

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – March 24th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We hope everyone had a great week!

Our Hopewell house was a busy one and for many, Wednesday was a highlight. Welcoming Peter Joynt as a guest speaker into our school and the Open Your Eyes event for our Intermediate students were amazing opportunities for many of our students. You can read more about this below.

We have also included details about Earth Hour and class placement information for next year in this message, as well as a number of exciting #HAPShots capturing some photos of this week's highlights.

This week Ramadan began, to those observing, we wish you a Blessed Ramadan.

We wish you 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](#)

May 22nd - Victoria Day, school is closed

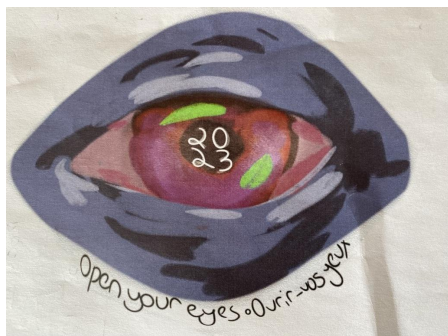
June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students

June 28th - Grade Eight Leaving Ceremony, begins at 10am. Students should arrive at regular school start time.

June 29th - Last day of school

SCHOOL NEWS

Open Your Eyes/Ouvrez Vos Yeux



This past Wednesday, our intermediate students participated in a day of learning workshops with a choice of over 31 presenters. Open Your Eyes 2023 started with Peter Joynt as keynote speaker/performer, followed by breakout sessions with topics including Climate Change, Make-up Artistry, Author Talks, Becoming A Doctor, Paleontology, Biking Cross-Canada, ASL and everything in between. Hopewell grade eight students solicited the guest speakers over the past few months and drew from our local community and talent to share their stories and experiences. Who knows where this may lead and what passions may be ignited! The possibilities are endless when you ... open your eyes. Many thanks go to Mme Small-Greenall and colleagues for facilitating this highly engaging day of possibilities.

Hopewell Welcomes Peter Joynt



Peter Joynt is an MC, producer, and public speaker from Ottawa, Canada. The Joynt has been making music for over two decades. He has worked on projects for organizations like the Ottawa Senators, RogersTV and Ottawa Tourism. He has also performed for distinguished individuals such as the Governor General of Canada.

One intriguing fact about Peter is that he stutters quite noticeably in conversation, yet it disappears when he performs. It's one of the many interesting characteristics that sets him apart as an artist and public speaker.

On Wednesday Peter Joynt performed for our junior and intermediate students and shared a message about bullying, self-acceptance, and resiliency. He also sang a few songs. Our school community was grateful to have had the opportunity to welcome Peter Joynt and his powerful messages will stay with us.

Earth Hour



Every year, people around the world take part in Earth Hour to raise awareness about climate change. Today we acknowledged Earth Hour by turning off lights

and other electronic devices that are not required for an hour in order to bring awareness to climate change.

Those looking to take part in Earth Hour at home can turn off their lights and electronics on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Hopewell Intermediate Musicians Live Performance At Southminster Church

Our intermediate musicians will be giving a noon-hour concert at Southminster Church on Wednesday, March 29th, as part of the Doors Open for Music at Southminster Concert Series. This concert will feature a variety of bands, along with a few short excerpts from the musical that was presented in December. This will be the first performance of Hopewell bands since 2019, and the students have been working very hard to prepare for it. All members of the Hopewell Community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Admission is a free will offering, with all proceeds going towards the concert series itself. Hope to see you there!

Further details can be found here:

YouTube URL:

<https://youtube.com/live/gC-PPNzuYFI>

Facebook Event URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1257893731493857>

Web page:

<https://doms613.com/event/hopewell-showcase-v/>

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

Junior Sports

Girls' Soccer - Intramurals Fridays @ 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

Girls' Basketball Practice - Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

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,

Spring is in the air and the birds are singing loudly in the background. That also means we are planning for our annual Spring Yard Clean and "Everything on Wheels" Bike Sale. **Mark your calendars for the weekend of 29-30 April 2023!!!** We will soon be looking for volunteers for that weekend and sending out more details.

Tuesday April 11th, 7:00-8:45pm is our monthly School Council meeting ([online](#)). Anyone is welcome to join! Sharing details of the agenda next week. Please do send us any questions or items you would like to discuss (sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca). Here are the proposed Council meeting dates for the rest of this School year calendars (all taking place at 7pm):

- Tuesday, April 11th
- Tuesday, May 9th
- Tuesday, June 13th - with drinks after to conclude the school year.



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.

Join us Friday 14 April at Hopewell school in Room #225 for a coffee/tea and chat -- Meet and connect with other Hopewell parents!

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

Thanks and enjoy these rays of Spring sunshine!

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.