

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – May 12th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday!

We had an exciting week of learning that included welcoming University of Ottawa's Maker Mobile to deliver engaging hands-on STEM learning activities to some of our junior classes; field trips to MacSkimming and the Children's Festival; and another fabulous initiative from our Prism Club in support of a great cause - [Rainbow Railroad](#). Students had the opportunity to purchase student made bracelets, buttons and keychains. Hopewell's heart is strong!

A huge congratulations is extended to Sarah Matthews! Sarah has been nominated for this year's OCDSB Community Award. The OCDSB Community Award recognizes the outstanding contribution of a community member in developing an initiative that directly supports the well-being of our students. Sarah coordinates pizza and Subway days and can also be found working in our office in the afternoon. These special lunch days are much appreciated by students and families. Every Monday 234 Subway sandwiches are delivered to students and on Fridays 104 pizzas are deployed to serve 570 students. Sarah makes it all look easy and we are so grateful for all that she does to support our school community!

In January we launched an additional way to report your child's absence. You can report your child's absence via email. Please drop us a line: absencehope@ocdsb.ca any day/any time - even for absences in the future!

Below you will see many of our highlights on #HAPShots including some "delicious learning", literacy and numeracy activities, handcrafted offerings from the PRISM Club, warm weather activities, and student leadership.

We wish all of our Hopewell community moms a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday! Have a wonderful weekend. Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal
Twitter: @HopewellAvePS
Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



UPCOMING DATES

May 22nd - Victoria Day, school is closed

May 29th - June 1st - EQAO, Grade 3

June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students

June 5th - June 8th - EQAO, Grade 6

June 26th - Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony

June 28th - Report Cards / Kindergarten Communications of Learning accessible online

June 29th - Last day of school

SCHOOL NEWS

OSTA - Joint Custody Application and Renewal Forms for 2023/24 are now online

Important Deadline! NEW Joint Custody applications are due June 1st.

Each address must meet eligibility requirements to apply.

For Joint Custody RENEWALS, the deadline is June 30th. Remember, J/C renewals must be done every year. Our convenient fillable renewal form is to be completed by one parent, providing there are no changes to the existing schedule.

Find out more about Variable Transportation to two homes here: <https://bit.ly/3pzkO2J>

To unsubscribe from the notification system, the following link can be used <https://ostabusplanner.ottawaschoolbus.ca/Subscriptions/Unsubscribe.aspx>

EQAO For Grades 3 and 6

EQAO is scheduled to take place this year. Our grades 3 and 6 students will be participating. EQAO for grades 3's will take place the week of May 29th. EQAO for grade 6's will take place the week of June 5th. Our school team is currently engaging in training to administer and prepare for EQAO. As with last year, EQAO will be accessed through a digital platform, and there is an overall reduction in the total testing time. The purpose of the assessment is to measure reading, writing, and mathematics skills of students at the end of grades 3 and 6 and is based on the Ontario curriculum expectations. EQAO provides results to each student who writes an assessment. The agency also provides schools and school boards with detailed reports that are used to improve school programming and classroom instruction. The [EQAO Website](#) is a great resource for additional information.

Intermediate News

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 [Reach Ahead](#) courses virtually and in-person, as well as [eLearning](#) courses.

Continuing Education is also offering credit programs for African, Black, and Caribbean students through the [Sankofa Centre of Excellence](#), as well as specialized programs for 2SLGBTQ+ students called [Building Bridges](#) developed by the Equity Team.

Check out their websites for more information, and reach out to jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca 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 Intermediate Frisbee - Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:00am,

Mondays at 3:40pm (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,

A few quick updates from School Council:

1) Come join us for a ***Fun evening to meet other neighbours on Tuesday 30 May*** organized by our amazing SC-Wellness team (Rebekka) and OSCA. Get into the spirit of meeting new people in the neighbourhood and (re)connecting with other parents! We are looking for volunteers to make the Evening extra special. Please join us on *Tuesday 16 May at The Senate from 7:00-8:30pm* if you'd be up for putting some community volunteering and/or organization skills to the test.



2) We had a good **School Council meeting** last Tuesday, hearing about happenings in the School and preparing for our last months before Summer break. Post the meeting, School Council sent a [Letter with Traffic Safety concerns to Councillor Menard](#), which you can read on our website and you can find the previous [school council minutes](#).

Our **next School Council meeting will be at the Hopewell School library from 7:00-9:00pm on June 12th**. 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.

3) **Nutritious Lunches**: We're bringing together a group of interested parents to talk about the School Lunch program for next school year. If you are a parent with interest in nutrition? You'd like to be involved in discussion School lunch options for your child next year? Do join us on **Thursday 18 May from 7:00-8:00pm in the School Library**.

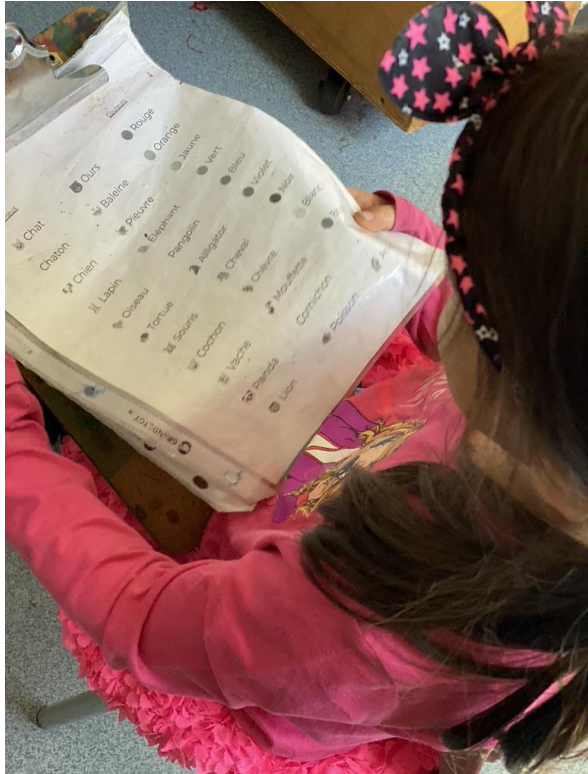
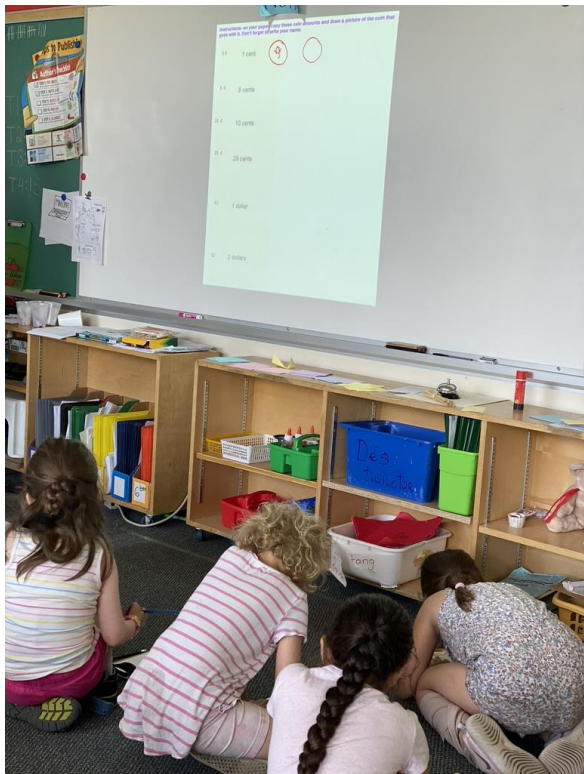
As always, please find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) and contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Wishing you a great sunny Spring weekend and hope to see you!

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#HAPShots

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



DISTRICT NEWS
Open Trails at Bill Mason Outdoor Education Centre



The Bill Mason Outdoor Education Centre is having its annual Open Trails day! This is the only day of this school year when this 77-acre classroom will be open to the public for everyone to explore. Take a hike through the trails and discover the biodiversity of this unique site. Normally, this OCDSB facility is only open to attending students and classes.

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: 3088 Dunrobin Rd, Constance Bay

Bring your binoculars, camera, magnifying lenses and, most importantly, your curiosity! There is plenty of parking at 3088 Dunrobin Road (behind West Carleton Secondary School), and visitors are welcome to bring lunch or a picnic. A fire will be set up at the Dragonfly Gazebo for those who wish to bring items for a cookout lunch.

Check out this [event poster](#) to see some of the species that call the Centre their home.

The OCDSB's Outdoor Education Centres provide high quality, hands-on outdoor programming that is designed and delivered to complement classroom learning in many sections of the Ontario Curriculum. Learn more on the [Outdoor Education page](#).