last School Council meeting of this school year. We welcome anyone to join! We are also looking for new Council members, so if you are interested in learning more, please come to this meeting. As always, please find more information on our <u>School Council website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u> and contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Wishing you a great weekend! Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

# #HAPShots

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







