



**Hopewell Avenue Public School Community Connection  
September 6, 2024**

Hello Hopewell Families,

What a great first of week of school! This week has been filled with making new connections, strengthening existing connections and building community and let's not forget the great learning that is already happening. We couldn't be more proud of our students who are adapting to new surroundings and learning new routines and building relationships with new people. We are off to a super start!

On Wednesday, we had three welcome assemblies for our Primary, Junior and Intermediate students where we reviewed expectations and reaffirmed that we are all a part of a collaborative team who are here to support one another to learn and have fun. We also spoke about the value and importance of kindness and the idea of *Being the "I" in Kind*.

The HAPShots found at the bottom of this email capture some of the magic from this week!

We are so excited about this school year and as always, we appreciate your partnership in this journey.

Sincerely,

Andrea White & Sandy Miller  
Proud Hopewell Administrative Team

**Information Items**

**Curriculum Night**

We will be holding our Meet The School Team / Curriculum Information Night on Thursday, September 14th. We hope you are able to attend and learn about the exciting program that will be in place for your child(ren) in the coming year.

The schedule for the evening will be as follows;

### ***Kindergarten and Primary (Grades 1 to 3)***

*5:00pm – 5:30pm – Session One*

*5:30pm – 6:00pm – Session Two*

### ***Junior (Grades 4 to 6) and Intermediate (Grades 7 & 8)***

*6:00pm – 6:30pm – Session One*

*6:30pm – 7:00pm – Session Two*

### **Important Documentation**

Thank you for returning the paperwork sent home this week. If you haven't already done so, please return the verified *Emergency Contact Form* back to school. As mentioned, the Appropriate Use of Technology Agreement, Media Permission Form and Concussion Form are to be completed online. The links are below;

Links:

[Appropriate Use of Technology Agreement](#)

[Media/School Website Permission Form](#)

[Concussion Code of Conduct for Inter-School Sports Parent/Guardian](#)

[Concussion Code of Conduct for Inter-School Sports Student](#)

If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be made aware of, please complete the online [PLAN OF CARE FORM](#)

### **Morning Arrival**

Morning Supervision begins at 8:55 am each school day. To ensure student safety, we ask that students do not arrive to the yard earlier than this time.

### **Milk/Subway/Pizza Orders**

They are back this year! The window to order for term 1 of the school year will be between Sept.11-26. Please check your inbox from School CashOnline. If you haven't already signed up for School CashOnline, do so using the link: [School Cash Online](#)

### **OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter**

Here is the most recent [OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter](#).

You are welcome at any time to reach out to Jade Desjardins ([jade.desjardins@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jade.desjardins@ocdsb.ca)) our Indigenous Student Support Coordinator or to us at Hopewell for any questions or to access supports for your child or your family.

Reasons why a student/family may want to connect with Jade for cultural support are [attached here](#).

[OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource Newsletter - Subscribe Here](#)

### **School Council News**



Hello Hopewell Community,

With everyone "back to School", the School Council is also back. We would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who stepped up last year in supporting the School Council in our many activities and events.

Are you interested in joining the School Council activities this new school year? Lots of information can be found in our [Welcome Letter](#) attached.

Included are some specific opportunities:

- *School Council Volunteers*: join with Hopewell parents this upcoming year for Hot lunches Pizza/Subway Days and Events (such as Ski/Skate sale coming up in October!)
- *School Council Members*: consider a Member role, representative or committee function as part of Council in 2024/25
- *Elected Council positions (Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary)* learn more about [Executive Nominations](#) and [Vacancies](#) for 24/25. Nominations need to be submitted to Principal Andrea White by Friday 13 September 2024

You are welcome to join our ***School Council meeting, Tuesday 17 Sept, 7:00-9:00pm in the Hopewell Library.*** This meeting will be the last as Council 2023/24, and the start of the new Council 2024/25.

If interested in joining the meeting or volunteering please send an email to [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

School Council will have a table set up during the Curriculum Night on Thursday 12 September, where you can register for volunteering and share any ideas/ thoughts and meet the current Chairs.

Find more information on our [School Council website](#), [Facebook page](#) or contact us by email: [sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-hopewellaveps@ocdsb.ca).

Looking forward to collaborating with many of you this upcoming School Year.

Petra Heitkamp and Claire Kerry

Co-Chairs, Hopewell Ave PS School Council

**HAPShots**







