

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – March 31st, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday!

It has been a full week! Basketball tournaments for our intermediate teams, fantastic displays of learning in our atrium, our Hopewell Bands took their first road trip to Southminster Church for a live performance (the first in over 3 years!), field trips to the Museum of Nature, Bill Mason Outdoor Education Center and Brewer Skating Rink... along with all the excitement of day to day learning in our Hopewell house!

We are moving forward into two four day weeks. Next Tuesday we will be inviting students to participate in a food drive in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. They are in need of our support. Details are below.

April is Autism Awareness Month. The theme this year is *“Everyone Belongs; supporting inclusion and well being”*. The goal of the month’s focus and throughout the year, is to raise awareness and acceptance about autism, build on inclusive practices and support student well-being.

Finally, we are watching our yards transform from a winter landscape to spring. With that comes lots of water and mud. Lots of mud. Did we say mud? Packing an extra pair of socks and pants is recommended during this time of year. Waterproof footwear is also suggested for our students who love to play in the puddles (that would be most!).

We have included lots more news and information below. Thank you for your continued partnership! 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](#)
April 30th - Anything With Wheels Sale - details below
May 22nd - Victoria Day, school is closed
June 2nd - PA Day, no school for students
June 29th - Last day of school

SCHOOL NEWS

Food Drive



Historically our school community has been a very generous supporter of the Once again, we would like to invite families to participate in our Food Drive Blitz next **Tuesday, April 4th**. We are collecting to support the Centretown Food Bank as their supplies are seriously low and they are working to provide for a growing number of families and individuals in our community. Drop off locations will be available outside in each yard for Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior families to bring their donations. Intermediates will be asked to drop donations inside the atrium when they enter the school.

The highest need items are common non-perishables and toiletries, such as peanut butter, canned tuna, salmon, meat and stews, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned beans, including baked beans, kidney beans, black beans, cereals, dry pasta and pasta sauce, Kraft dinner, toothpaste and toothbrushes and toilet paper.

The Centretown Food Bank appreciates any contributions families can make at this time.

Spirit Days In April

FRIDAYS IN APRIL

For the month of April, we will be hosting

Spirit Day Fridays!*

And one Thursday...

April 6th: PJ/ Comfy Clothes Day

- start the long weekend off in comfort!

April 14th: Career Day

- dress for the future career that you want!

April 21st: Earth Day

- wear green and blue and pick-up garbage in and outside of the school!

April 28th: Dress to Unimpress

- The opposite of fancy clothes!



Stay tuned for
"April Showers, Bring May Flowers"
for the month of May!

Autism Awareness Month

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Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental disorder that affects 1 in 50 children and youth. It affects the way people interact and communicate with those around them. Each child and adult with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is unique and has their own strengths, gifts and support needs. The butterfly is used as a symbol to represent the diversity, unique qualities, and transitions autistic students experience.

We will be building a collaborative bulletin board in the atrium throughout the month of April for students to contribute to and learn. We will share photos of this throughout the month for our community to see.

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

Choir, Wednesdays, 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

Stretch and Strength - Thursdays, second recess

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,

On Tuesday 11 April, 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).

Join us for our annual **Spring Yard clean** and **"Everything on Wheels" Bike-sale**. Mark your calendars for the weekend of 29-30 April 2023!!! We are looking for volunteers for that weekend. See details below.

Hopewell Ave Public School presents




Consignment **SALE** fundraiser & bike tune ups

Drop off from 2-5pm, Saturday, April 29th
in the Hopewell Avenue parking garage (17 Hopewell Avenue)

bikes, skateboards, scooters, strollers, unicycles, summer sports gear

Name your price & receive 70% of the sale.

Visit www.hopewellaveps.ocdsb.ca or

 @HopewellAvePSSchoolCouncil for details.

Volunteers needed! Helpers get 15 minutes prior to the sale to put aside any items they would like to purchase. For more information, contact rebeccakawroy@gmail.com

Our next Coffee/Tea meet & greet with parents/ guardians is Friday 14 April at Hopewell school in Room #225. Block your calendar and join.

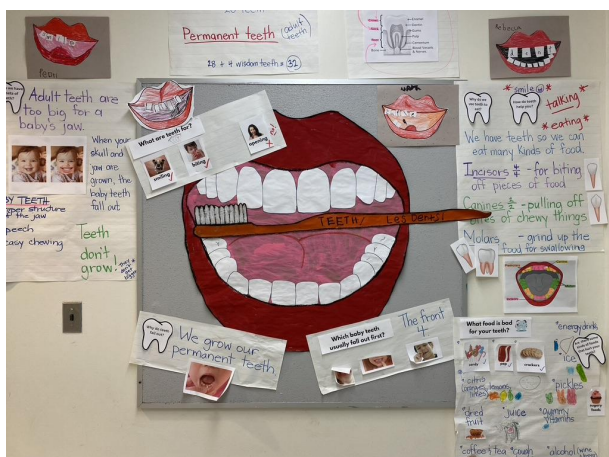
As always, please find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) and contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Thanks and Happy weekend,

Petra Heitkamp, Chair, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#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.

AUTISM AWARENESS Virtual Event - An evening with Dr. Peter Vermeulen from Autism in Context, discussing [Neurodiversity to Neuroharmony](#).



Open to all Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) employees and parents/caregivers via google drive link. As the presentation will only be available to the OCDSB for the Month of April, participants are encouraged to view the **premiere showing on 3 April 2023 at 7:00 pm**. An opportunity to ask questions will be provided and Dr. Vermeulen will provide a recording of his answers which will be made available by 21 April 2023.