

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – November 2nd, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We have just completed a great week of learning! The buzz of Hallowe'en certainly added to the excitement. On Tuesday morning we welcomed monsters, zombies, a variety of animals - wild and domesticated, a food truck, a vending machine and many, many Barbies. It was a fun day that included a kindergarten parade, special activities in our primary classes, a dance for our junior students (thank you to parent DJs Ms. Hession and Mr. Georgeson!!) and a pumpkin decorating contest for some of our intermediate students.

Our intermediate boys football team participated in a school board tournament on Tuesday. Congratulations to the team for making it to the semifinals and thank you to coaches Mme Likins and Mr. Sinclair.

Tomorrow is a PA day. This means no school for students but lots of learning for our school team. We will be focusing on ministry priorities which will include Literacy, Mathematics, Indigenous perspectives, student mental health and well-being and cybersecurity/online privacy.

Next Friday we will be acknowledging Remembrance Day. We will be holding two assemblies. The first assembly will be held at 9:35am and the second at 10:35am. Parents/guardians who wish to attend are welcome to attend either ceremony. Poppies will be made available for students to wear on Friday. On Wednesday and Thursday, student volunteers will visit classes to collect donations in support of the Legion's [Poppy Fund](#).

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

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UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 3rd - PA Day, no school for students
Tuesday, November 14th, 7pm - School Council in the library
Thursday, November 16th - Photo Retake Day
Thursday, November 16th - Progress Reports/Initial Observations of Learning shared electronically
Friday, November 24th - PA Day, no school for students

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees

The Hopewell Team is committed to providing activities to support your child's learning. We are requesting a voluntary student fee of \$20.00 from each student in order to enhance our program. Payments can be made through our SchoolCashOnline system. If you have not yet signed up for SchoolCashOnline, sign up takes less than 5 minutes and you can register at: <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com> OR follow the link on [Hopewell's website](#).

For families with more than two children attending, Hopewell student fees will be capped at \$40.00. Please note that this fee does not include the cost of field trips initiated by individual classes. Should surplus funds remain in the school fee account at the end of the school year, they will be directed to support the purchase of additional opportunities/materials to enhance student learning experiences at the school.

The student fee will be used to purchase supplies for specialized arts activities, materials for unique science and mathematics opportunities, and special presentations/assemblies.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and would kindly request that School Fee payments be made by Friday, November 10th, if you are contributing. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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

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

Intermediate News

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!

Grade 8 Transition to Grade 9

This past week, all Grade 8 classes participated in an introductory session for Xello (ask your Grade 8 about their Learning Style!) and continued conversations about pathway planning.

For your planning, the Virtual All About High School event for Grade 8 families has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. More information about how to access the event will follow.

Moving forward, all important dates and information will be added to the [HAPS Parent Reference Sheet](#). This is a live document that will be continuously updated - bookmark it to keep track of all relevant dates. Open House dates for all Secondary Schools should be set by the end of next week. If you have any questions, please reach out to 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](#).

A bi-weekly, in-person Student Circle will be hosted by Minwaashin Lodge beginning November 2nd. 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



Mark your calendar for 10 November to join the "open-hour" coffee-time with coffee, tea & scones for Hopewell parents/guardians. Please drop by to meet other parents in November.



Fridays
October 13
November 10
December 8

*Hopewell Parents
& guardians*

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

coffee time
2nd Friday of every month!

Expand your village & meet other
Hopewell Parents/Guardians!

Coffee & tea provided.
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.

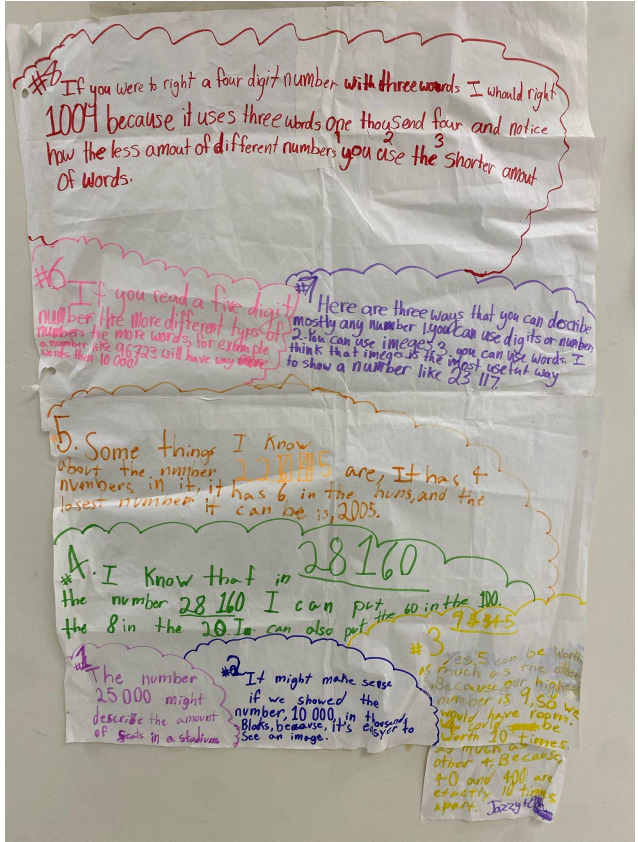
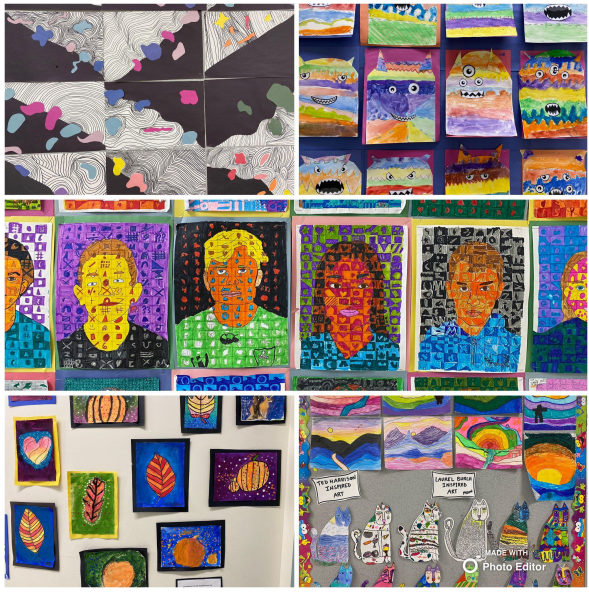
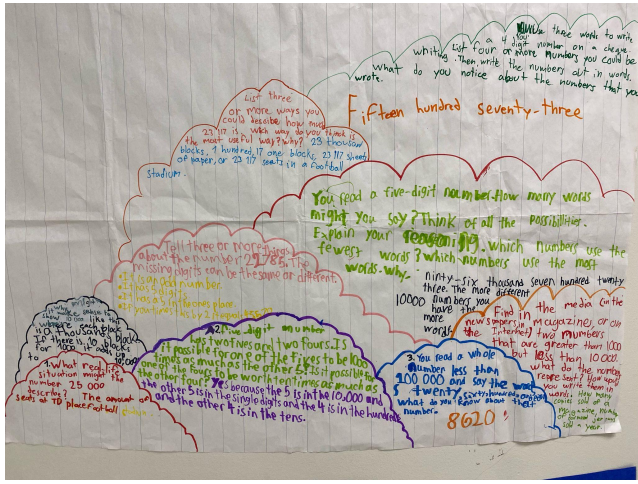
Our **next School Council meeting** is on Tuesday 14 November in the Hopewell School library at 7pm. Contact us by email: sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca if you'd like to receive an invite with agenda and details.

Find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#).
Thank you!

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

#HAPShots







Join us on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the OCDSB Family Conference at Brookfield High School. This year's theme is *Educate, Engage, Empower - Enhancing Learning Together*.

We invite parents, caregivers, students and staff for this free, in-person event being organised by OCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and OCDSB's Family and Community Engagement (FACE).

It will feature Ontario's first Poet Laureate, noted author, inspirational speaker, arts educator, and community leader [Randell Adjei](#) as the keynote speaker. There will also be expert-led workshops by OCDSB staff and community partners on multiple topics with multilingual and sign-language support.

[Register Now!](#)

Learn more about the event and the workshops by visiting: ocdsb.ca/FamilyConference