



# Hopewell Avenue Public School

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## OCDSB Mission Statement

**Educating for success – inspiring learning and building citizenship**

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Hopewell is always a busy place, but the buzz of activity has certainly increased over the past few weeks in our school community.

Students are working on large projects and presenting their work to their class, the math challenges are becoming more complicated and solving big problems often spills into the hallways. This is evident daily. Graphs are being plotted, patterns analyzed, ratios unraveled to come up with the grocery list for cookie making supplies for the entire school... so many calculations to make! Of course the approach of the Blizzard Bazaar has brought out the artist in us all – glitter, paint, ribbon and lots of glue are sprinkled throughout our building. I hope you are looking forward to seeing the products of all this work next Thursday evening as much as we are!

The joys of the winter season have arrived! Our recesses and outdoor time have required us to bundle up and find new activities to do with the closure of our play structures. The colder weather has certainly not slowed anyone down on our yards.

Looking ahead, we have many important dates coming up in the New Year. The launch of our 2019-2020 Registration takes place Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We will be holding a Kindergarten Information

Session on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in our school library and will provide details about Kindergarten in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board at that time. If you have neighbours who are parents of young children who will be starting school in September 2019, please share our registration dates and Information Night details with them.

The Elementary and Secondary Student Transfer Application Period is from Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Middle French Immersion Registration Period is Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of classes for students before the holiday break will be Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Regular dismissal at 3:30pm will apply. Classes resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00am.

Thank you to our amazing School Council. With their support we have been able to purchase and fund wonderful experiences for our students to enhance their learning. Some examples include: Bhat Boy, a local artist, is leading amazing workshops for all of our intermediate students. Luv 2 Groove will be providing Dance workshops for our Junior and Intermediate students. Our Primary and Kindergarten students will be having some musical presentations in the new year and enjoying some new equipment for outdoor play.



Drawing from the *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math: A Teacher's Guide*:

As a final piece of news, Vice Principal Trish Stogran will be retiring at the end of this month. Mrs. Stogran has been part of the Hopewell community for three years and a dedicated educator for over 30 years across Canada and abroad. She has become part of the fabric of our school. Mrs. Stogran has made connections with our students and their families and she will be deeply missed. Her farewell is included in our newsletter.

In the new year we will be welcoming Jenny Dewan to our school as Vice Principal. Ms. Dewan has been Vice Principal in Learning Support Services for the past few years and looks forward to returning to a school and connecting with our school community.

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 MRS. STOGRAN**

Dear Hopewell families,  
I'm excited to share that I will be retiring at Christmas. Our first grandchild is due, we have multiple trips planned, and look forward to extending our stay at our beloved cottage on the Northumberland Strait. It has been an honour and privilege to be part of the vibrant Hopewell community and I will miss the students, staff and families, and the hustle and bustle of our large school.

### **OUR SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN**

We are coming to the end of our first cycle of our School Learning Plan where the focus has been on a common problem solving approach. Early in the new year we will be starting another cycle and building on our learning. Following our PA Day in October, there has been much discussion about developing students' automaticity in Mathematics.

Students need to be fluent with number facts in order to perform mathematical calculations efficiently and accurately, whether mentally or by applying algorithms on paper. The goal is for students to develop automaticity, which is the ability to use skills or perform mathematical procedures with little or no mental effort. Automaticity with math facts also supports students in critical thinking and problem solving.

The more automatically a procedure can be executed, the less mental effort is required. Since each person has a limited amount of mental effort that he or she can expend at any one time, more complex tasks can be done well only when some of the subtasks are automatic. (National Research Council, 2001, p. 351)

In our discussions as a school team, we have been careful to distinguish automaticity from memorization. Memorization is committing facts to memory with no real understanding of numbers. Automaticity requires students to draw on their understanding of how numbers are related to come to a correct answer. For example, a student may not instantly recall the answer to  $11 \times 12$ , but with automaticity might think, "I know  $11 \times 10$  is 110 and if I add 11 two more times, the answer is 132 or, I know  $11 \times 11$  is 121, and if I add another 11 it's 132. Both ways of thinking demonstrate that a student is fluent with numbers and can draw on that fluency to arrive at a correct or reasonable answer.

These conversations will certainly continue as we move into planning sessions in the new year.

There are some resources that families may be interested in exploring. For our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students [Doing Mathematics With Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide](#) has lots of great information.

For our Intermediate students, online math help is available through Mathify. Mathify offers free 1:1 online math tutoring with Ontario-certified teachers in a safe and secure online environment for students. It's free and easy to sign up.

### **Setting up your account:**

To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your report card near your name.

Mathify is run by TVO's Independent Learning Centre with support from the Ontario government.

You can log in between 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ET from Sunday to Thursday for one-on-one tutoring. You can also join your grade's tutor room to see what questions other students are asking and then watch teachers walk through problems on the group whiteboard.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The launch of our Kindergarten registration takes place January 21<sup>st</sup> to January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Children who will be four years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. A further session will be held for families of students who have registered and will be more specific to Hopewell and our Kindergarten Program and will be held in May. 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 the 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **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 you would like your child to attend anytime between Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 19<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** **Blizzard Bazaar**



The Take Action Group (TAG) is busy preparing for the 9th Annual Blizzard Bazaar which will be held Thursday, December 13th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm on the main floor of Hopewell P.S.

The charity the students have chosen as this year's recipient is the Rick Hansen Foundation. For the past three decades the Rick Hansen Foundation has raised awareness, removed barriers, and helped fund groundbreaking spinal cord injury research and care. It was founded after Rick completed the man in motion world tour, a 26 month, 34 country, 40 000 km wheelchair marathon. [www.rickhansen.com](http://www.rickhansen.com)

Some of the highlights to look forward to at the Blizzard Bazaar include: Cake Walk, Silent Auction, Student Artwork and Crafts, Bake Sale, Face Painting, Raffles, Student Performances, Cookie Decorating, Cafe for Adults, Games and

more! Hot dogs, chips and drinks will also be served so come ready to eat!

Should you wish to make a donation of a cake for our Cake Walk, baking for the Bake Sale, or an item for our Silent Auction (gift cards, sports tickets, new/unopened electronics or toys, etc.), please contact one of the teacher facilitators listed below. We hope to see your whole family at the Blizzard Bazaar!

Sincerely, The TAG team Teacher Facilitators:  
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### **Fiber Arts Club**

The new Fiber Arts Club for students in grades 5 - 8 will start meeting on Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:10 in the library. Bring your project and all materials!  
Mme Gour Ferris and Mrs. Thiessen

### **Remembrance Day at Hopewell**

Our students participated in a very powerful Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our ceremony gave all of us an opportunity to honour those who have given their lives, those who have served and continue to serve to defend our human rights, democracy and freedom. A huge thank you is extended to all staff involved in coordinating this ceremony and to all students who participated.

### **HOPEWELL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Mark your calendars! Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Hopewell Library. The latest School Council news as well as a Hopewell school team presentation on how data is used to inform planning will be part of our upcoming meeting.

Save the date! We will be hosting a movie night on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6pm and the

movie will start at 6:30pm. The movie that will be shown is yet to be determined. Stay tuned!

### **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 child so that all of our students may enjoy a safe and fun time during recess.



With colder weather now with 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.

### **COOLER WEATHER**

The temperatures are 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.

### **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-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 following radio stations: CBC, CFRA, CHIN, CHRI-FM, JEWEL 98.5, BOB-FM, TEAM 1200, MAJIC 100, KISS-FM, CHEZ 106, 1310 News Radio, Y101, and Jack 96.9 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/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.



### **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 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 prescription and over the counter medications.

### **STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

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.

### **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 elementary and high school 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>

### **HEAD LICE INFORMATION**

#### **Tips for dealing with Head Lice**

Facts about head lice:

- Head lice cannot jump or fly.
- Head lice are spread person to person by direct head to head contact.
- Head lice do not survive more than 3 days away from the scalp.
- Head lice do not spread disease and anyone can get them.



You should suspect head lice when you see:

- Constant head scratching.
- Scratch marks on or near the scalp.
- Nits that are glued on the hair close to the scalp.
- Small bugs in parted hair.

Treat for head lice by following these steps:

- Check all close contacts. If one person in the family has lice, others can too.
- Tell the school, day-care, and children's groups so parents can check their children's hair. An untreated source can be reason to get lice again.
- Talk to a pharmacist so they can help you choose the right product.
- **Give 2 treatments 7-10 days apart.**  
Between treatments, daily nit removal is essential to get rid of head lice successfully. The first treatment will kill head lice but not all the eggs. The second treatment will kill the newly hatched lice missed with the first treatment before they are able to reproduce.

February 15<sup>th</sup> – PA Day. Students do not attend school

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Family Day. School Closed

March 11<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup> – March Break

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday. School Closed

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Monday. School Closed

For more information contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 or visit

<http://www.parentinginottawa.com/en/children/head-lice.asp> and

[http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head\\_lice](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice)

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

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 8pm – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blizzard Bazaar

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Holiday Break

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Kindergarten Information Night, Hopewell Library

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night. Doors open at 6pm and movie starts at 6:30pm. Hosted by Hopewell School Council

January 25<sup>th</sup> – PA Day. Students do not attend school

January 21<sup>st</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup> – 2019– 2020 Registration Period launches

February 4<sup>th</sup> - February 19<sup>th</sup> – Elementary and Secondary Transfer Application Period

February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup> – Middle French Immersion Registration Period

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – School Council Meeting, Hopewell Library

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) / First Term Report Cards (K-8) go home