



Hopewell Avenue Public School

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OCDSB Mission Statement

Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

We have had a great start to our school year! Welcoming students back on the first day of school is always a highlight. For students and families who are new and returning to Hopewell we hope that your start has been wonderful.

The first few weeks of school are a time when we review expectations and routines. Students in grades 3 to 8 have received an agenda to assist with organization and planning. At the front of the agenda you will find our Hopewell Student Handbook. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 received the Hopewell Student Handbook in booklet form. Please take some time to review this information with your child.

During the first week of school we held Welcome Assemblies. We talked about great character, being part of an awesome school community, our collective responsibilities and most of all, we highlighted to students that they are surrounded by a school team that cares about them and will support them throughout the year.

On Thursday, September 12th we had the opportunity to welcome parents and guardians for Meet the School Team/Curriculum Night. We hope that this evening provided you with valuable information about the routines and experiences your children will have in the coming school year.

Next Friday, we have our first PA Day. On this day we will be working as a school team sharpening our toolkit in the area of monitoring and supporting student learning. Student well-being will also be a focus of our day.

There are many items in our first newsletter that address safety. Please review these items with your children as appropriate. Your help in keeping our Hopewell community safe is most appreciated.

We are looking forward to an excellent school year filled with meaningful and engaging learning opportunities for your children. On behalf of the Hopewell school team, we extend our best wishes to our families for a wonderful year and we thank you for entrusting your children with us. We look forward to working with you as partners in your children's education.

MEET YOUR HOPEWELL SCHOOL TEAM

Administration

Principal: Martina Sherwood
Vice Principal: Jenny Dewan

Support Staff

Office Administrator: Louise Andoff
Office Assistants: Giuliana Falcucci & Yanka Petrova
Chief Custodian: Chris Farquhar
Library Technician: Christine Power

Learning Support Team

Learning Support Teachers: Adam Eastman & Jennifer Thiessen

Learning Resource Teachers: Martha Coates-Eveleigh & Phelan Francis

Intermediate Student Success Teacher: Andrew Wood
Educational Assistants: Gladys El-Khoury, Amanda Kalbfleisch, Amalia Lasso-Bland, Darryl McNiece

Kindergarten Teams (Kindergarten is a Two Year Bilingual Program)

Alligator Team: Madison McPherson (RECE), Gisele Pritchard (English Teacher), Roxanne Pritchard (French Teacher)

Beluga Team: Holly Ray (RECE), Valda Goudie (English Teacher), Chelsea Fulton (French Teacher)

Flamingo Team: Jamie Vance (RECE), Chelsea Fulton (French Teacher), Valda Goudie (English Teacher)

Dolphin Team: Sharon Garvey (RECE), Claudette Dandy (English Teacher), Christine Harris (French Teacher)

Elephant Team: Jill Anderson (RECE), Christine Harris (French Teacher), Claudette Dandy (English Teacher)

Homerooms

Grade 1 EFI: Lesley-Ann Barber
Grade 1 EFI: Nathalie Gosselin
Grade 1 EFI: Jenna Kennedy
Grade 1 EFI: Marie-France Thivierge
Grade 1/2 English: Natalie Johnston
Grade 2 EFI: Jessica Coleman
Grade 1/2 EFI: Lynne De Grandpré
Grade 2 EFI: Lesley Kathnelson
Grade 2 EFI: Alison Scrim/Roxanne Partridge
Grade 3 EFI: Jean-Thierry Nkulikiyumukiza
Grade 3 EFI: Talia Brimmell
Grade 3 EFI: Caitlin Charlton
Grade 3 EFI: Renée Labrosse
Grade 3 English: Justin Moodie
Grade 4 EFI: Shari Cooper
Grade 4 EFI: Anna Krieg
Grade 4/5 EFI: Tara Lynch
Grade 4/5 English: Elizabeth Vorobej
Grade 4/5 MFI: Esther Nicolas
Grade 5 EFI: Damien Brennan
Grade 5 EFI: Martha Coates-Eveleigh
Grade 6 EFI: Celyne Brunet
Grade 6 EFI: Grace Kennedy
Grade 6 English: Roger Needham
Grade 6 MFI: Mireille Gour Ferris
Grade 7 EMFI: Marie-Hélène Perron
Grade 7 EMFI: Andrew Wood
Grade 7 English: Ryan Elliot

Grade 7/8 English: Jenna Neerhof

Grade 8 EMFI: Michel Gosselin

Grade 8 EMFI: Thomas Ranger

Grade 8 English: Kathy Manser

Behaviour Intervention Program: Adam Clements

English and Math to French Immersion & Non-Homeroom Teachers

Beverly L'Anglais

Eleni Livadiotis

Hilary Patton

Jennifer Thiessen

Phelan Francis

Keelyn White

Arts

Marya Woyiwada

Emma Beliveau

Science & Technology

Brenda Quinn

Physical Education

Renée Labrosse

Melissa Lemyre

EFI – Early French Immersion Program (program entry point Grade 1)

EMFI – Early/Middle French Immersion Program (EFI and MFI merge at Grade 7)

MFI – Middle French Immersion (program entry point Grade 4)

LTO – Long Term Occasional Teacher

OUR NEWSLETTER

We plan to share a newsletter four times this year. In addition to our Fall Newsletter you can anticipate receiving a newsletter in December, March and June.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

First Day of School	September 3, 2019
PA Day	October 11, 2019
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2019
PA Day	November 15, 2019
Holiday Break	December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020
PA Day	January 24, 2020
PA Day	February 14, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
March Break	March 16-20, 2020
Holiday	April 10, 2020
Holiday	April 13, 2020
PA Day	April 24, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
PA Day	June 5, 2020

Last Day for Students June 25, 2020
PA Day June 26, 2020

EQAO

Last week, grades 3 and 6 EQAO scores were released. Hopewell, OCDSB and Provincial results (percentage of students at or above standard) are detailed below:

Grade 3

Subject	School	Board	Province
Reading	91	76	74
Writing	90	68	69
Math	87	59	58

Grade 6

Subject	School	Board	Province
Reading	93	82	81
Writing	88	82	82
Math	63	50	48

Complete details can be found at www.eqao.com. As a school team we will be taking time to unpack the details of these results and will use this information to help inform us in the development of our School Learning Plan.

RECESS AND LUNCH TIMES

9:00 am – Morning entry

11:00am – 11:50am – Recess & Nutrition Break

1:30pm – 2:10pm – Recess & Nutrition Break

3:30pm – Dismissal

THANK YOU FOR SIGNING IN!

To help keep our school community safe, if you are a visitor to the school we require that you sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag. Thank you to our parents and guests who consistently follow this procedure. When we see your visitor tag we know that you have signed in. If we do not see your tag we will ask you to sign in and get a visitor tag.

YARD SUPERVISION, SCHOOL HOURS AND OFFICE INFORMATION

Our school hours are from 9:00am until 3:30pm.

Supervision on the school yard in the morning begins at 8:45am. Therefore, please ensure that your child does not arrive at school earlier than 8:45am.

There is no supervision following the end of the school day at 3:30pm. Office hours are from 8:30am until 4:30pm. While we do attempt to answer all telephone calls as they come in, from

time to time you will have a message picked up by voice mail. We will return your call as soon as possible, but please do not leave any urgent calls on our voice mail. Last minute messages may not be transferred on time, and we request that if you want a change of routine, such as picking up your child before regular dismissal, to please send a note to the homeroom teacher.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ROUTINES

Our school is located in a very busy area. Your help in managing the flow of traffic, especially during peak times is deeply appreciated. Please review the parking and student drop-off/pick-up information below.

- Kindergarten - Drop students off at the gate to the kindergarten yard. The kindergarten entry doors and yard are on Sunnyside Ave. In inclement weather, students are to be brought in through the kindergarten doors. Pick up is on the yard or at the doors.
- Grades 1 to 3 – The primary yard is adjacent to the school. Students are to be dropped off on the yard, or they may enter the primary doors during inclement weather. Pick up is on the yard or as they come out the doors.
- Grades 4 to 6 – The junior yard is across Hopewell Ave from the school. We encourage parents/guardians to drop their child(ren) on Glen Avenue, where they can enter their yard through the gate. If the weather is inclement, students enter through their regular (B) doors on Hopewell Ave. Not the front doors.
- Grade 7 and 8 – Students enter the school through the main doors.

Thank you for helping us to keep our students safe!

LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES

We have a large number of students at Hopewell who have life-threatening allergies. For this reason, we have communicated to the families of all children at our school to only send food items to school that are nut-free. Should your child be identified over the course of the year with a life-threatening allergy, please notify us immediately. We will then provide you with the information and paperwork required to document life-threatening

allergies. These forms are also available through our website: www.hopewellaveps.ocdsb.ca.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If you would like the school office staff to store and administer prescription medications, it is mandatory to get your doctor to complete and sign the form available from the school office. These forms go into a medical log which must be updated annually at the start of every school year. This applies as well for students who have severe allergies and must use an Epi-pen. Medication will be administered to the students upon receipt of the completed form, signed by the doctor. This also applies to short-term prescriptions and over the counter medications.

ATTENDANCE LINE

If your child is going to be absent or arriving late, please call and leave a message on our 24-Hour Attendance Line at 613-239-2348 – Press 1. If the busses are cancelled and the school is open please call and advise us that your child will be staying at home even if your child is a bus rider. If your child is ill, please share the nature of the illness.

STREETPROOFING

With the beginning of a new school year, we are reviewing safety with our students and ask that you do the same at home. As a starting point, please take a moment to read the street proofing tips below (borrowed from the Ontario Principal's Council Bulletin) and adapt them for your use at home.

What's street proofing all about? It's about helping children identify and react to situations that are uncomfortable, unwelcome or even dangerous. Street proofing skills help students become more aware of their surroundings and those in it. They also help to build confidence and independence as students spend more time away from their parents. Schools, parents and guardians can help make personal safety second nature to a student's daily activities. We can't follow our children around everywhere, but we can teach them to trust their own instincts and "keep their radar up."

In an age-appropriate way, students should learn the following:

- Their name, age, telephone number and address
- A secret family password to identify when someone different will pick them up

- How to reach a parent, guardian or family contact in an emergency
- How to contact police, fire and ambulance personnel
- To let a parent or other responsible adult know where they will be at all times
- Never to say they are alone if they answer the phone
- Never to invite strangers into their home
- Not to enter anyone's home without a parent/guardian's permission
- Not to accept gifts from strangers
- To say "no" to an adult, especially if that person wants them to do something they have been taught is wrong
- That no one has the right to touch any part of his or her body that a bathing suit would cover. The exceptions may be people who are trying to keep them clean (assistance in the washroom) or healthy (doctors or nurses)
- Never to play in deserted buildings or isolated areas or take shortcuts through empty parks or fields
- Never to approach or enter a stranger's car
- Never to hitchhike
- That adults should not be asking children or young people for help. A common technique to lure youngsters is to pretend to be searching for a lost puppy or kitten
- That if they become separated from parents at a store or in a mall, they should go to a cashier, security guard or counter clerk
- To report to a parent, school authority or police officer anyone who exposes private parts
- That police officers are their friends and that they can rely on them if they are in trouble
- That if someone does something bad to them, parents/guardians will not be angry with them, but will need to know what happened.

These "Tips" are also available on our School Website: www.Hopewellps.ocdsb.ca

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

Student safety is our number one priority, and we appreciate your cooperation. With this in mind, please note:

Drawstrings on jackets, sweatshirts, clothing items pose a danger to your child, as well as scarves. They

can become snagged on school bus handrails or doors, on playground equipment or other mechanical equipment and cause injury or death. We recommend removing drawstrings from clothing and using neck warmers in the winter instead of scarves.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL

We welcome volunteers! Whether it's through your child's homeroom, or through a school council committee, volunteers are always needed. Your support is invaluable, and we hope that you will find it enriching as well to join us in our efforts to provide the best programs possible for your children. If you are interested in volunteering, you are encouraged to contact your child's homeroom teacher(s).

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

If the school buses are cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority will have the cancellation announced by 6:15 am on radio stations and on the OCDSB website: www.ocdsb.ca The announcement is usually made early in the morning and/or late in the evening, it will also indicate if the schools are closed. Please note that if buses are cancelled in the morning, transportation at the end of the day will not operate. If the buses run in the morning, they will be running at the end of the day. If the schools remain open, students who are dropped off by the parents in the morning will have to be picked up by parents at dismissal time. Attendance is monitored on these days. **Please call the school at 613-239-2348, Press 1, if your child will not be attending school on bus cancellation days.**



INTERNATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES PROGRAM

OCDSB offers the International & Indigenous Languages Program at Hopewell on Saturday mornings during the school year, from September to June. The IILP is mandated under the Ministry of Education and allows students to expand their linguistic awareness with two and a half hours of instruction per week per language. Hopewell Avenue Public School is one of the 18 OCDSB school sites in Ottawa that provides language instruction to more than 250 students

(from JK to Grade 8) in 8 languages, including: Finnish, Japanese, Simplified Mandarin, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Tamazight and new this year: Czechoslovakian. Registrations are ongoing throughout the year and fees are \$10/per student for the entire year for Ontario residents.

HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS...EXTRA-CURRICULAR, EVENTS & NEWS

Intermediate Science Club

Intermediate students interested in participating in the Ottawa Regional Science Fair (orsf.ca) are welcome to attend the Science Club which takes place on Mondays at 1:30 PM in room 320. The Ottawa Regional Science Fair takes place at Carleton University in the spring.

Athletics @ Hopewell

Below you will find an overview of the Athletics world at our school. The first chart details Junior Division Sports and the second details Intermediate Division Sports. Throughout the year additional opportunities may arise for our students and we will communicate these along the way. Please do check the calendar on our school website regularly for practice times and sporting event dates. We do our very best to keep this updated. Students also receive sports updates through daily announcements and reminders from classroom teachers.



Junior Division Athletics (Grades 4 To 6)

Activity	Time Period	Details
Cross-country	Fall - early - Term 1	Anyone in grades 3-6. All can participate in practices and attend the final competition. Practices run 2x per week for about 6 weeks.
Soccer	Fall -early - Term 1	Boys and a girls team. Made up of 13-14 players
Bordenball	Fall - Winter - Term 1	Boys and a girls team. Made up of: 6 grade 4s, 6 grade 5s and 6 grade 6s who only play against their own grade level.

		Intramurals in October.
Triple Ball (volleyball)	Winter - Term 1	Up to 2 girls teams and 2 boys teams.
Basketball	Late Winter-early Spring - Term 2	Grade 4-6 Boys and girls team. Intramurals in February
Track and Field	Spring - Term 2	All students participate through Track and Field Day. Top 2 in each category are selected to participate in regional event. (Students may only participate in 2 events)
Hudson's Sargeant Relay (tentative)	Spring - Term 2	Large relay teams of grade 6 students. Students may only participate in 2 events, so there is ample opportunity for many students to participate.

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Soccer	Spring - Term 2	Tier 1 boys Tier 1 girls
Hudson's Sargeant Relay	Spring - Term 2	Large relay teams of grade 6, 7 and 8 students. (Relays includes 8x100m, 8x50m, 4 x 400m, etc.) Students may only participate in 2 events, so there is ample opportunity for many students to participate.
Others: Intramurals		
Gym Drop-Ins		Open the gym after school for students. Informal.
Ultimate Frisbee	TBA	TBA

Intermediate Division Athletics (Grades 7 & 8)

Activity	Time Period	Details
Cross-country	Fall - Term 1	Anyone in grades 7-8. All can participate in practices and attend the final competition.
Touch Football	Fall -Term 1	Students in gr. 7 and 8. (minimum of 14 players on each team).
Volleyball	Late Fall - Early Winter - Term 1	Tier 1 boys Tier 1 and tier 2 girls
Basketball	Winter - Term 2	Tier 1 and tier 2 (if enough student interest). Intramurals in January.
Badminton	Winter-Spring - Term 2	Boys and Girls Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams. Season begins with open intramurals.
Track and Field	Spring - Term 2	All students participate through Track and Field Day. Top 2 in each category are selected to participate in regional event. (Students may

Music News

Jazz Band has begun and they already sound great! We meet every Wednesday 1st break and Monday 8-9am. Thanks to the students and parents for their dedication to the music program!!!!

Senior Band is every Thursday 8-9am. It's going to be fun and a great opportunity to learn an instrument - something we all never regret as adults!

I am having a great time working with your children!

Ms Hanson, LTO for Ms Woyiwada

Mindful Morning Club

Mindful Morning Club Coming to Hopewell: We are excited to announce a new club at Hopewell, the Mindful Morning Club. On Tuesday mornings at 8:30, students in grades 3 and 4 are invited to the library for some mindfulness activities, including music, art, stretching and cooperative games. The club will begin on October 29th. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Mme. Labrosse and Ms. Scrim

Marker Recycling – New This Year!

This year, Hopewell is participating in Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills! All around Hopewell, students and

teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house. You can send in plastic markers of any brand, including highlighters and dry erase markers. Drop-off boxes will be located on every floor of the school for your child to deposit the markers. Thank you in advance for your support.

LIBRARY NEWS



The Hopewell library would love donations of gently used, age appropriate books. Our students love reading so help restock our library with books, books and more books!

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORMS

Prior to any school outing, students are provided with permission forms. It is the responsibility of the student to bring the form home, have it signed, and returned to the teacher by the deadline. In the event that a student has not returned the form, students will not be permitted to join the trip. These students will remain at school where an alternate program will be provided. Unfortunately, our busy office is not able to facilitate last minute phone calls and arrangements. Safety is our priority and is compromised when last minute changes occur.



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photos were taken last week. Photo retakes and class photos will take place on Friday, October 18th.



HOPEWELL SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-2020

Our current School Council Executive is listed below. At our first school council meeting in September we did not confirm the Co-Chair positions for the coming year. This will be a topic of discussion at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 7pm in the library. We invite all Hopewell parents/guardians to attend and get involved in School Council!!

Co-Chairs: Daphne Dumbrille & Deborah Gomes-Schultz

Treasurer: Allison Kelley

Secretary: Claire Kerry

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Forms can either be picked up from the school office or downloaded at <http://www.binks.ca> or you may apply online at <http://www.insuremykids.com>.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to \$33.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

COOLER WEATHER

While we have yet to see it, the temperatures will soon be dropping and the days are often a little wetter. It's time to bring out our warm and snuggly clothes. Students are outside during the day and when dressed for the weather are much happier.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE ☺

Tuesday, October 8th – School Council Meeting in Hopewell Library @ 7pm

Friday, October 11th – Professional Activity Day (students do not attend school)

Monday, October 14th – Thanksgiving (school is closed)

Friday, October 19th – School Photo Retake Day
Thursday, November 7th – Progress Reports go home

Monday, November 11th – Remembrance Day Ceremony (Times to be confirmed)

Friday, November 15th – Parent Consultation / Interview Day (students do not attend school)

December 23rd – January 3rd – Winter Holiday Break

