

Hopewell Happenings



December 2015

PTA President's Message

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With the holiday season upon us, I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to volunteer and support the PTA this year. We can't do what we do without you!!

Don't forget to start your holiday celebration and do some shopping at Hopewell's Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- We have lots of vendors participating this year. The Marketplace is open to the public so tell your family and friends. Come early!!
- Help your little shoppers finish their shopping list at our Little Shopper's Shoppe.
- Students will have the opportunity to help decorate Hopewell's Christmas tree with ornaments they made in class.
- There will be a Giving Tree located in the Lobby again this year. The tree is decorated with tags that list the wishes and needs of local children in our community. Please consider taking a tag or two.
- New This Year: **The Hopewell Sing Along:** Kids and Parents alike are invited to come sing their favorite Christmas Carols to ring in the holiday season. We will meet in the lobby at 11am. Bring your best singing voice and a friend.

We are pleased to announce that the Hopewell PTA Facebook page is back up and running! We welcome any Hopewell parents, guardians, faculty, staff, and administration to join, as this page will share great pictures and provide timely updates/reminders about events at the school. Search "Hopewell PTA" in Facebook to submit a request to join this page, and we look forward to growing this online community with you!

We're still looking for PTA members and volunteers. Remember, you can join the PTA or volunteer at any time during the school year.

A Big Thank You to Thinzar Aung, Madi Capoccia and the Book Fair volunteers for a job well done. There was a lot to do that week and they all did an amazing job. Bravo. Thank you also to our **Teacher Appreciation Committee** for supplying the goodies for the Teacher Preview Breakfast.

There is no PTA meeting scheduled in December. Please join us on Wednesday, January 6th at 2:30 p.m. for the next scheduled meeting. This meeting is being held in the afternoon in case of a delayed opening. As always, young children are welcome.

Wishing you and yours all the joys of the holiday season. Hope everyone has a healthy and happy time off and we'll see you in 2016!!

Happy Holidays,

Jennifer Philipp
PTA President
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A message from the Principal...

Dear Hopewell families:

Welcome to December! I hope you and your family had a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed a break from our busy routine. With the holidays just around the corner, I want to acknowledge the Hopewell faculty, our students, PTA and our Hopewell families for providing assistance to others during this giving season and throughout the school year. We were able to assist 2 families with a Thanksgiving dinner and make a donation to Betty Lou's Pantry in the amount of \$220 through our Casual for a Cause fund collected during Costumes for a Cause. Thank you students and families for your food and monetary donations!

This holiday season we'll be partnering again with Lower Milford Elementary School and sponsoring our "**Giving Tree**" at the Hopewell Holiday Shop and Trim-a-Tree. The tree will be located in our lobby and will benefit Hopewell and Lower Milford students and their families. You may support us in our efforts by picking a gift tag from our Giving Tree and returning the wrapped item to our nurse's office no later than 12/11/15. We're lucky our children live in such a giving community and we're able to assist families who are less fortunate or experiencing temporary setbacks. What beneficial life lessons we teach our children from giving to others! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

On November 11th, Hopewell students recognized our Veterans with a school-wide flag raising ceremony around our flagpole. Our Cub Scouts and Daisy Troops assisted us in raising our flag and were acknowledged for learning about the importance of serving our community. Hopewell students learned how important it is to support our Veterans and thank them for keeping us safe. I'd like to thank our third grade families who helped to donate supplies to Mr. Mike Pompella's unit who is stationed in Bahrain near Saudi Arabia. Hopewell students also sent cards and letters to the troops. In return, Mr. Pompella's unit was able to send us some pictures of the supplies they received and our students were excited to receive a reply from the unit so quickly!

On Saturday, December 5th, Hopewell students and families are invited to join us for the **Hopewell Holiday Shop, Trim-a-Tree, and Breakfast with Santa (reservations required)**. Our doors will be open from 9:00 AM until noon. All students are invited to help decorate our Christmas tree with their handmade ornaments between 9:30 AM and 11 AM. We've invited outside vendors who'll be setting up shop in our gymnasium for those interested in some pre-holiday shopping. Please look for more info from our PTA.

Our annual **PJ Stuffy Day** will occur on Tuesday, Dec 23rd. Please look for an information flyer to come home with your child in the near future. This is an extra special day we plan for our students. All students and staff are invited to wear their pajamas to school and bring their favorite stuffed animal! We'll celebrate by planning some special in-class activities for our students on this last school day before our holiday break. It's one of our students' favorite day of the year!

School will be dismissing at 12:50 PM on 12/23. Only AM kindergarten will attend, eat lunch at school and dismiss at 12:50PM. There will be no school for PM K on 12/23.

Preparing for Inclement Weather: A reminder notice has already been sent home asking you to prepare in advance for emergency school closings and early dismissals. Please have a discussion with your child about these plans so they feel comfortable and know what to expect should it differ from their regular routine. Please remember to utilize our green bus pass to ensure your child gets to the correct destination. With 350 youngsters in our building this information must be communicated to us in a timely manner, so please plan ahead and make sure your child is aware of the plan you have put in place for these days.

I hope you have an enjoyable Holiday Season. Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2016!

Lori Limpar
Hopewell Principal



December dates to remember:

Tuesday, 12/1: School Spirit Day: wear red and green as we make our handmade ornaments to trim our tree!

Saturday 12/5: Hopewell holiday marketplace and Trim-a Tree 9AM – 12PM (reservations required for Breakfast with Santa)

Tuesday, 12/23: PJ Stuffy Day: Students may wear their PJ's to school and bring a favorite stuffed animal. AM K attends and eats lunch at school, NO SCHOOL for PM K.

Thursday, 12/24/15 thru 1/1/16: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

School resumes on **Monday, January 4, 2016** - Happy New Year!

Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail submissions to kangney@rcn.com **by the 20th of each month.**

*All submissions are subject to approval by Ms. Limpar.