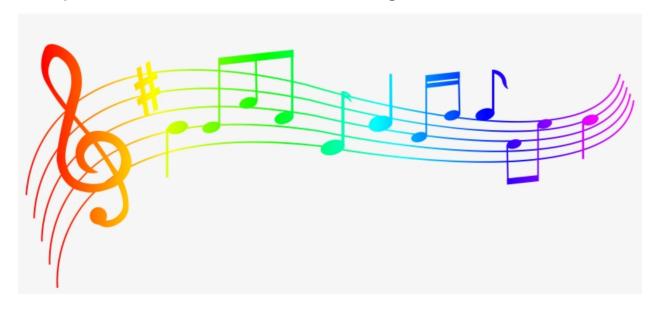
Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – December 8th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Last night was a special evening at Hopewell. Students in grades 1 to 8 performed at Music Night. We had a chance to hear the Primary and Junior Choirs, the Senior Band and the Jazz Band. The audience even got a sneak peak of Annie Jr - the Musical coming to us in February. Thank you to all of the students who worked so hard practicing and attending rehearsals, and thank you to Nicola Williams and Marya Woyiwada who have nurtured our blossoming musicians along.

Many of our classes took part in Coding Week to discover how they can use code to create everything from digital designs, flashing lights, scrolling messages across their screens, and controlling robots!

This past Tuesday at sundown marked the beginning of Hanukkah. We wish all of our families who celebrate a wonderful eight days and may the festival of lights bring you health and happiness (and some delicious latkes and sufganiyot)!

In the spirit of kindness, we are gearing up for another food drive blitz. Please mark your calendars. Tuesday, December 19th is the day. More detail below. An advanced thank you for your generosity!

As the winter weather is now upon us, you may have noticed the signs that indicate that the play structures in all yards are closed for the season. They will reopen in the spring when the ground thaws and it is safe to do so. Thank you for helping our students to make safe choices as you continue to enjoy our common outdoor spaces outside of school hours.

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
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 <u>school cash online</u> 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 mooooove 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.

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.

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

Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

Primary and Junior Activities

Choir - Congratulations to our choirs on their performances last night and this morning! The choirs are going to take a break from rehearsing and will resume in the new year, when they will be welcoming new members.

The Grade 1-2 choir meets on Mondays at 11:35 in Room 100.

The Grade 3-6 choir meets on 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 <u>nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca</u>

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: <u>jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca</u> Primary Chess Club - Wednesdays at 1:40pm in room 424 Contact: <u>jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca</u>

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 <u>HAPS Parent Reference</u> <u>Sheet</u> - 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.



The latest edition of the OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter can be accessed <u>here</u>.

The next in-person Student Circle will be hosted at Hopewell by Minwaashin Lodge on December 14th. 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 <u>here</u>.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOPEWELL AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

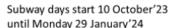
Hello wonderful Hopewell community -



Are your children enjoying the *Pizza and Subway lunches* at school? <u>Today</u> we are opening the orders for Pizza and Subway for the rest of the school year (Feb - June 2024). Go to your <u>School Cash Online</u> account to provide details (you will receive reminders). The sales will close January 25th. Our first pizza day for term two will be Feb 2nd and first subway will be Feb 5th.

Hopewell School Lunches: Orders by 25 Jan 2024







Pizza days start 14 October'23 until Thursday 25 January'24

Thanks to those who reached out about supporting Movie Nights! More hands and minds are welcome. We'll do our first organizing meeting this upcoming week. We are also looking for active Cross-country skiers who are interested in helping organize an outing! Please reach out: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Our next Council meeting will be 16th January. Find more information on School Council on our <u>School Council website</u>, <u>Facebook page</u>

Thank you!

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

#HAPShots









