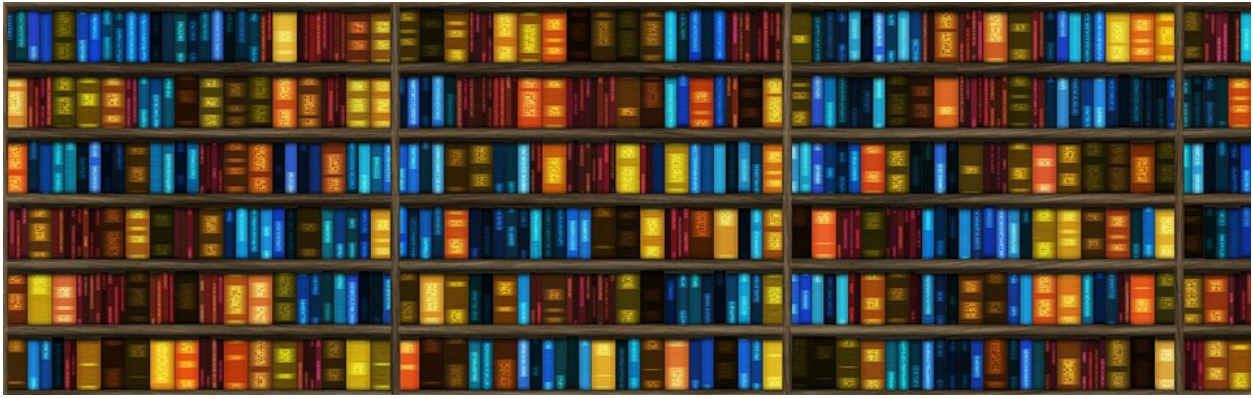


Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – November 23rd, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We are sending out our communication ahead of our scheduled parent/guardian/teacher interviews that will be taking place this evening and tomorrow morning. We are looking forward to welcoming parents/guardians into the building to discuss your child's progress and plan forward together. Your partnership is so important to us and having the time to connect in this formal way is very valuable.

If you are planning to attend interviews, please remember to check out the lost and found in our atrium area in case your child did not identify that lost mitten or sweatshirt! Please also consider donating to our winter clothing drive. Details are below and we are so grateful to receive your donations.

In addition to all of the excitement inside our classrooms this week, a trip to the library to visit the book fair was a highlight for many. A huge thank you to Christine Power and Octopus Books for bringing the book fair to Hopewell. The book fair will remain open this evening and tomorrow for families to visit during interview times.

This week we acknowledged Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. As part of this week there were many classroom activities taking place that included read alouds, discussion circles, and self-reflection. For families, The Ministry of Education has developed a one-page information sheet designed to highlight this important issue. The '[Bullying: We Can All Help Stop It](#)' guide has information about bullying, including cyberbullying, and what you can do if your child is being bullied, has witnessed bullying or may be bullying others. As this week comes to an end, our ongoing commitment to upholding and promoting a safe, caring and respectful environment at our school will continue.

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

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

Thursday, December 7th, 6:30pm - Music Night!

SCHOOL NEWS

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 today.

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

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

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: jennifer.thiessen@ocdsb.ca

Primary Chess Club - 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 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

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

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.

Book Fair



Hello Friends and Families at Hopewell! Our book fair is set up in the library! We have a combination of some of our old favourites, and some new hot off the press titles! 20 % of sales go 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!

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](#).

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOPEWELL AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Hello wonderful Hopewell community -

Happy to let you know that in last week's School Council meeting the budget was approved to support this year's plans. Watch out for events coming up in the upcoming months!



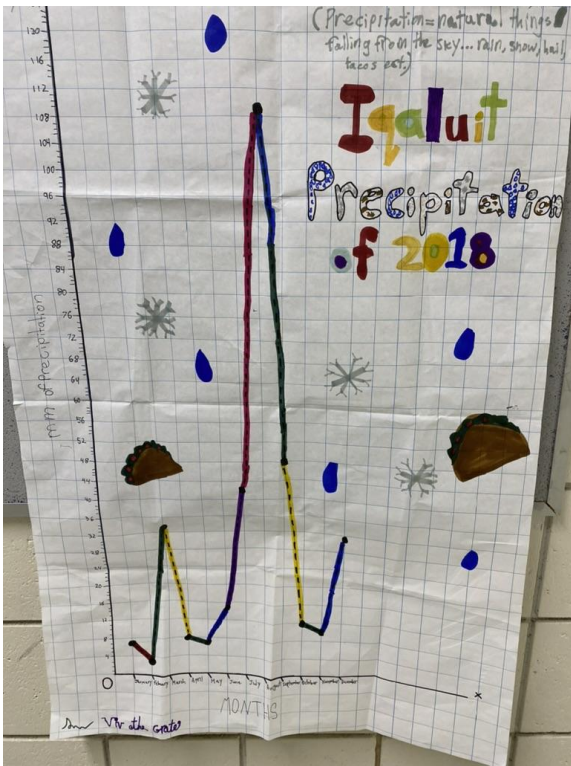
Call out for parent volunteers to help with **Movie Nights** that we are planning for 2024. If you would like to be involved please reach out to us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Our next Council meeting will be in January. Find more information on School Council on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#)
Thank you!

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

#HAPShots







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