

Hopewell Avenue Public School Message – February 11th, 2022



Dear Hopewell Families:

The middle of February finds us experiencing longer days, warmer temperatures and thinking that spring may actually be around the corner. Today we had an early start to our spirit week and we were surrounded by purple, gold and lots of Hopewell spirit wear. Further details about next week's spirit days are below. We look forward to seeing lots of spirit in the coming days!

Our students continue to impress everyday. We value their voice and contributions to our school community. Two of our grade eight students took the lead with a Black History Month initiative and they have shared the details about what they have been up to in this message. Please take a moment to read what they have written. So inspiring!

Please continue to complete the [COVID Screening](#) with your children everyday prior to their arrival. If your child is going to be absent, please remember to call our attendance line (613-239-2348, press 1) to report the absence. The OPH flowchart to understand [symptoms and isolation requirements](#) is a valuable resource as well.

For families interested in registering for Ottawa-Carleton Virtual Learning information is included below. You will also find lots of other important communication below, including a message from our fabulous School Council.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. Stay safe and take good care.

Martina Sherwood & Christopher Wereley
Principal & Vice Principal
Hopewell Avenue Public School

Upcoming Dates

February 16th - Term One Communications of Learning / Report Cards accessible electronically
February 18th - PA Day, Students do not attend school
February 21st - Family Day, school is closed
March 1st - School Photos (individual photos only)
March 14th - March 18th (inclusive) - March Break, school is closed
April 4th - Grade 8 Leaving Photos
April 15th - Good Friday, school is closed
April 18th - Easter Monday, school is closed
April 26th - Photo Retake Day (Individual photos and leaving photos)
June 3rd - PA Day, Students do not attend school
June 30th - Last day of school for students

Register for Ottawa-Carleton Virtual Learning by February 22, 2022

We are planning for September 2022 and will offer both in-person and remote learning. We expect an increasing number of students to return to in-person learning in September. We also know that for some families, OCV has been and will continue to be an important choice for their learning needs. Please note, Middle French Immersion, Alternative, ESL/ELD programs, International Baccalaureate (IB), Arts, and Specialized Program Classes are not available through an OCV campus.

If you would like your child to attend an OCV school for the 2022-2023 school year, here is the process for registration:

- Register - Complete the [Registration Form](#) by February 22, 2022.
- Confirm - Families who have registered by February 22nd will receive an email in early March asking for Confirmation of Registration by March 10, 2022.

We continue to ask that families register with the understanding that this is a commitment for the full school year. We recognize that families' needs can change and after the application period we will consider requests for OCV on a case-by-case basis, but we will not be able to guarantee space. If you are planning for in-person learning, no action is required.

Learn more about OCV and registration [on our website](#).

Spirit Week

We are excited about our upcoming spirit days! Today and everyday next week are extra special days. A huge thank you to Ms. Fracke's class for promoting Hopewell Spirit Days!!

Friday February 11: Hopewell Spirit Day



Time to show off your Hopewell gear or wear purple or gold to show off your school spirit! Go Hopewell!

Monday February 14: Red and Pink Day



Happy Valentine's Day! It's cool to be kind and wear red, pink or anything with hearts. Wear your heart on your sleeve, literally.

Tuesday February 15: Favourite Colour(s) Day



What's your favourite colour? R123 wants to know! Wear your favourite colour or colours on Tuesday. Can't decide, dress as a rainbow!

Wednesday February 16: Wild Hair and Hat Day



Time to have fun with your hair or wear a silly hat!

Thursday February 17: Olympics and Paralympics Spirit Day



Dress up as your favourite winter athlete. Wear your favourite winter sport gear! OR wear the colours of what country you're cheering for! Let's show all Olympic and Paralympic athletes our support!

The Beijing Winter Olympics' closing ceremony is this Sunday, February 20. The Paralympics begin on March 3.

A Message From School Council

Hello Hopewell families and happy Friday!

Are emotions running high in your home? Ours too.

That's why school council is sponsoring a **free** Emotion Coaching workshop for parents and caregivers of students at Hopewell and surrounding schools.

It's an interactive virtual workshop run by Ottawa psychologists Dr. Katherine Henderson and Dr. Shari Mayman. You will learn practical skills to help you connect with your child and foster their resilience. School council members who have attended this course in the past say it changed their parenting for the better.

You can find more details on this poster or click here to [register](#) on Eventbrite.

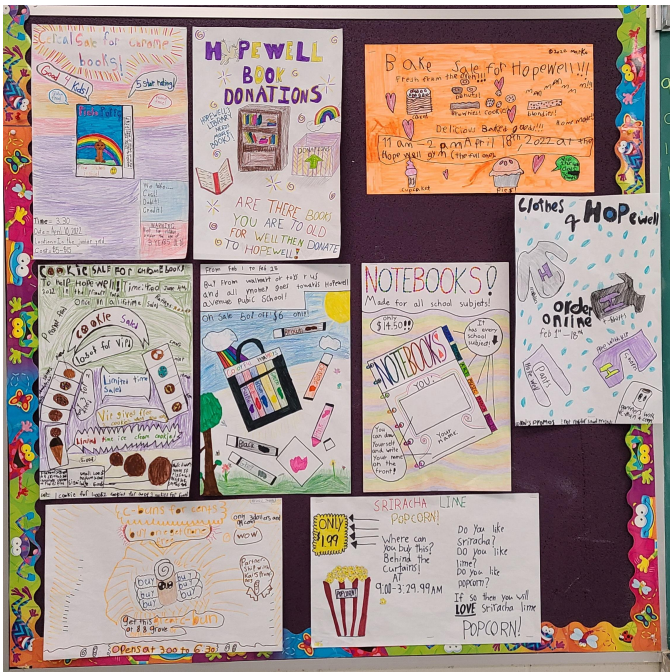
For questions about this workshop or any other school council business, we can be reached at sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca.

Happy spirit week!

Alex & Petra

Co-Chairs

Ms. Chan's Classes Rock Their Poster Projects



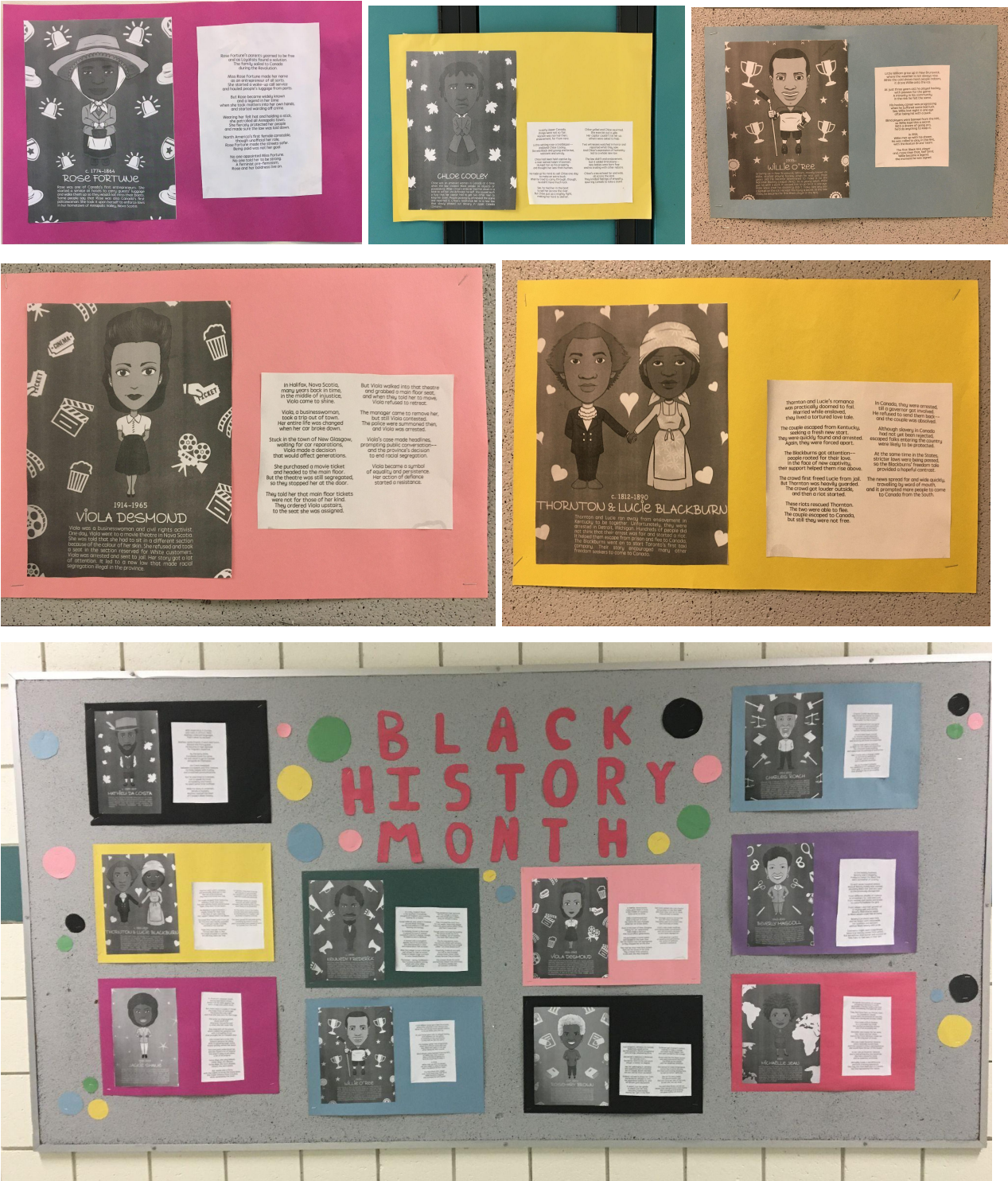
Grade 3 and 4/5 have finished our Media Literacy unit. As our final task of the unit they had to design a poster. The Grade 3 class designed a poster to sell a hoodie they have designed themselves and the Grade 4/5 designed a poster to either promote or advertise for Hopewell. Both the classes did an excellent job and I am very proud of their work.

Black History Month Bulletin Board

By EMF8A Students Nora P. and Avere S.

This month is Black History Month, as you may know. We approached our teachers and asked to initiate a Black History Month project. We created a bulletin board on the fourth floor, featuring Black Canadians who have shaped Canada. The board has a variety of poems, stories and pictures from many Black Canadians, for you to learn something new about Black history in this country. You may have heard of Viola Desmond or Willy O'ree, however, many of you might not be familiar with certain unrecognized Black Canadians such as Thorton and Lucie Blackburn. Two Black Canadians who during enslavement fell in love and chose to run away together to form a better life for themselves. Shortly after fleeing enslavement, Thornton and Lucie were caught and sentenced to many years in prison. During their time in jail, many Canadians spoke up and started to riot about the unfairness of the arrest of Mr. and Ms. Blackburn. These riots helped Thorton and Lucie escape from Jail and flee to Canada. They then started a successful taxi company in Toronto. The story of Mr and Ms Blackburn inspired many slaves to flee and seek a better life. Stories like these are featured on our bulletin board and around the school, because we hope that during your busy day, you'll stop to learn something new about the History of Black Canadians in our country.

Here are some pictures of the bulletin board and posters around the school



Feeling the Love

Hopewell was the lucky recipient of “Messages of Love” from Margaret Jenkins Elementary School, in Victoria BC. The students of Margaret Jenkins ES cut out and sent 776 paper hearts - a heart for every Hopewell student. Each heart had a different positive and heartfelt message to help get us through the challenging times presented by the pandemic. The students of R8A created a display with the hearts to show their appreciation (picture below).

