



Dear Hopewell Families,

We hope everyone has had a wonderful week.

Along with lots of great learning in our classrooms, sports news made headlines at our site. The junior boys bordenball team won their tournament. The junior girls bordenball team captured second place and our intermediate boys volleyball team had a great tournament and narrowly missed the semi-finals. All teams represented our school with pride. A huge thank you to all of the coaches who supported the teams through the season. Our intermediate girls volleyball team's tournament was postponed due to weather until Tuesday, January 31st.

NEW! You may have noticed on our website that you can now 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! Visit our [school website](#) for the latest Hopewell Ave PS social media, news, upcoming events and HAPShots.

We are already getting excited about welcoming new kindergarten students next year. Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30pm in our school library. Please spread the word with friends and neighbours who live in the Hopewell boundary area.

Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. During our morning announcements we shared the following with our school community:

Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Holocaust happened during WWII. Today we honour the memory of the over 6 million people who were victims of the Holocaust.

Because of the Holocaust, many people were harmed, including those who were Jewish, Roma, Sinti, Polish, Russian, or because they had disabilities, or because of their political or religious beliefs, or because of who they loved. This makes me sad to think about people being hurt for being who they were.

During the Holocaust, some people stood up to protect those who were being hurt. They kept them safe and told others about what was happening. It did not stop the Holocaust but it did protect some people. Other people stood by and did not get involved.

Today reminds me that what we do matters. What you say, what you don't say, the actions you take, the actions you don't take, are the choices that you make. These add up to your character. When we work together to make good choices and to be kind no matter what, this makes good in our world. This is why we work at Hopewell to learn how to solve problems and how to be kind and caring, whether using our WITS or another strategy.

Keep thinking about what you can do. Say sorry if you make a mistake. Ask for help. Ask how you can help a friend. Speak up when someone says something

mean or hurtful. Help those who need help. Be kind. If you see something, say something. Together, we can make sure our school is a welcoming and safe place for everyone.

What you do every day matters.

Educators have taken this message to spark discussions in their classes about how we can make a positive difference in our community and reflect on how we can continue to be good to each other.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we work together to promote a positive school climate. Hopewell is a school community we can all be proud of.

Have a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

February 2nd, 6:30pm - Kindergarten Information Night - School Library

February 17th - PA Day, no school for students

February 20th - Family Day, school is closed

March 13th to March 17th - March Break, school is closed

SCHOOL NEWS

Guest Speaker

On January 31st our grade six to eight classes are privileged to virtually welcome guest speaker Dr. Eva Olsson. Dr. Olsson is a Holocaust survivor who has dedicated her life to communicating a message of joy, hope and racial acceptance to young people of today's generation. The focus of her talk is about the effects of bullying and the importance of not being a bystander to injustice.

To learn more about this remarkable woman's life, please visit: www.evaolsson.ca

Supporting Future Teachers

We are extremely proud to welcome teacher candidates to our school. Many members of our educator team welcome teacher candidates and act as associate teachers and mentor teacher candidates over a practicum period. During a practicum placement links between theory and practice are developed. Today two of our teacher candidates completed their placements at Hopewell. They have been working alongside their mentor teachers since September and have had the opportunity to gain lots of experience. Ms. Jenna and Ms. Teagan have shared that their time at Hopewell has been wonderful. We will miss them both but know the future is in great hands with these wonderful teacher candidates!



Milk Program



The Term 2 Milk Program begins on Monday, February 6th. If you plan to participate in this program it’s not too late! The last day to order is January 30th. The last day to order is January 30th. You may place orders through our [School Cash Online](#) system.

Calling all Gr. 7 & 8 Coders!

Students who are proficient in C, C++, Python 2, Python 3, Pascal, Java, Perl, or PHP are invited to participate in the Canadian Computing Competition on February 15th. This competition happens in-school for 3 hours and is completed individually. Students who are interested are asked to let Mr. Wood know by next week. [More information can be found at this website.](#)

Registration and Transfer Information for 2023-2024

The following timelines will apply for the 2023-2024 school year. This includes kick-off to the 2023-2024 registration period, the student transfer period for the elementary and secondary panels, and the French Immersion program registration period.

The information, including the online Student Transfer Application forms can also be found on the Board’s website: www.ocdsb.ca.

Elementary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Secondary Student Transfer Application Period	Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023
Middle French Immersion Registration Period	Monday, February 6 to Friday, February 10, 2023

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

See our [Intermediate Page](#) for the updated calendar of events and news about Intermediate life at Hopewell.

Transition To Grade 9

Grade 8 students are beginning to prepare for the transition to Grade 9! Visit the [OCDSB Welcome to High School](#) page for more details about information sessions available for area high schools.

There are lots of important dates coming up for Grade 8s - please be sure to check the [Parent Reference Sheet](#) for presentation and Open House dates. Any questions, please contact jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca.

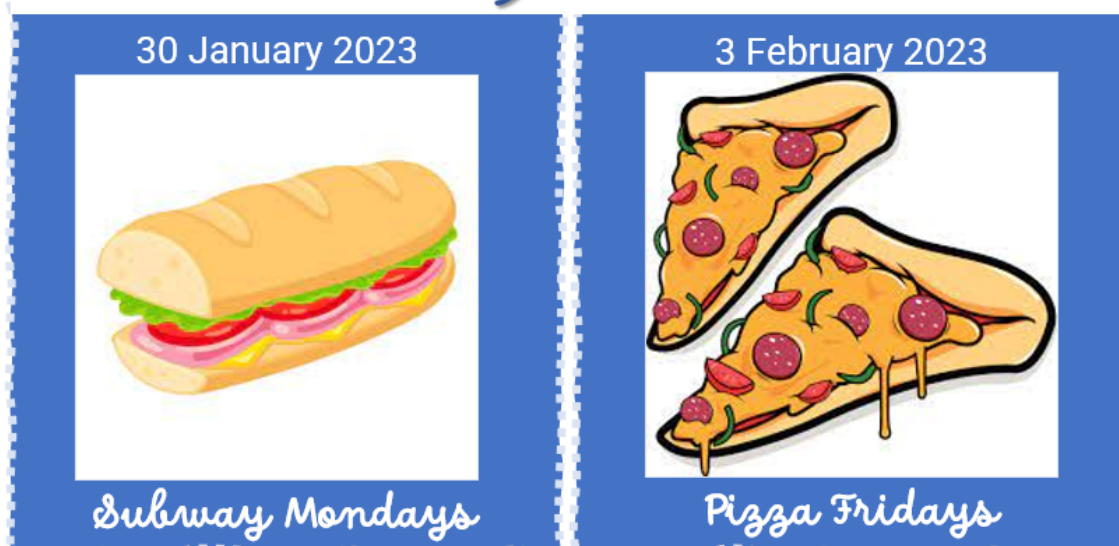
A Message From Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

Hello Hopewell Community,

Today was our last Pizza Friday from the first term and we are super excited to be able to offer you Subway Monday and Pizza Friday from next week onwards.

Please consult our calendar on the [hot-lunches program](#).

Starting Next week



The lunches require quite some organized hands and we want to give a huge shout-out to parent-volunteers, Gr7-8 volunteers, Mr Woods, and a special thanks to Sarah Matthews, Alex Brading and Yanka Petrova for coordination and administration!

We'd like to invite any Hopewell parent interested in meeting other parents - to join us Friday 10 February at Hopewell school in Room #225. Come and join for a coffee/tea and chat.



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 weekend!

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

District News

Creating an Atmosphere of Belonging at the School Council Table

February 8, 2023

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom webinar

We are excited to announce that Lisa Anna Palmer, Founder and CEO of Light Your Leadership Inc., international best-selling author, and creator of the global LYLTalks podcast, will deliver the keynote address at our event on "Creating an Atmosphere of Belonging at the School Council Table." Ms. Palmer will share her valuable insights and strategies for creating a welcoming and inclusive environment within the council, where all parents feel invited, welcomed, included in diverse representation, and respected to hear and value every member's voice.

After the keynote, we will have a panel discussion on various topics, such as working with school administrators, the positive impact of school gardens in the community, and recruiting a diverse school council.

Please visit our website or take a look at the flyer attached for more information. We hope to see you there!

[Register Now!](#)

Black History: A Day Of Celebration



OCDSB invites parents/caregivers, students, staff and community members to join us on February 11th, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., for an in-person event to celebrate Black Excellence. This event, titled Black History: A Day of Celebration, will be held at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School.

The event will begin with a keynote address by Meghan Stewart, founder of [Mindfulness Meghan](#), located in Ottawa.

The event will be emceed by OCDSB students. The keynote will be followed by artistic performances by various OCDSB students and staff, and community members. There will also be information tables set up for participants to interact with and learn about the work of Black Excellence Student Clubs.

[Register for the event](#)

To learn more about this event, visit [our website](#).

Upcoming Webinar for Parents and Caregivers: Introduction to Gender Identity and Expression



Are you a parent or caregiver to a trans, gender diverse, or questioning child or youth? Do you have questions about gender diversity? Are you interested in learning more about creating inclusive environments for children and youth in your life?

Join us on Monday, February 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for a webinar on Gender Identity and Gender Expression with Kaeden Seburn, MSW. The webinar will explore questions about gender identity and gender expression and how parents and guardians can support young people to be themselves, regardless of age or gender.

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

#HAPShots

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

