

# Hopewell Avenue Public School Community Connection September 13, 2024

Hello Hopewell Families,

It was so wonderful to welcome families at our Curriculum Night this week. Our educator team was thrilled to open up their classroom doors and connect with their students' families. The partnership between home and school is so important and we appreciate every opportunity to strengthen that relationship. Please never hesitate to reach out.

To get to know our staff a little better, next time you are in the school, please stop by the Atrium to see our "Hopewell By the Numbers" Bulletin board, up for the month of September. Collectively, we have 587 years of teaching experience. Please feel free to scan the QR code for listen to our staff playlist. See HAPShots below. Thanks for getting to know us!

The school is already buzzing with activity. There are many sports and clubs already up and running and our students are quickly making new friends and reconnecting with previous friends. Learning is happening inside and outside.

We would like to thank you all for your patience and flexibility as the school renewal projects come to an end. We expect that the work will be done by mid-week and our sidewalk and doors will be back to their regular accessibility.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Andrea White & Sandy Miller
Proud Hopewell Administrative Team

#### Important Dates

Sept. 17-School Council Meeting

Sept. 19-Terry Fox Run

Sept. 27- PA Day (no school for students)

# **School News**

# **Terry Fox School Run**

Thursday, September 19th, 2024 we are taking part in a school-wide Terry Fox Run. Rain or shine, Kindergarten and Primary students will be walking/running in our school yard and our Junior and Intermediate students will be walking to Brewer Park.

You can help support the fight against cancer by donating to the Terry Fox Foundation through our school fundraising page <u>HERE</u>



# **Hot Lunch and Milk**

Hot lunch and milk orders are now available online through School CashOnline. For those families who have registered through School CashOnline, the notification emails were sent out this week. If you are not currently registered, you can do so at <a href="School CashOnline">School CashOnline</a>.

### Important Documentation-Last Call!

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

# **Information Items**

#### **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 and caregivers become responsible for these expenses.

The OCDSB does not provide student accident insurance. Caregivers are encouraged to consider

purchasing accident insurance or student accident insurance for incidents that may not be covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or any additional medical plans they have.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase on a voluntary basis. Caregivers may apply online at insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437. The accident insurance coverage options range from \$17.00/year to \$33.00/year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage and a variety of important accident benefits (benefit limits differ based on plan selected). If you have any questions, please call Jones DesLauriers Ottawa (formerly Binks Insurance Brokers) directly at 613-226-1350.

# Walk-A-Block

Did you know that walking all or part way to school helps create safer school zones by reducing vehicle congestion? If you live too far away from school to walk the whole way, consider parking 5 to 10 minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Take this small step to help make school zones safer for everyone! <u>Download</u> your Walk-a-Block map today!

For more information about OSTA's **#GetYourWalkOn** programs and resources please visit OSTA's <u>website!</u>

# 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) 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**



# Calling all volunteers for Hopewell School Council.

We spoke to lots of parents at Curriculum night. It was great to speak to so many of you. If you were thinking of volunteering we would love to hear from you, please sign up via our Google form. We are especially looking for Pizza volunteers for Friday lunch times. https://forms.gle/7xvYpsbq2QNj1RTv5

Our first school council meeting is on Tuesday 17th September in the school library at 7pm. We will be electing the new school council for 2024/25. All welcome to join us for this first meeting of the new school year.

Don't forget to use School Cash online for ordering Pizza and Subway lunches. Our hot lunch program is our biggest fundraiser and we appreciate all orders made. Deadline September 27th.

Have a great weekend!

Claire and Petra

Co-Chairs Hopewell Ave PS School Council

# **HAPShots**











