

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – March 28th, 2024



Dear Hopewell Families,

It has been a short but busy week at school. Some of our highlights have been captured in #HAPShots that you will find at the end of this message.

Today we had many students excited about this evening's Movie Night. Details are below. Thank you to our School Council for hosting this event - popcorn, jammies and a movie with friends - what a great way to spend an evening!

We hope all families have received the messaging about the new [Safe Arrival](#) process. We have included further information in this communication. We would request that you review this new process carefully. Our team is excited to implement this system that we expect will:

- Enhance student safety.
- Help families report student absences easily.
- Help us respond quickly to unexplained student absences.
- Make notifications to families faster.

For those celebrating this weekend, we wish you a peaceful Good Friday and a Happy Easter.

Have a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

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Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, March 28th - School Council Movie Night

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday, School Is Closed

Monday, April 1st - Easter Monday, School Is Closed

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

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 will go live for Hopewell Ave PS starting **April 3, 2024**. After the system is live, 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.

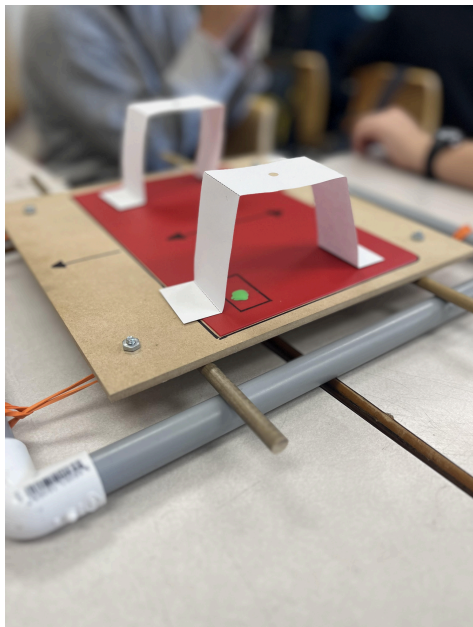
Intermediate News

Skills Ontario Presentations

All Intermediate classes heard from a representative from Skills Ontario last week. Her presentation included an overview of what the skilled trades are, why they are important and some examples of careers in the skilled trades. Ask your child if they can remember how many different skilled trades there are- most students were surprised to hear the number!

Scientists in School

On Monday and Tuesday this week, three Grade 7 classes participated in a hands-on workshop facilitated by Scientists in School called Fending Off Forces. They learned about external and internal forces by exploring the techniques engineers use to keep buildings standing tall and strong. Activities included creating models to simulate shaking off an earthquake, supporting a load, and ensuring structural stability. Our fourth Grade 7 class is scheduled for this workshop in May.



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 4th. 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 hope you get a chance to join us tonight at our **Movie Night, Thursday March 28th**. We will be showing “Le Petit Prince”. **Parent volunteers** are welcome! See you tonight (If you would like to help out please email sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca or sign up for a task [here](#))

Join us on 9 April in the school library from 7:00-9:00pm for our next **School Council meeting**. Mark your calendars and stop by, or reach out if you'd like to receive details in advance.

In April we are hosting a **Chess tournament** for Grade 3 to 6 students. Mark your calendar for **April 11th**, any parent chess enthusiasts please volunteer for the evening by emailing sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca

Weekend of April 27th/28th is the eagerly anticipated **Anything on Wheels Sale** and **School Yard Clean Up**. So please mark your calendars and 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.

Happy Easter weekend!

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,
MARCH 28TH

6:15 PM

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

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

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

We ask that all students be accompanied by an adult!



Save the Date!

Hopewell Ave. Public School's 1st annual

Chess Tournament

For all students grade 3-8!

April 11, 2024

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

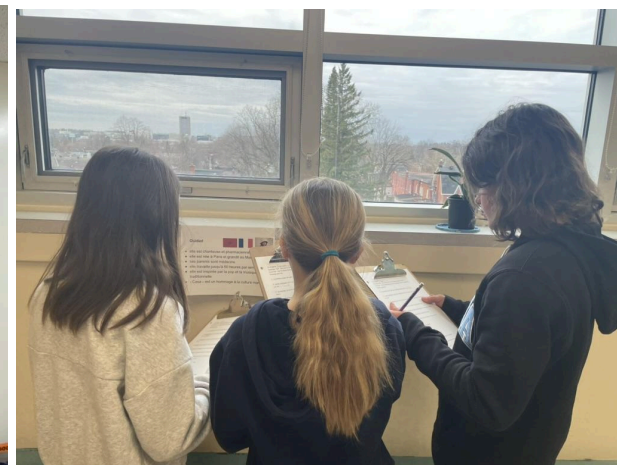
Coffee, Juice

& snacks provided

(don't forget your mug!)

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

#HAPShots





DISTRICT NEWS

OCDSB Speaker Series: Autistically Thriving – An Evening with Judy Endow



As part of World Autism Awareness Month in April, speaker, author, and autism consultant Judy Endow will lead a virtual session for families and staff on the topic “Autistically Thriving: Living a Self-Determined Life Based on Autistic Neurology.” This event will explore:

- Focusing on strengths to understand who autistic people are and how they can flourish
- Autistic thinking styles and ways of processing information

- New ways to think about and implement autistic support

Judy will share many examples highlighting how autistics can truly thrive when they are honored for who they are and supported for who they want to be. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Format: Zoom Webinar. [Register in advance.](#)

This event is part of our [OCDSB Speaker Series](#). Learn more about [Autism Awareness and Acceptance at the OCDSB](#).

About the Speaker:

Judy Endow, MSW, LCSW maintains a private practice in Madison, Wisconsin, providing consultation for families, school districts, and other agencies. Besides having autism herself, she is the parent of three grown sons, one of whom is on the autism spectrum. Judy does workshops and presentations on a variety of autism-related issues, has been part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Statewide Autism Training Team, and a board member of both the Autism Society of America, Wisconsin Chapter and the Autism National Committee. She recently received the Dr. Cathy Pratt Award for Autism Professional of the Year. She brings a great depth of understanding and compassion to all the work she does.