

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – January 19th, 2024



Dear Hopewell Families,

We hope everyone has had an excellent week. We enjoyed some fabulous winter weather this week. Please note, unless we are experiencing extremely cold temperatures, students go outside for recess twice a day. Your help in reminding students to dress warmly is appreciated. An extra pair of mittens is also recommended. Crocs, while stylish, are not recommended footwear for the outdoors in January. 😊

Today is Black Excellence Day at the OCDSB. Black Excellence Day was first organized and recognized by OCDSB students and staff in early 2022 and reminds us that, despite facing on-going systemic anti-Black racism, people of Black African descent continue to excel in various areas of life. This year, Black Excellence Day is being held just before [Lincoln Alexander Day \(Jan 21st\)](#), to honour this trailblazer and to share information about other Black Canadians who have made significant contributions to our communities. Black Excellence Day is an opportunity for us to come together to examine our roles in maintaining - or disrupting and addressing - systemic anti-Black racism and supporting and inspiring students in feeling empowered to achieve their full potential.

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

Tuesday, January 23rd - Kindergarten Information Night, 6:30pm in library

Thursday, January 25th - Movie Night hosted by School Council - details below
Thursday, January 25th - Pizza and Subway - Orders close
Friday, January 26th - PA Day, No School For Students
Thursday, February 15th - Movie Night hosted by Prism Club
Friday, February 16th - PA Day, No School For Students
Monday, February 19th - Family Day, School Is Closed
Tuesday, March 5th - Hopewell School Council Meeting, 7pm, Library
Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th - March Break
Friday, March 29th - Good Friday, School Is Closed
Monday, April 1st - Easter Monday, School Is Closed
Sunday, April 28th - Anything On Wheels Sale & Yard Clean-Up

SCHOOL NEWS

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 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
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
Chess Club (grades 1 - 6) - 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 Minecraft Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 100. Contact:
alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca

Intermediate News

Mini Courses for Grade 8s

In partnership with uOttawa and Carleton University, students in Grade 8 have the opportunity to participate in a 5-day mini course that is facilitated by the universities. Each course runs from April 29 - May 3, from 9 - 3 each day. More details about the course options can be found at minic.ca.

Although we would love to send every interested student, Hopewell is allocated a certain number of registrations. We should receive confirmation of numbers next week, but to support planning, we are asking students to express interest in the program by completing [this Google Form](#). This information was also provided to students in class, emailed directly to students, and posted on their Google Classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca.

Transition to Grade 9

Course planning sheets for all sites are now available, and all Grade 8 students received a paper copy today. Those heading to Glebe also received a digital version sent to their student email. Students were asked to review the courses over the weekend. Next week, students will spend time as a class getting answers to any questions and starting to enter requests into Xello. Parents can review selections in Xello from home and will be asked to complete a Form in the coming weeks to approve choices. If you have any questions, please contact jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca.

Mental Health Literacy Modules - Grade 7 and 8

In connection with Health and Physical Education, Grade 7 and 8 students are participating in modules from the Ministry of Education about mental health. These modules are delivered by their Health teacher as part of their annual program and are directly tied to the Ontario Curriculum. They have been developed with the understanding that when we start early in life and reinforce habits that promote mental health within caring classroom settings, we can set students up for success and may help to prevent or minimize the burden of future mental health problems. As with all instruction, they are responsive to student needs and delivered with individual student profiles in mind.

The Grade 7 Modules include topics such as the relationship between mental health and mental illness, understanding signs of need and seeking support, and the relationship between mental health and substance use. The Grade 8 Modules include topics such as mental health and stigma, managing stress, and how to seek support for a friend.

A parent and guardian tip sheet titled Exploring Mental Health Together can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your child's Health educator.

A reminder that all extracurriculars, workshops, and special presentations are always included on the Intermediate Extras calendar. This calendar can be viewed through the [Intermediate Page](#), or accessed through the [HOSSS](#). Keep in mind that these are only viewable when logged into Chrome with an OCDSB student account for privacy purposes - ask your child to log in to show you at home!

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 January 25th. 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,

We held a successful school council meeting on Tuesday evening and have lots of events planned for the rest of the school year.

First up is our **Movie Night on Thursday Jan 25th**. We will be showing “Le Petit Prince” . We do however need some more parent volunteers to make this a great evening. If you would like to help out please email sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca or sign up for a task [here](#)

Last call for hot lunches! **Pizza and Subway ordering deadline is Thursday January 25th** and we will not be able to accept orders after this date. To order please log onto [School Cash online](#)

Today the School Council handed over a cheque to the School for the first instalment of our 2023/24 fundraising. Thank you to all who supported hot lunches, Ski and Skate Sale and all future School Council events, we couldn't do this without your generous support.

Thank you!

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

HOPEWELL AVE PUBLIC SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT!

doors open at **5:45 PM**

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 25TH
6:15 PM**

Join us in the Hopewell
Gym for a **family movie
night!**

Students are encouraged to
wear PJs, & bring blankets,
stuffedies, pillows, etc.

Popcorn & chips will be
available for purchase.
Please bring your water
bottles.

We ask that all students be
accompanied by an adult!





Fridays
January 12
February 9
March 8

Hopewell Ave. PS
School Council Room
Rm 225
noon to 1:30 pm

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coffee time
2nd Friday of every month!

**Expand your village, meet other
Hopewell Parents/Guardians &
Coffee, tea, & scones!**

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.



#HAPShots





