

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – March 8th, 2024



Dear Hopewell Families,

Today we wished all of our students a Happy March Break as we move into a week of holiday time. We have had a busy block of learning during the winter months and hope everyone has a wonderful break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 18th.

This week we hosted Junior Tripleball Tournaments. We were excited to welcome many school teams and support this opportunity at our site! Thank you to all who participated, including coaches Jenna Kennedy, Meaghan Storey and the many student volunteers who helped make this event a success. Both of our Hopewell teams should be proud of their accomplishments!

Our intermediate boys basketball team participated in a tournament this week as well and brought their heart and passion to the court. Well done! Thank you to Coach Andrew Wood for leading the team through a great season.

International Women's Day was acknowledged today. Grade 7 students Flor I. and Ava P. wrote a message about this day that was shared during our morning announcements. With their permission, their message is included below.

As we launched into March Break we also acknowledged St. Patrick's Day and leaned green today. There were many shamrocks and Irish vibes in our building today.

For our families observing the holy month of Ramadan beginning next week, we wish you Ramadan Kareem.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, March 18th. Bon congé de mars.

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller
Principal & Vice-Principal

X: @HopewellAvePS
Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



UPCOMING DATES

Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th - March Break

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

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:

alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca

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

Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball - encourage your child to listen to announcements and/or check announcements posted in the atrium. Contact:

jenna.kennedy@ocdsb.ca and meghana.storey@ocdsb.ca

International Women's Day



Today, as we celebrate International Women's Day, we not only remember all the achievements and contributions of women throughout our history, but we also renew our commitment to the ongoing struggle for gender equality and all the women who faced and still face sexism. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of women in all walks of life, from politics to science, from business to the arts. It is a day to recognize the immense contributions that women make to our societies, our economies, and our communities.

International Women's Day is a powerful reminder of the progress we have made, but it also serves as a big reminder of the challenges that still happen. It is a day to reflect on the injustices that women continue to face around the world. From gender-based violence to economic inequality, women and girls are still affected by discrimination and unfairness. As we look forward, we should strive to cultivate an environment that all women and girls feel safe in, because gender equality is not just a women's issue—it is a human rights issue. It is a fundamental principle of justice and fairness that should concern us all. It is about creating a world where everyone has the same opportunities to thrive and succeed, regardless of their gender identity. As we remember all women who cultivated a better environment for women and girls, happy International Women's Day!

Intermediate News

There are lots of exciting educational events coming up for Grade 7s and 8s in the next few weeks, starting with presentations from Skills Ontario for all Intermediate classes when we return from March Break. These presentations include an overview of the skilled trades, their importance, and information on how to pursue this pathway.

Stay tuned for more information about Scientists in School and painting workshops for Grade 7s, a pottery workshop for Grade 8s, and much more in the coming months!

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 March 28th. 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 March 28th**. 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](#)

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

Our Hot Lunch provider **Family Table** has been able to set up their website so that parents can order for the entire rest of the year! They have also added a promotional rate until the end of March Break. Check them out at www.familytableottawa.com

Have a wonderful restful March Break.

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!

The Little Prince
based on the masterpiece by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
MARK OSBORNE

The poster features the main characters from the animated film 'The Little Prince': the Little Prince, the Fox, and the Pilot. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with stars and a crescent moon.



Hopewell Lunch Program

Shop early and save! Our new menu starts

in April and ordering is now open for all meals until the end of the school year!

Small - \$8.50

Large - \$12.50



all meals come with fresh fruit & veggies, and two snacks

www.familytableottawa.com/hopewellschool



Save the Date!

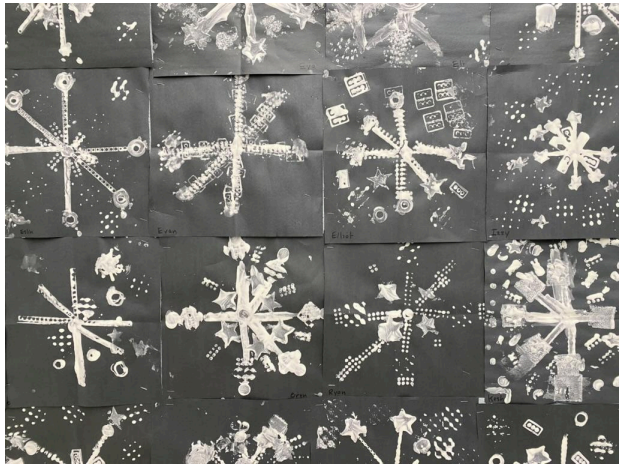
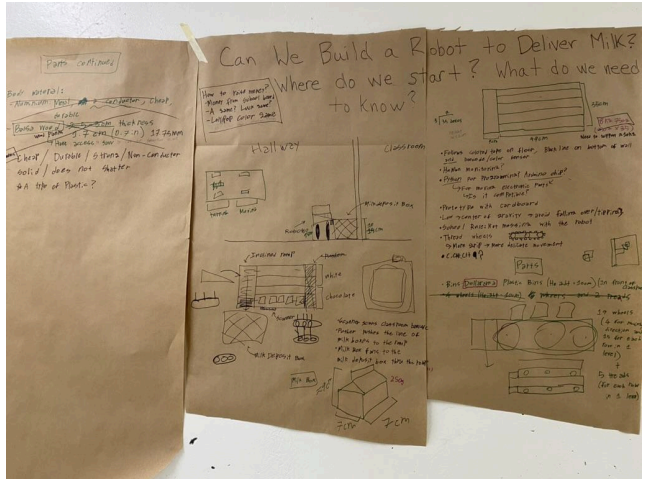
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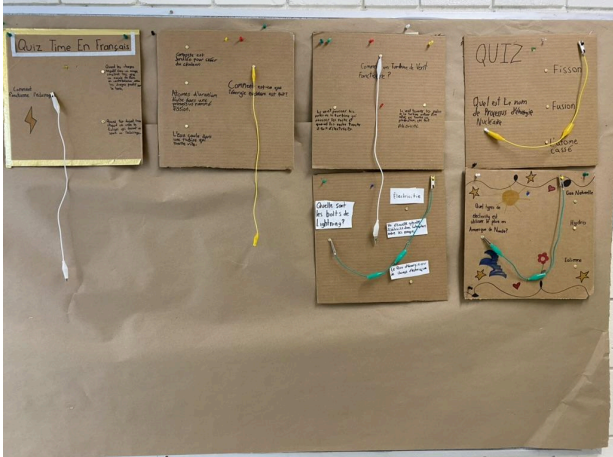
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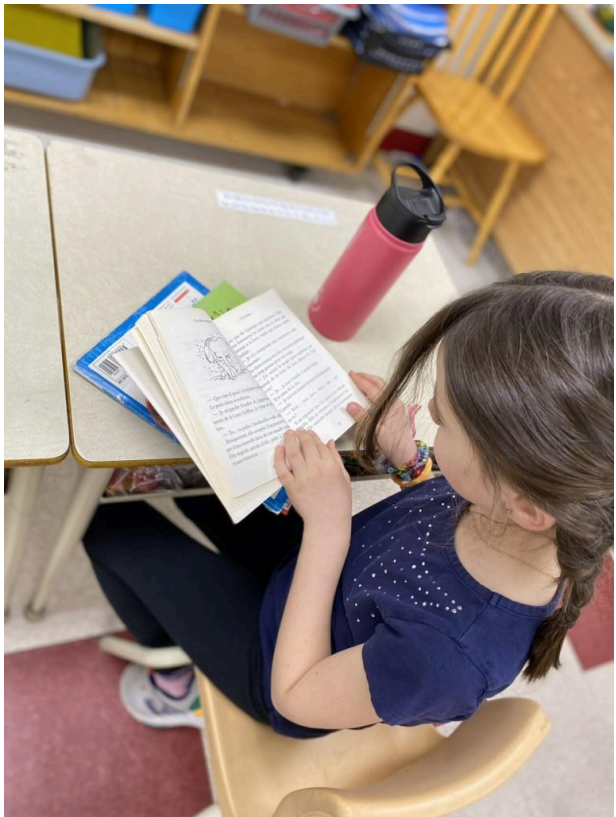
For all students grade 3-8!

April 11, 2024

#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.