

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – February 24th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday! We had a great week full of spirit, ending with Jersey Day today! On Wednesday we acknowledged Pink Shirt Day and wore pink to promote kindness and show that we do not tolerate bullying at our school. Many classes engaged in special learning activities focussed on anti-bullying and discussing ways we can work together to ensure our school community is welcoming and a great place to be.

Last Thursday our Prism Club hosted an incredible movie night that was very well attended. It has been a long time since we have had a movie night and we hope that there will be more in the future. Thank you everyone who attended and to the Prism Club for all of the work to organize the event.

Safety is always our highest priority and with this in mind we practice many of the safety procedures we have in place. Today we had a lockdown practice. Lockdown is a safety procedure we follow if there is an active threat in our school building. Students did a great job and should be proud of themselves and of their important role in keeping our community safe.

Below you will find additional news and #HAPShots capturing some of this week's highlights.

We wish you a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

March 7th - Grade eight photo retake day
March 7th, 7pm - March School Council Meeting, virtual. Link is [here](#)
March 13th to March 17th, inclusive - March Break, school is closed
April 7th - Good Friday, school is closed
April 10th - Easter Monday, school is closed

May 22nd - Victoria Day, school is closed
June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students
June 29th - Last day of school

SCHOOL NEWS

INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Transition to Grade 9 Update

Grade 8 students should have now completed their course selection in Xello. Parents are asked to review courses (either online in Xello or by checking a print out from school) and complete the [Course Verification Form online](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca. Thank you to everyone who has completed this process!

Pathway to Exploration

We had a large number of students express interest in the Pathway to Exploration Program this year. This speaks to how engaged our Grade 8 population is - kudos to all who completed the Google Form! We wish everyone could be offered a spot, but unfortunately had more than twice as many apply as spots available to us.

Due to the high number of students who met the criteria, we moved to a lottery system to offer spots for registration. Students who were selected by lottery were spoken to by a teacher and should have received an email with information about the registration process. We will connect with other applicants should more spots available.

Thanks again to all who expressed interest!

Canadian Computing Competition and Math Contests

Kudos to a group of Grade 6, 7, and 8 students who participated in the Canadian Computing Competition on February 15th. The Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) is a fun challenge for participants with an interest in programming and helps participants build confidence, grow their ability to design, and understand and implement algorithms.

The Grade 7 and 8 Gauss Math Contest is coming up in May. More information to come after March Break, but interested students can connect with Mr. Wood or Ms. Neerhof.

Bhat Boy Painting Workshops

Our Intermediate students have begun painting workshops with local artist Bhat Boy this week. We are thankful for this opportunity, and love to see all the amazing talent showing through in the final pieces. All Gr. 7 and 8 homerooms will have had the opportunity to participate by next Friday, so watch for some beautiful canvases coming home!



Rideauwood Addictions and Family Services

Spencer from Rideauwood Addictions and Family Services has been in the past two Tuesdays speaking with Intermediate classes. Presentations included "Technology and Responsibility: Finding the Balance" for Grade 7s and "Connecting the Dots: Emotional Connections to Substance Use" for our Grade 8s. Spencer will be back for follow-up presentations in March and April. We appreciate his time and this connection to such a strong community service.



Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

Primary Activities

Primary Art Club with Ms. Upton, Tuesdays at first recess
Kids Club for Primary students on Wednesdays at first recess
Reading Club with Ms Vorobej, Thursdays, at first recess

Junior Sports

Girls' Soccer - Intramurals Fridays @ 1:40pm - Gym
Junior Dance - first nutrition break for grades 5-6 in the South Gym.

Intermediate Activities:

Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays and Thursdays
Study Hall - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Open Art Studio - Tuesdays
Maker Space - Fridays
Prism Club - Thursdays
Grade Seven Band - Tuesdays, 8:20am
Grade Eight Band - Thursdays, 8:20am
Jazz Band - Mondays, 8:20am and Wednesdays, 11:10am
Girls' Basketball Tryouts - Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

#HAPShots

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



DISTRICT NEWS
2023-2027 Strategic Plan Planning Process: Electronic Feedback Launched

Join our electronic conversation about what is important to support student learning and wellbeing in our next strategic plan. You can share your thoughts and rate the thoughts of others to help set priorities. We welcome your perspectives and opinions, but posts with hateful or offensive language will be removed. If you

see any comments that are rude or hurtful, please use the 'report thought' option. You can participate by using [this link](#) until 11:59 p.m. Friday, February 24th, 2023. [Learn more](#)