

## Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – October 20th, 2023



Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday! We had a busy week of learning, celebrating and adventuring. A notable quote from a determined grade three student in math class, “I am learning that 11 different nets can make a cube. That’s a lot!” We have full confidence that with perseverance they will figure it out 😊! Our Early Childhood Educators were honoured on Tuesday. Our ECE’s support our youngest students and do magical work everyday. We are grateful for our ECE colleagues! Today is Canadian Library Workers Day, honouring our wonderful Library Techs who support literacy in all of its forms including curating a collection of reading material for all ages and abilities, cataloguing learning resources and encouraging students to develop a love of reading. Adventures outside of our school walls found our intermediate students outdoors at Baxter Conservation Center and at the Mayfair Theatre engaged in a film study. Thank you to all of the educators and parent volunteers who organised and supported these field trips.

Special mention goes to three of our intermediate students who represented Hopewell at the Board Cross Country Finals. Audrey, Callum and Oliver did us proud! Congratulations for your Cross Country accomplishments! Next up - Intermediate football on the 25th and the 31st of October.

On Sunday our wonderful school council is hosting the Ski/Skate Sale and Yard Clean Up. Drop off for items to sell is Saturday between 1pm and 5pm. This is a wonderful event and we extend a huge thank you to the organisers for all of their efforts. Further details are below.

We have recently experienced some school bus cancellations. If your child rides the school bus, please check the [OSTA website](#) regularly for updates. Having alternate arrangements in place should a route be cancelled is recommended. Please let your child’s teacher know the end of day plan so we can support safe dismissal. Please note, if a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon unless otherwise indicated by OSTA.

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 - Choir is starting next week for students in Grades 1 and 2. Students who would like to sing in a group are invited to come try a rehearsal on Mondays in room 100 during the 11:35 recess. All are welcome; no sign-up is required. 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)

Grade 8 News

It's that time of year already - students are beginning to discuss the transition to Grade 9! Upcoming dates are included below for your reference.

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).

EQAO

Grades 3 and 6 EQAO scores have been released. Hopewell, OCDSB and Provincial results (percentage of students at or above standard) are detailed below.

Percentage of Students Achieving Level 3 and Level 4 Combined

Assessment	Hopewell Result	OCDSB Result	Provincial Result
Grade 3 Mathematics	86%	61%	60%
Grade 3 Reading	92%	72%	73%
Grade 3 Writing	91%	64%	65%
Grade 6 Mathematics	81%	52%	50%
Grade 6 Reading	98%	83%	84%

Grade 6 Writing	96%	83%	84%
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As a school team we will be taking time to unpack the details of these results and will use this information to help inform our planning. Further details can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

### Hallowe'en



Hallowe'en is Tuesday, October 31st. Costumes are completely optional. If students decide to wear a costume to school, please follow the guidelines below. Wearing orange and black is an alternative as well.

#### Costume Guidelines:

- No costume masks please. Students need to be able to see clearly.
- Costumes need to be easy to walk and play in during recess and outdoor time.
- Weapons or other accessories are not to be any part of the costume.

### 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



Hello Wonderful Hopewell Community,

This weekend 21st/22nd October is the eagerly anticipated Ski and Skate sale plus Yard Clean Up! Winter gear can be dropped off at Hopewell School garage between 1:30- 5pm on Saturday 21st.

Sale and yard clean up start at 9am on Sunday 21st. Volunteers please arrive at 8:30am.

If you would like to volunteer please 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.

For the yard clean up please bring rakes, and garden tools to help out in the Yard on Sunday morning.

The Grade 4 -6 Textile club is on the look out for sewing supplies, do you have any sewing needles, needle threading tools, thread and embroidery floss, sewing scissors, knitting and crochet needles, yarn, buttons and fabric scraps, these could be dropped off during the ski and skate sale.

We hope your kids have all enjoyed the Subway and Pizza this week! You can also order hot lunches from Mazzola's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before 7am the same day! Handy for those days when you don't have groceries in for lunches. Please check out their website <https://mazzola.ca/en>

Wishing you a great weekend.  
Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry,  
Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council





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# ski&skate SALE

Sunday  
**October 22**  
9-noon

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

 @hopewellavepsschoolcouncil

## WANTED

- skates
- SNOWSHOE/ski BOOTS
- SLEDS
- winterized strollers
- skis
- ALL OTHER equipment that makes winter fun!

- snowshoes
- helmets
- poles
- snowboards
- goggles

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

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!

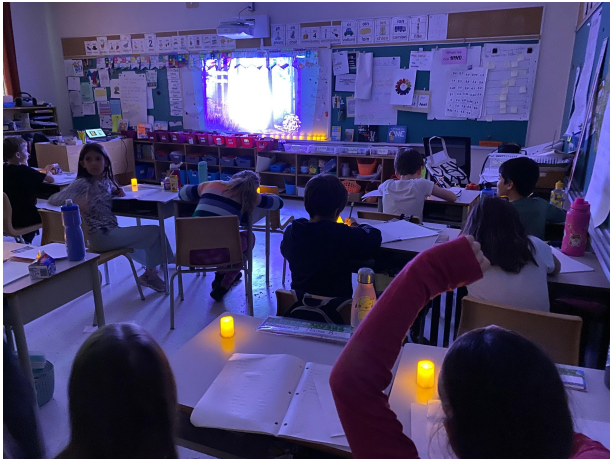
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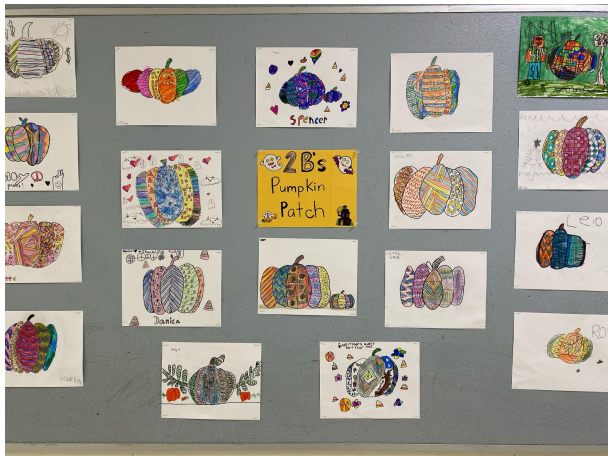
Coffee, Juice  
& snacks provided  
(don't forget your mug!)

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

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