

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – November 17th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We hope you have had a wonderful week!

Yesterday access to Progress Reports (grades 1-8) and Initial Observations of Learning (Kindergarten) were sent out via our SchoolMessenger system. If you did not receive your child's Progress Report or Initial Observations of Learning message, please reach out to our school office. Progress Reports are designed to share information about a child's general progress in working towards their achievement of the curriculum expectations. Progress Reports do not include marks or letter grades, but rather progress will be reported by indicating if the student is "progressing very well", "progressing well", or "progressing with difficulty". This report is intended to provide parents with an early indication of their child's progress and will communicate areas of growth.

Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will take place next Thursday evening and Friday morning. Details about interviews are in our School News section of this message. [Interview Link](#)

Our clothing sale is wrapping up this weekend. Timelines have been tight to ensure orders come in before the December holiday. **We will not be able to receive orders after the final order date - November, 19th.** Further details about this are below.

As always, #HAPShots are included in this message, capturing many of the highlights of our week. A community message from Snowhawks can also be found below. The opportunity for grades 5-8 students to participate in this community program is available once again.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend! Bonne fin de semaine!

Sincerely,

Martina Sherwood & Sandy Miller  
Principal & Vice-Principal

X: @HopewellAvePS

Instagram: @HopewellAvePS



## UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, November 19th - last day for Spirit Wear orders

Thursday, November 23rd PM- Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews & Clothing Drive

Friday, November 24th - PA Day, no school for students, Parent/Guardian/Teacher Interviews AM & Clothing Drive

Friday, December 1st - Grade 7 & 8 vaccination clinic

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will take place the evening of Thursday, November 23rd and the morning of Friday, November 24th. We have planned for in person interviews but are offering a phone option as well. In many cases families and educators have already had the chance to meet and an interview has not been requested. If your child's educator has requested an interview you will have received an email today. If you did not receive a request for an interview and would like to schedule a meeting, you may book a time through our online booking system which can be accessed by following this link:

[Interview Link](#)

Interviews are 10 minutes in duration to allow educators to meet with as many families as possible. Please note, to allow educators to prepare for interviews, access to online booking will close at midnight Wednesday, November 22nd.

### Clothing Drive



Hey Hopewell Families! Are you tossing toques? Do you have mini mitts that just don't fit? If so, we are having a winter clothing drive at school on Thursday November 23rd and Friday, November 24th! Parents/guardians can also drop items during interviews on Thursday night or Friday during interview times. Bring gloves, hats, mitts, jackets, snow pants and any other outdoor gear - all sizes from kids to adults will be gratefully received! All donations will go to families in need throughout Ottawa. We ask that all donations are cleaned before donating. Thanks for helping out!!

### Gr 7 & 8 Vaccination Clinic at Hopewell

An Ottawa Public Health Intermediate vaccination clinic will be held at Hopewell on Dec 1st. The following vaccines are offered for grade 7 students (and those grade 8s who missed the vaccines last year) at the in-school clinic:

Meningococcal  
 Human Papillomavirus  
 Hepatitis B

If your child will be absent on the day of the school clinic, or if you have questions about the vaccines, please visit:

<https://www.parentinginottawa.ca/en/immunizations.aspx>

Watch for more information and consent forms being sent home on Nov 23rd.

### Spirit Wear

Wear your #PegasusPride on your sleeve! Hopewell Clothing Orders will be open from November 10th until November 19th through [School Cash Online](#). T-shirts (short & long-sleeved), hoodies, sweatpants, hats, and toques are on offer this season. There will be a second order in the Spring for those who are interested.

Hopewell Avenue PS 2023-2024		Clothing Orders (Fall 2023)	
Item	Sizes	Colours	Price/Item
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Youth XS-XL	Gold Black Sport Grey Light Pink Purple	\$18.00
	Adult S-2XL	Gold Black Sport Grey Light Pink Purple	\$18.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	Youth XS-XL	Gold * only size S + up Black Sport Grey Purple * only size S + up	\$30.00
	Adult S-2XL	Gold Black Sport Grey Purple	\$30.00
Hoodie	Youth M-XL	Gold Black Sport Grey Light Pink Purple	\$40.00
	Adult S-XL	Gold Black Sport Grey Light Pink Purple	\$45.00
	Adult 2XL	ALL colours as above	\$50.00
Sweatpants	Youth S-XL	Black Sport Grey	\$35.00
	Adult S-XL	Black Sport Grey	\$35.00
Beanie Toque	One Size Fits All	Heather Charcoal Purple	\$25.00
Baseball Cap	Youth O/S	Slate Grey	\$22.00
	Adult XS, SIM, LXL	Dark Grey Purple	\$40.00

### Extra Curricular @ Hopewell



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

#### Primary and Junior Activities

Grades 1 and 2 Choir - Mondays in room 100 during the 11:35 recess. Contact: [nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca)

Grades 3 to 6 Choir - Thursdays in room 100 during the 11:35 recess. Contact: [nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca)

Primary Art Club - Fridays in room 100 during second break 1:40-2:20. Contact: [jacey.upton@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jacey.upton@ocdsb.ca)

Textiles Club - Thursdays with Ms Thiessen Contact: [jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca)

Primary Chess Club - Wednesdays at 1:40pm in room 424 Contact: [jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca)

Grade Three Math Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 424. Contact: [elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca](mailto:elizabeth.vorobej@ocdsb.ca)

Junior Yo-Yo and Minecraft Club - Tuesdays at 1:40pm in room 100. Contact: [alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca](mailto:alyson.scrim@ocdsb.ca)

Junior Boys and Girls Bordenball is starting - stay tuned for details.

### Intermediate News

## Get Real Inclusivity Workshop

Grade 7s and 8s will participate in an Inclusivity Workshop by Get Real on Monday November 27th. These workshops are funded by our board and supported by our Equity Team. [An agenda of the workshop can be found here.](#) Classes will partake in pre-workshop and debrief activities to support this experience. We would appreciate it if you could support by having follow up conversations at home to consolidate this important learning. If you have any questions, please reach out to [jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca)

## Transition to Grade 9

Grade 8 families should continue to check the [Parent Reference Sheet](#) for Open House information, and watch their emails for specific updates. Noteworthy new additions include the **Glebe CI Open House** and **Hillcrest Open House** scheduled for December 6th and 12th respectively. All Grade 8 Families should also try to attend the [All About High School Virtual Information Session](#) hosted virtually on Nov. 29th. If you have any questions, please reach out to: [jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca).

## Book Fair



Hello Friends and Families at Hopewell! We are looking forward to setting up our book fair in the library next week! We are bringing a combination of some of our old favourites, and some new hot off the press titles! We are there long enough that you can make requests, and we can bring them in for you if we have them at the store that same week. We will be giving 20 % of sales back to the Hopewell Library, so this is a great opportunity to get something that will be a treat for you, and also give back to the school. We will be there on Thursday evening and Friday morning, so adults who are coming in to meet the teacher will also have a chance to shop. We can take cash, debit, mastercard and visa.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Mackenzie and Lisa, your friends at Octopus Books

## 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 November 30th. 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](#).

## **SNOWHAWKS - GRADES 5-8**

Get ready for winter fun... For 2024, Snowhawks Ottawa returns to Hopewell Ave to offer students in grades 5 through 8 a four-day, after-school ski & snowboard program.

The first outing will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, and the program will continue Jan 18, Jan 25 & Feb 1. Two trips each to Vorlage and Mt Cascades will provide plenty of variety. Participants may register for lift tickets and motor coach travel only, with buddied free-ski time and general supervision; or they may add lessons and/or equipment rental as desired. Parents may also indicate their interest in volunteering during the online registration process.

Motor coaches will leave the school at early dismissal (3:20 PM) and return to school at 9:00 PM. Deadline for registration is **Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**, although space may fill before the deadline.

[Click here for the program info-sheet](#) which includes a link to the [Snowhawks Registration Portal](#).

For answers to any questions about the program, please contact Snowhawks Ottawa directly at [ottawa@snowhawks.com](mailto:ottawa@snowhawks.com)

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOPEWELL AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**



Hello wonderful Hopewell community -

Meet our Parent Representatives on the School Council, Please reach out to them with questions and suggestions.

Kinders - Jessica Neil - [jessicaneil@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaneil@gmail.com)

Primary - Meghan Lewis - [meganlewis@gmail.com](mailto:meganlewis@gmail.com)

Junior - Venus Nikseresht - [venus.nikeresht@gmail.com](mailto:venus.nikeresht@gmail.com)

Intermediate - Maria Hinostroza - [hinostroza.maria@gmail.com](mailto:hinostroza.maria@gmail.com)

**Hopewell Avenue  
Public School  
School Council**  
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### PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Introducing the Hopewell Avenue School Council's division representatives.

They are available to answer questions about school life, receive suggestions and share ways to become involved in our school community. Please get in touch with them through email or in person after school at pick-up.

<b>Kinders</b>	 <b>Jessica Neil</b> jessicaneil@gmail.com	<b>Primary</b>	 <b>Meghan Lewis</b> meghanhewis@gmail.com	
<b>Junior</b>	 <b>Venus Nikseresht</b> venus.nikseresht@gmail.com	<b>WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!!</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	 <b>Maria Hinostroza:</b> hinostroza.maria@gmail.com

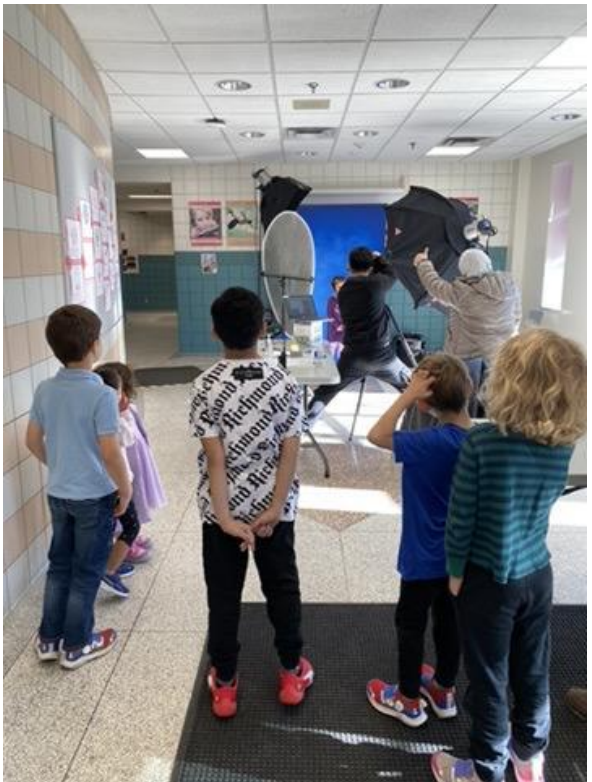
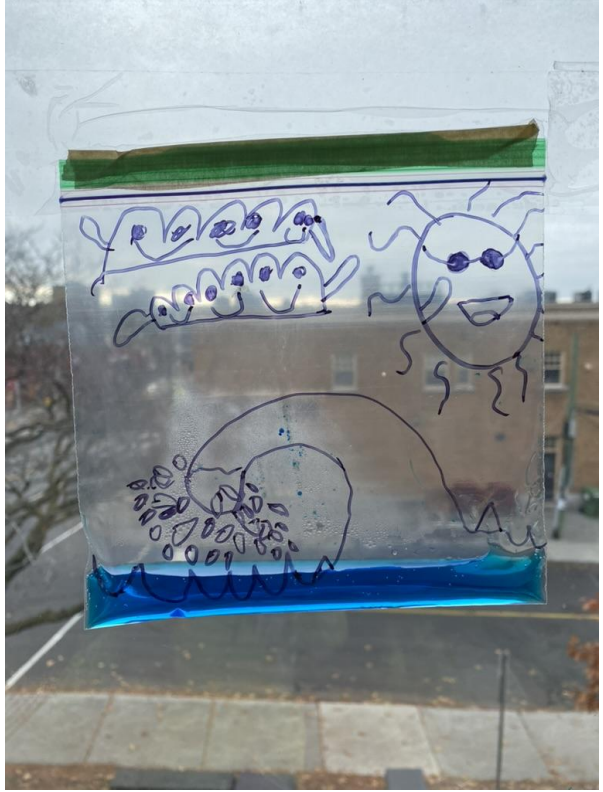
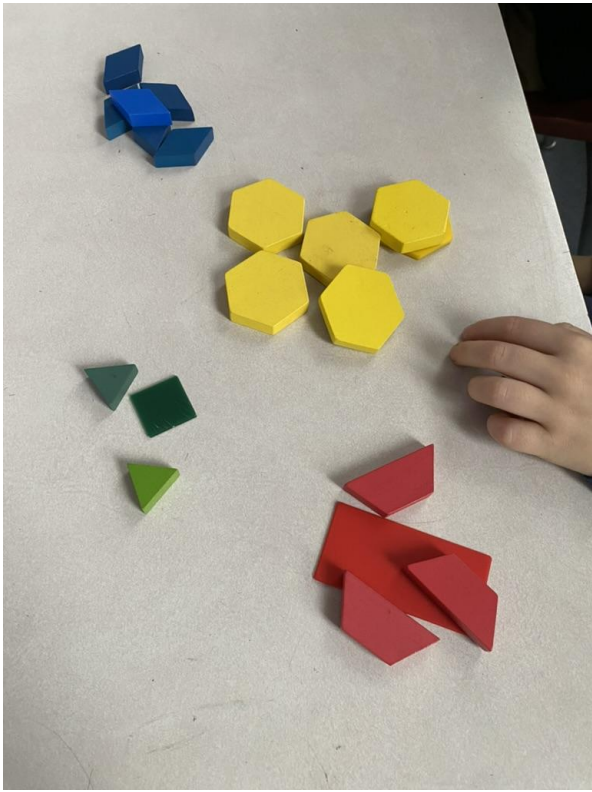
Call out for parent volunteers to help with Movie Nights that we are planning for 2024. If you would like to be involved please reach out to us by email: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) or contact us by email: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Thank you!

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

**#HAPShots**





**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Celebrating the International Decade for People of African Descent**



On Saturday, November 25, local signatories to the United Nations Declaration for People of African Descent (UNDPAD), 2015-2024 will join together for a symposium to reflect and learn on commitments made and future actions.

June Girvan, Chair of Black History Ottawa and founder of the Ubuntu Collective noted that “*August 28th, 2023 marked the 190th anniversary of the adoption of the Act to Abolish Slavery in the British Empire, 1833. Almost two centuries later, there is still much work to do. As the end of the [United Nations Declaration for the International Decade for People of African Descent \(2014-2025\)](#) draws near, we must decisively interrupt; celebrate our progress; and create our own legacy.*”

The symposium, entitled *Our Shared Legacy; Our History – Our Humanity*, will build on the theme of *Ubuntu*, a Zulu expression which centres on the notion of humanity towards others. Ubuntu embodies the idea of interconnectedness, kindness, compassion, and mutual support among people.

Conversations at the Symposium will focus on literacy, legacy, humanity, and dignity. Participants will gather in safe space conversation and reflect on the emancipation of slavery in the British Empire and its resonance today. Signatories to the UNDPAD will be given the opportunity to share actions taken in their respective organizations since the signing of UNDPAD. The afternoon will include a keynote address by Tom Zoellner, award-winning author of *Island on Fire: The Revolt that Ended Slavery in the British Empire*.

“*This event is a tremendous opportunity for our community to come together for a momentous day of inspiration and reflection, and to build on our commitment to human rights and upholding the dignity of every person,*” said Michele Giroux, Co-chair of the Ubuntu Collective.

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** November 25, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** In the Auditorium of the National Gallery of Canada

**Registration:** Registration is free

<https://UbuntuCollective.eventbrite.ca>

**Lunch:** Available as an option on registration for a \$20.00 fee

Attendance is open to the general public and will include representatives of the organizations that are signatories to the declaration, including the City of Ottawa, school districts, post-secondary institutions, community organizations, historical societies, labour groups, embassy representatives; educators, students and families.

The event is being hosted by the Ubuntu Collective, which includes representatives from Black History Ottawa, JDEC-Every Child is Sacred, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and University of Ottawa, Faculty of Education.

#### **Signatories to the U.N. Declaration for People of African Descent**

- City of Ottawa
- Ottawa Police Services Board
- Ottawa Police Services
- Ottawa Police Services Association
- University of Ottawa
- University of Ottawa, Faculty of Education
- Carleton University
- Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
- Ottawa Catholic School Board
- Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est
- Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario
- Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

- Ashbury College
- Ottawa District Labour Council
- The Historical Society of Ottawa
- National Gallery of Canada
- Black History Ottawa
- The Congregation Machzikei Hada, Jewish Federation of Ottawa &
- The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs
- Temple Israel