

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – December 15th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday!

Our week at Hopewell has included wonderful efforts from our Intermediate Volleyball teams. Thank you to participating students for representing our school with heart and thank you to coaches Cale Northey, xxx, Isobel Blakeney and Meg Fracke for bringing our teams together!

On Wednesday our atrium was buzzing with amazing science vibes. Many of our grade 6 classes shared their displays and knowledge about space. Interactive displays, detailed models and an abundance of amazing information were all part of this event. Thank you to all of the students and their teachers for their work!

With the winter holidays fast approaching and many celebrations happening and many yet to come, the displays of kindness we are seeing throughout the school are uplifting. Hopewell students, staff and community members have been coming together to celebrate and care for each other. From small gestures such as supporting each other in hallways and classrooms to thoughtful and selfless acts of generosity and kindness, it is clear that Hopewell has heart. Every day we continue to see people making positive connections, looking out for each other and sharing moments of kindness.

As shared last week, we are holding a December food drive blitz on Tuesday, December 19th. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

For your reference, below, we have reposted Ottawa Public Health: Advisory for Respiratory Illnesses information that was recently shared through District messaging.

As always, #HAPShots are included in this message, capturing many of the highlights of our week.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

X: @HopewellAvePS
Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



UPCOMING DATES

December 25th, 2023 - January 5th, 2024 - Winter Break, school is closed
Monday, January 8th, 2024 - Return to school - 2024!
Tuesday, January 16th - School Council, 7pm in library
Tuesday, January 23rd - Kindergarten Information Night, 6:30pm in library
Thursday, January 25th - Movie Night hosted by School Council
Friday, January 26th - PA Day, No School For Students
Friday, February 16th - PA Day, No School For Students
Monday, February 19th - Family Day, School Is Closed
Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th - March Break

SCHOOL NEWS

Milk Orders Term 2



Milk orders are now being accepted in [school cash online](#) for Term 2 (white or chocolate). The cost is \$64.80 for daily delivery between February 1 and June 6th. Orders will be open until the second week of January. Don't forget to mooooooove quickly on this one!

Food Drive



We would like to invite families to participate in our Food Drive Blitz next **Tuesday, December 19th**. 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.

Ottawa Public Health: Advisory for Respiratory Illnesses

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is expecting that this fall and winter may be challenging with several respiratory viruses circulating at the same time including influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19. OPH encourages using the [General Self-Assessment Tool](#) to screen yourself and your family daily. OPH has also outlined [some information and resources](#) related to measures that you can take to continue keeping yourself and your families safe during this respiratory season.

Registration and Transfer Information for 2024-2025

The following timelines will apply for the 2024-2025 school year for; kick-off to the 2024-2025 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. A Kindergarten Information Evening will be held at Hopewell on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 6:30pm in our school library.

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| Kick-off to 2024-2025 Registration | Monday, January 15 to Friday, January 19, 2024 |
| Elementary Student Transfer Application Period | Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 9, 2024 |
| Secondary Student Transfer Application Period | Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 9, 2024 |
| Middle French Immersion Registration Period | Monday, February 5 to Friday, February 9, 2024 |

Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

Primary and Junior Activities

Grades 1 & 2 Choir (resuming in January) - Mondays at 11:35 in Room 100.
Grades 3-6 Choir (resuming in January) - 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
Textiles Club - Thursdays with Ms Thiessen Contact: jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca
Primary Chess Club - Wednesdays at 1:40pm in room 424 Contact: jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca
Grade Three Math Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 424. Contact: elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca
Junior Yo-Yo and Minecraft Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 100. Contact: alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca
Junior Boys and Girls Bordenball is starting - stay tuned for details.

Intermediate News

Transition to Grade 9

All key dates and important links are included in the [HAPS Parent Reference Sheet](#) - check back often as this is updated regularly. A new addition is a presentation from Hillcrest High School on December 19th at 2:20. All students who live within their catchment are welcome to attend! Course selection for Grade 8s heading into Grade 9 will begin by the end of January.

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 in January. We will share the upcoming date in the new year. 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 -

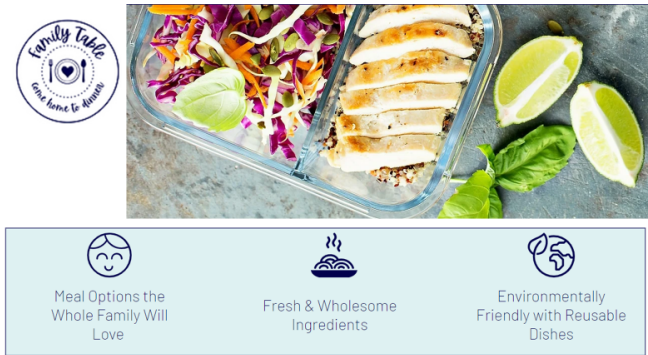


Hello wonderful Hopewell community -

A few quick updates from School Council:

1) **Orders for Pizza Friday's and Subway Monday's lunches** are now open for the second term (Feb - June 2024). Go to your [School Cash Online](#) account and note that **sales will close January 25th**.

2) You asked for healthy, nutritious lunches! We've made arrangements with a **new Hot Lunch provider: Family Table** in the second term. Check out the page specifically for [Family Table/ Hopewell Ave PS Lunches](#). They will be able to provide lunches on Tues, Wed, Thu for your child from 6 February - end June 2024. Mazzola will be available until 1 February 2024, after which these services will be discontinued and replaced by Family Table. We are very excited! Please note, Early Bird pricing is currently offered from Family Table!



[Family Table-Hopewell Ave-Hot Lunches](#)

3) Mark your calendar for a **Movie night, 25 January 2024**. The planning committee has met this week and arrangements are underway for a fun night of movie and popcorn in the Hopewell Ave PS gym. More details will follow next week. If you are up for volunteering on movie-night, let us know, we can use extra hands :-)

Our next Council meeting will be 16th January. Find more information on School Council on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#)

Thank you!

Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry,

Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#HAPShots



