



# Hopewell Avenue Public School

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**Winter 2019-2020**



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**OCDSB Mission Statement**  
**Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship**

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



We are well into the busy month of December and our school community is engaged in exciting opportunities every day. The holiday season has brought a

festive atmosphere into our building.

Over the past few weeks we have had many students go to MacSkimming Outdoor Education Center and experience Science in a natural setting. For families who have had children experience MacSkimming, I hope you have had the opportunity to have some wonderful discussions about their adventures outdoors. Be it forest explorations to learn about habitats and communities or soil studies to explore ecosystems, the outdoors offers a wonderful backdrop to learning! Information about MacSkimming can be found on our School District's website: [MacSkimming Education Center](#)

With the arrival of winter we have closed our play structures for the season. We continue to work with our students to help them find alternate activities on the yard during recess times.

Looking ahead, we have many important dates coming up in the New Year. The launch of our 2020-2021 Registration takes place Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will be holding a Kindergarten Information Session on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to

7:30pm in our school library. At that time we will provide details about Kindergarten in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. If you have neighbours who are parents of young children who will be starting school in September 2020, please share our registration dates and Information Night details with them.

The Elementary and Secondary Student Transfer Application Period is from Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Middle French Immersion Registration Period is from Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of classes for students before the holiday break will be Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Regular dismissal at 3:30pm will apply. Classes resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00am.

Thank you to our amazing School Council. With their support we are able to purchase and fund wonderful experiences for our students to enhance their learning. Thank you as well to the Project SANDBOX Team. This School Council committee continues their fundraising efforts in support of the kindergarten yard renewal project and they are doing amazing work. This week Project SANDBOX held a successful Trivia Night bringing our community together for a great evening of entertainment for an excellent cause. It is such a privilege to be a part of such a dynamic and committed group!

As a final piece of news, Vice Principal Jenny Dewan has been appointed Principal of Centennial Public School effective January 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Dewan has been at Hopewell since February and will be missed by our school community. Centennial is very fortunate to have her join their team. Ms. Dewan's farewell is included in our newsletter.

In the new year we will be welcoming Christopher Wereley to our school as Vice Principal. Mr. Wereley comes to us as an experienced Vice Principal and is excited to join the Hopewell team. Mr. Wereley and I were Principal and Vice Principal partners at a previous school and we look forward to working together once again.

On behalf of the staff at Hopewell Public School we would like to extend best wishes to our students and their families. Have a restful, safe, and happy holiday!

#### **FAREWELL FROM MS. DEWAN**

I've never been one for goodbyes. In my career I have been so very fortunate to learn and grow with and from so many. My experience at Hopewell has been no different. From the moment I arrived at Hopewell, I was embraced and warmly welcomed by staff, students, families-- the entire Hopewell community. This is a special place. It is a place filled with laughter, learning, friendship and exploration. I will take with me on my next new adventure, as principal of Centennial Public School, so many cherished memories... Thank you all, until next time.

Jenny Dewan

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The launch of our Kindergarten registration takes place January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Children who will be four years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be eligible for Kindergarten. To register your child for Kindergarten, please come into the school office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm. Two proofs of address (which needs to be a Property Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Purchase/Rental/Lease Agreement plus Driver's Licence or Utility Bill) and proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and health card are necessary to complete the registration process. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbours especially if they are not already

Hopewell families, or encourage them to contact us if they have any questions.

We will be hosting two information sessions for new Kindergarten parents. The first session will be a general information session about Kindergarten and the OCDSB and will be held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. In May, a further session will be held for families of students who have registered and will be more specific to Hopewell and our Kindergarten Program. More information on Kindergarten, can be found on the Board's website – [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

#### **MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION**

Middle French Immersion is a French Immersion program that begins in Grade 4 and is offered at Hopewell. Children who are currently in a Grade 3 English Program are eligible for the Middle French Immersion Program. Registration for Grade 4 Middle French Immersion will take place from Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENT TRANSFER PROCESS**

If parents/guardians would like their child to be considered to attend a school other than his or her designated school for the following school year, they must complete a transfer form and return it to the school where you would like your child to attend. This process takes place between Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Students who are not attending their designated school are not entitled to transportation. Students must still register at their designated school pending approval of the transfer request. Transfer forms are available in all schools. This information can also be found on the Board's website: [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

#### **HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS... EXTRACURRICULAR, EVENTS AND NEWS**

##### **Dungeons and Dragons Club**

The junior and intermediate D & D Club had a great start! The meeting for the New Year round of Dungeons and Dragons Club will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will choose the new campaign writers and sign on any new participants for the round beginning in January. Announcements will be

made at school to prompt students as to time and location.

### **Intermediate Presentations by Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services**

On Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 students participated in a presentation on *Technology and Responsibility*. On Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8 students will attend *Connecting the Dots: Emotions and Substance Use*. We appreciate Rideauwood's partnership and dedication to delivering prevention presentations to our school.

### **Career Cruising For Secondary School Preparation**

Grade 8 students will be taking part in Career Cruising orientation for course selection and pathways options. Program orientation begins in December and course selection will begin in mid January alongside a representative from Glebe Collegiate High School. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Wood.

### **Music News**

Hopewell's music program is back up and running! All three bands have begun weekly rehearsals with new exciting music for the Hopewell family to enjoy. Jazz band meets Mondays from 8-9 and Wednesdays at first break. Junior band meets Tuesday morning from 8-9. And our senior band meets Thursdays from 8-9. After the holidays, bands will have the opportunity to work with guest clinicians as we prepare ourselves for upcoming concerts. New members for all groups are still welcome and intermediate students are encouraged to join!

### **Mural Project**

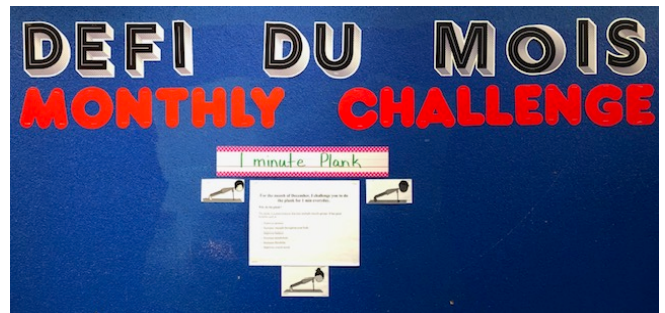


Our Mural Project is in full swing. Over 200 entries have been received and reviewed. At this time a large number of finalists have been selected and student input is taking place. A huge thank you to our students for all of their thoughtful work. Our

overall goal is to create a mural that promotes a sense of belonging for all.

### **Athletics @ Hopewell**

Following successful intramural programs for both Bordenball and Volleyball, competitive teams were formed representing Hopewell at District meets. Our Junior Boys and Girls Bordenball Teams are in full tournament mode and our Intermediate Volleyball teams continue tournament play into next week. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who supported these sports over the past few months!



Many of our students are taking part in the Defi Du Mois / Monthly Challenge. Certificates are awarded to students who meet the challenge. This month it's all about the Plank!

### **Welcoming Maude Barlow**

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming Maude Barlow to Hopewell. Ms. Barlow is a Canadian author and activist. She will be speaking to our students about the Blue Communities Project. We look forward to being inspired by Ms. Barlow and learning more about the importance of water and how we might become part of the global movement for water security and justice.

### **International Student Experience**



We had the pleasure of hosting Santiago, a student from Colombia, over the past two months. The opportunity was provided through the Global



Classroom Short Term Immersion Program supported by our Ottawa International Projects and Exchanges Department. Santiago was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Manser's grade eight class and had a wonderful experience being part of our school community.

### Holiday Food Drive

## *Hopewell's Holiday Food Drive!*

Help our community by donating non-perishable food items for the Centretown Food Bank!

from December 6 - 18



Representatives from the Student Voice Group will visit Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior classes classrooms daily to pick up items.

### HOPEWELL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Project SANDbox is in full swing! To donate to the project online go to our [HopewellSANDbox Fundraising Page](#) and instantly receive a tax receipt.

You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) and like us on [IG](#), or check out news on [Hopewell Ave PS Facebook](#) page or the [School Website](#).

### SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS



To help to 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/guardians 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. Snowballs are always an issue when we experience our first few snowfalls. For the safety of all, snowball throwing is not permitted in our schoolyard. Please reinforce this with your children so that all of our students may enjoy a safe and fun time during recess.



With colder weather now upon us, we ask that parents avoid sending children in with scarves, and gloves or mittens on cords to help keep our kids safe. As an alternative, we recommend mittens with clips and neck warmers to keep our little ones warm.

### MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

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 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-Carleton District School Board, as informed by the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) will have the cancellation announced by 6:15 a.m. on the District's website and local radio stations. The announcement is usually made early in the morning and/or late in the evening. It will also indicate if the schools are closed. 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/guardians in the morning will have to be picked up by parents/guardians at dismissal time. Attendance is monitored on these days. Please call the school at 613-239-2348 if your child will not be attending school on bus cancellation days.



For extended absences of five days or more we would kindly request a note to the office in writing.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

When your child begins school in Ottawa, the law requires you to provide the City of Ottawa Public Health with your child's immunization records. Public Health reviews and updates the records of school age students every year to ensure that all children in the schools are adequately immunized. After completing the earlier series of immunizations, children must receive boosters on two occasions: first when they are 4 to 6 years old and once again between the ages of 14 to 16. Each time your child gets a booster, you need to provide the information to the City of Ottawa Public Health so that they can keep your records up to date. If this information is not passed on, it may result in your child being excluded from school. This process is important to protect all school children from communicable diseases. You can update records here: <http://www.parentinginottawa.ca/en/reporting-immunizations.aspx>

## **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 buses 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.

## **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

If you would like the school office staff to store and administer long-term prescription medications, it is mandatory to get your doctor to complete and sign the appropriate authorization form available from the school office or on the school website under: Parent Resources. 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 prescription and over the counter medications.

## **STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND EXTENDED ABSENCES**

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please include a note to the teacher in their agenda or note tote with this information. This will help us help you get your child to their appointment on time.

## **FINALLY... UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE ☺**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Break  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Kindergarten Information Night, Hopewell Library  
January 24<sup>th</sup> – PA Day. Students do not attend school  
January 20<sup>th</sup> – January 27<sup>th</sup> – 2020– 2021 Registration Period launches  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup> – Elementary and Secondary Transfer Application Period  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup> – Middle French Immersion Registration Period  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library  
February 13<sup>th</sup> – Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) / Term One Report Cards (K-8) go home  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – PA Day. Students do not attend school  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Day. School Closed  
March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup> – March Break  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday. School Closed  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday. School Closed