

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – October 13th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

We first want to acknowledge the impact of recent world events. Please know we are here to support and our commitment to provide a safe and caring environment for our school community is unwavering. Our school community is a special place and in times of challenge we draw strength from each other.

This week many students engaged in some special events. On Tuesday our Junior Soccer teams participated in a district tournament. Congratulations to both teams for representing Hopewell with pride. Thank you to coaches Meg Fracke and Cale Northey. A special thank you is extended to our intermediate student coaches, Adam, Fin, Jacob, Phoebe, Ria, and Robin. These students supported the team in all of the practices leading up to the tournament and their contribution is much appreciated.

Yesterday our Intermediate Cross Country Team represented our school at the district regional event and had a fabulous day wearing the Hopewell H. Thank you to Shari Cooper for leading the event!

Today was the launch of Pizza Fridays. While there was lots of captivating learning taking place throughout our building today, pizza may have won as the highlight. Over 900 slices of pizza were distributed during our first nutrition break thanks to many parent/guardian/student volunteers. A huge thank you to our School Council for bringing this together.

As always, #HAPShots are included in this message, capturing some 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**

Sunday, October 22nd - Ski/Skate Sale  
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**

### **Extra Curricular @ Hopewell**



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

### **Primary and Junior Activities**

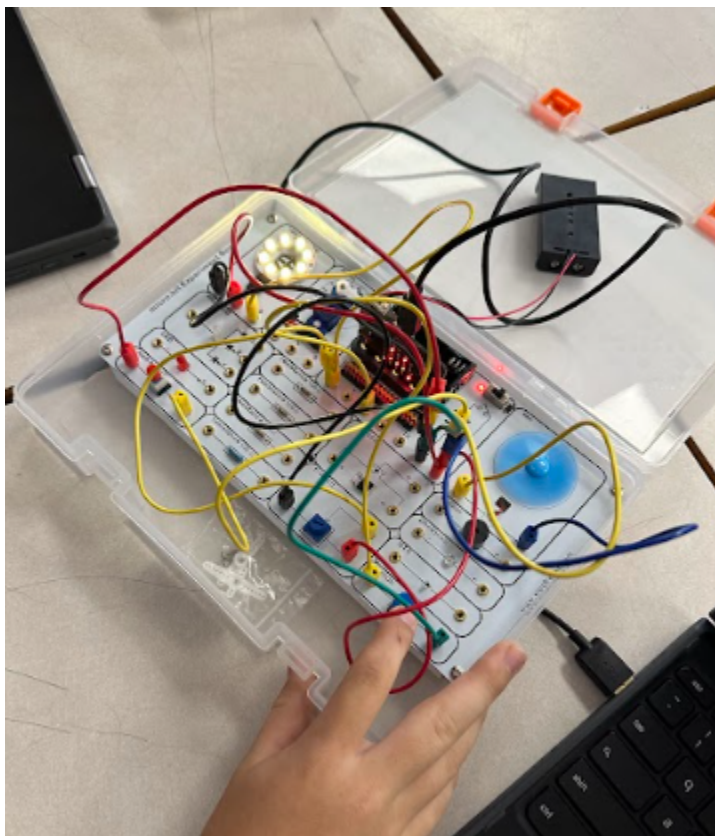
Choir - Rehearsals are Thursdays at 11:10 in room 407. All are welcome. Contact: [nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicola.williams@ocdsb.ca)

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

### **Intermediate Activities**

#### **Virtual Ventures Coding Workshops**

On Tuesday, EMF7C and EMF8C participated in the Coding Crossroads workshop. Thanks to Virtual Ventures for offering this great opportunity to explore these Science and Math coding expectations and for sharing their knowledge of micro:bits.



### **International Day of the Girl Conference**

This past Wednesday, a group of Hopewell students had the amazing opportunity to attend this conference at the Science and Technology Museum. This event provided participants with the opportunity to hear from girls who are taking CO-OP or are in OYAP discuss their perspectives on how they perceive the skilled trades and technologies, why they are choosing to pursue these careers, their favourite tool, and what interests them. Discussions were led by women in the skilled trades.



### Grade 8 News

It's that time of year already - students are beginning to discuss the transition to Grade 9! Presentations were kicked off today with learning about the [IB Programme at Colonel By](#). Additional presentations and information sessions are communicated to Grade 8 families directly and are also included on our [Intermediate Page](#). Upcoming dates are included below for your reference.

Mon. Oct. 16 @ 12:30 - Arts Canterbury Presentation for students

Wed. Nov. 1 @ 7-9pm - [Arts Canterbury Open House](#)

Wed. Nov. 22 @ 6:15-8pm - [IB Programme Open House \(VIRTUAL\)](#)

If you have any questions, please email [jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jenna.neerhof@ocdsb.ca).

### OCDSB Indigenous Student Circles



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



Hello wonderful Hopewell community -

Here are a few quick updates from School Council:

- Hope your kids have all enjoyed the Subway and Pizza this week! Yay for the great lunch program that is supported by so many volunteers.
- We had a great first **School Council meeting** last Tuesday planned a new [calendar of events](#) (details coming soon), budget and ongoing activities.
- Every second Friday of the month, we are having an **"open-hour" coffee-time** with coffee, tea & scones for Hopewell parents/guardians. Hope some of you got to join today, and if you missed it - please drop by to meet other parents in November.
- We're getting ready for our fabulous **Ski and Skate sale & Yard Clean** and are looking for Winter Gear for you to drop off on the 21st. Join us at Hopewell Ave PS on Sunday 22nd for the Sale and for the Yard Clean, please bring rakes, and garden tools to help out in the Yard. Please VOLUNTEER and reach out to [rebekkawroy@gmail.com](mailto:rebekkawroy@gmail.com) (you get an early pick of all gear). Even if you can't make it on the day itself, volunteering with baked goods is very much welcome.



hopewell avenue public school's  
**ski&skate SALE**  
Sunday  
**October 22**  
9-noon

Drop off between 1-5PM  
Saturday, **October 21**  
@ Hopewell Ave. Parking  
Garage (entrance on  
Hopewell Avenue)

[f @hopewellavepschoolcouncil](#)

**WANTED**

• skates	• snowshoes
• SNOWSHOE/ski BOOTS	• helmets
• SLEDS	• poles
• winterized strollers	• snowboards
• skis	• goggles
• ALL OTHER equipment that makes winter fun!	

**You name the price  
Council receives 30%  
& you get 70%  
Volunteers needed**  
& get 15 minutes prior to the sale to  
put aside any items they would like to  
purchase. For more information,  
contact [rebekkawroy@gmail.com](mailto:rebekkawroy@gmail.com)



Sunday  
**October 22**  
9am to noon

**Hopewell Avenue  
Public School's  
YARD  
clean up**

Help make our kids' play space more beautiful.  
Please bring your gardening tools  
& lots of fun energy!

for more information, visit:  
[f @hopewellavePSschoolcouncil](#) Coffee, Juice  
& snacks provided  
(don't forget your mug!)

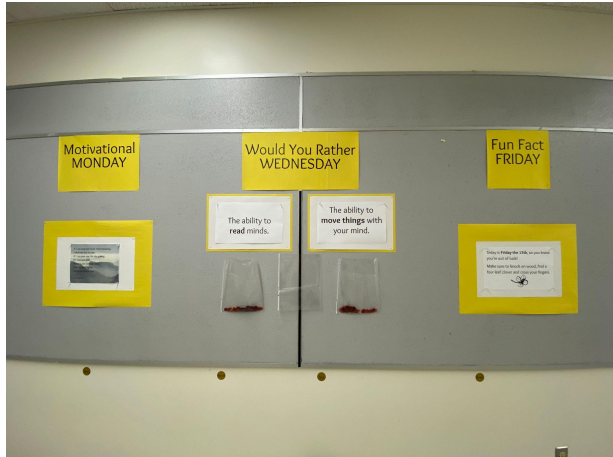
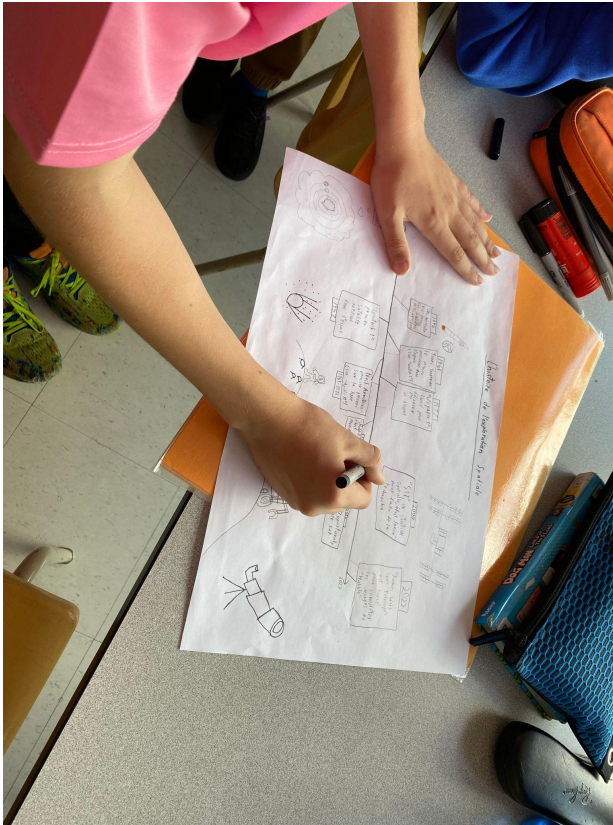
**Need highschool volunteer hours? We'd love your support!**

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!

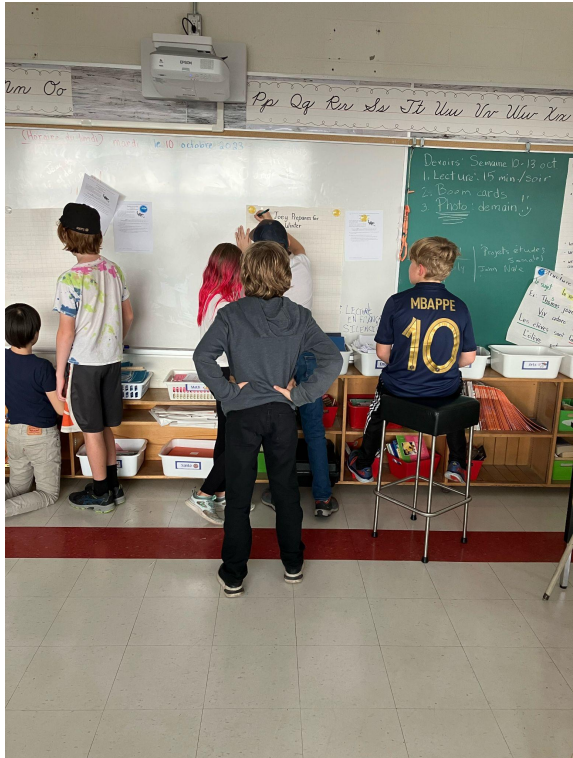
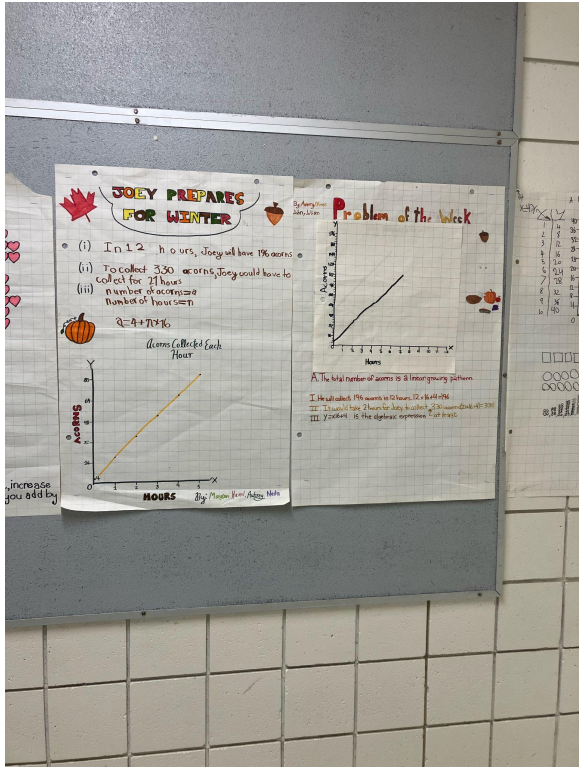
Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry,  
Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

#HAPShots









## District News

### OCDSB to host Family Conference on November 4, 2023



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 organized 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](https://ocdsb.ca/FamilyConference)