

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – April 5th, 2024



Dear Hopewell Families,

April is World Autism Awareness month. This year's theme is "Everyone Belongs, Supporting Inclusion and Wellbeing". This is a time for us to reflect on the unique qualities, skills, and individual challenges faced by people with Autism. Within our District we strive to ensure that our schools are welcoming places for all students to engage, belong, learn, grow, explore and discover.

As a reminder, Monday April 8th, school is closed. Our school district has prepared learning materials about the solar eclipse for [Kindergarten - Grade 6](#) and [Intermediate](#) students should families be interested.

In this message you will find details about class placements and planning for 2024 as well as our Spring Spiritwear news - new clothing options have been added. Opportunities show off your #PegasusPride in style awaits!

As always, highlights of this week's learning captured in #HAPShots can be found at the end of this message.

Have a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

X: @HopewellAvePS
Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



UPCOMING DATES

Monday, April 8th - No school for students
Tuesday, April 9th - School Council Meeting, 7pm, Library
Thursday, April 11th - Chess Tournament brought to you by School Council! (Details to come)
Sunday, April 28th - Anything On Wheels Sale & Yard Clean-Up
May 6th - May 10th - Education Week - Watch for special events during week
Monday, May 20th - Victoria Day, School Is Closed
Friday, June 7th - PA Day, no school for students
Tuesday, June 25th (morning) - Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
Thursday, June 27th - Last Day Of School

SCHOOL NEWS

Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

Primary and Junior Activities

Grades 1 & 2 Choir - Mondays at 11:35 in Room 100.

Grades 3-6 Choir - Thursdays at 11:10 in Room 407.

Families, if your child is in one of our choirs and you would like an easy way to stay informed, you can help them join the Choir GoogleClassroom with their OCDSB account.

The code for the Grade 1-2 Choir GoogleClassroom is ha6t3hh

The code for the Grade 3-6 Choir GoogleClassroom is 56pypaj

Nicola Williams nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca

Primary Art Club - Fridays in room 100 during second break 1:40-2:20. Contact: jacey.upton@ocdsb.ca

Junior Dance Club (grades 4 - 6) - Mondays at 11:10am in the North Gym. Contact: jenna.kennedy@ocdsb.ca

Junior Textiles Club (grades 4 - 6) - Thursdays with Ms Thiessen Contact: jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca

Junior Visual Arts Open Studio (grades 4 - 6) - Wednesdays at 11:10am with Mme Meier-Legault Contact: hannah.meier-legault@ocdsb.ca

Chess Club (grades 1 - 6) - Wednesdays at 1:40pm in room 424. Contact: jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca

Grades 3-5 Math Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 424. Contact: elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca

Junior Minecraft Club - Thursdays at 1:40pm in room 100. Contact: meg.fracke@ocdsb.ca

Junior DnD Club - Tuesdays at 11:10pm. Contact: meghana.storey@ocdsb.ca

Class Placements And Planning For 2024-2025

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 26th, 2024. 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 2024 as this will assist us with our projections for staffing purposes.

SafeArrival

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is our top priority. To enhance our existing absence-check procedure, we are introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system from SchoolMessenger called [SafeArrival](#).

SafeArrival went live for Hopewell Ave PS starting **April 3, 2024**. Please use the [SafeArrival](#) system to report student absences.

There are three ways you can report student absences:

1. App
2. Website
3. Toll-free phone

- Absences can be reported in advance for any school day in the school calendar and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (based on your preferences).
- If the student is marked absent and the absence hasn't been reported in advance, our SchoolMessenger system will attempt to reach you to confirm the absence. The system tries to reach families – using the method they prefer – multiple times until they confirm/explain the elementary student's absence. To avoid these notifications, please report your child's absence in advance.

More detailed information on how to set up and access the [SafeArrival](#) system are found on the OCDSB website.

2024 Valuing Voices - Identity Matters Student Survey



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April 11 - May 10, 2024

The OCDSB Student Survey will run from **April 11 to May 10, 2024**. The survey will have two parts: identity-based (demographic) questions and school climate questions. Our grade 7 and 8 students will be completing the survey during class time on April 17th and 18th.

Who completes the survey?

- Parents/caregivers of students in Kindergarten through grade 6 are encouraged to complete one survey per child.
- Students in grades 7-12 complete the survey during class time at school.
- Student/caregiver participation is voluntary and confidential.

For more information, please visit: [Identity Matters Student Survey](#)

Spring Spiritwear On Sale April 5th through April 26th!

Show off your #PegasusPride in style by purchasing your Spiritwear pieces this month. All of your favourite pieces are back on offer along with **TWO NEW OPTIONS** this season: t-shirt or baseball hat with the updated graphic logo!

Full descriptions, sizes, prices, and ordering available through [SchoolCash Online](#).



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Intermediate News

Transition to Grade 9

As a reminder, if your child's plans for Grade 9 for September change in the coming months, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update registration and support adjusting course selection. This might include changing addresses to another school catchment, changing boards, or moving out of the country. If you have any questions, please email yanka.petrova@ocdsb.ca and jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca.

OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter and Student Circles



The latest edition of the OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter can be accessed [here](#).

The next in-person Student Circle will be hosted at Hopewell by Minwaashin Lodge on April 11th. If you would like your child to participate or would like more information about the Student Circle, please reach out to Kris or us at Hopewell.

[Kris Meawasige Contact](#)

Sign up for the bi-weekly Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter [here](#).

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOPEWELL AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Hello Wonderful Hopewell Community,

Join our next **School Council meeting, Tuesday 9 April** in the school library from 7:00-9:00pm. Stop by or reach out if you'd like to receive details in advance. Next week is our **Chess tournament** for Grade 3 to 8 students. Mark your calendar for **April 11th**, any parent chess enthusiasts please volunteer for the evening by emailing sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Mark your calendars! Weekend of April 27th/28th is the eagerly anticipated **Anything on Wheels Sale** and **School Yard Clear Up**. Join us on Saturday, April 27th, from 1-5 pm to drop off your gear to sell or on April 28th, from 9-noon to participate in this fun community initiative. Volunteers welcome (also those collecting highschool volunteer hours)!

Thank you!

Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry
Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council



Hopewell Ave Public School presents

April 28
9-noon

ANYTHING ON WHEELS

Consignment **SALE** & fundraiser

Drop off from 1-5pm, Saturday, April 27th
Hopewell Avenue parking garage (17 Hopewell Avenue)

Name your price & receive 70% of the sale

Visit www.hopewellaveps.ocdsb.ca 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 rebekkawroy@gmail.com

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

Bike Tune-ups, City of Ottawa's Bike Rodeo & Bake Sale!

Sunday
April 28
9am to noon

Hopewell Avenue
Public School's

YARD

clean up

Help make our kids' play space more beautiful!
Please bring your gardening tools,
wheelbarrows, & awesome energy!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

For more information, visit:



@hopewellavePSSchoolCouncil

Coffee, Juice

& snacks provided

(don't forget your mug!)

Need highschool volunteer hours? We'd love your support!

#HAPShots



