

# Hopewell Happenings

February 2017



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PTA President's Message

## A Monthly Note From PTA:

We can't believe the children are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period! With the upcoming PTA events in the months ahead, the time will go fast.

### Save the Date:

- Valentine teacher and staff flower a gram due: 2/3
- Jump Rope for Heart: During school 2/6-2/10
- Me and My Hero Dance: 2/24 6-8PM (send in your payment and form soon)
- Family Fun Night Out at Bethlehem Skateaway : Thursday, 3/9 5:30-7:30PM

Monthly Shout out: To **Jill Hedges** and **Susannah Detwiler** for helping out with the school wide Bingo. The children had a blast.

**Join us at our next PTA meeting, Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** or visit the monthly meeting minutes on [sbsd.org](http://sbsd.org) under Hopewell PTA. Stay in the loop through Facebook please like us HOPEWELL PTA.

**Until next month,**  
Carla Stock -PTA President  
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**Message from PTA Vice President, Dawn Resch:**

-The **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** has officially ended. We surpassed our goal of raising \$4,000. The total sales were \$4,766.00 and Hopewell earned \$1,906.40. Thank you to all of the families and friends who participated in Hopewell's first online fundraiser! Way to go!

-**Giant A+ School Rewards** enrollment is down this year. Only 120 people are registered. Even if you registered your card last year you have to re-register again this year. Each time you shop at Giant you will earn money for our school. The money goes directly to the school, not to the PTA. This does not affect your gas points or coupons in any way.

Please visit [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) and follow these steps:

1. Register your card
2. Sign in to register your card
3. Search by City, State: Center Valley, PA or use our ID (23403)
4. Choose Hopewell Elementary (you may choose up to two schools)
5. Submit school
6. Confirm information

*\*\*\*\*\*Please invite your friends and family to register their Giant card as well! Thank you so much!*

-Please continue to shop on [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Just log on with your regular amazon log-in information and choose **Hopewell Elementary PTA** as your charitable organization.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**PTA Meeting:** February 1st at 2:15 PM

**Valentine Flowergrams due:** February 3rd

**Me and My Hero Dance:** February, 24th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Family Fun Night Out at Bethlehem Skateaway:** March 9th, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Dance For Education:** March 31st



## *A message from the Principal...*

Dear Hopewell families:

Welcome to February! We will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this Friday February, 3<sup>rd</sup>! Time is passing by quickly. Below is a lot of information about upcoming events and some important reminders. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the PTA and our school.

**2017-18 Kindergarten Registration:** Southern Lehigh School District will be holding kindergarten registration the week of **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at \*Liberty Bell Elementary School.** Beginning March 1, 2017, appointments may be made by signing up electronically on the website under Kindergarten Registration. All registrations will be scheduled as individual appointments. Children must accompany parents to kindergarten registration. Children must be five years old before September 1, 2017 in order to be registered for kindergarten. For more information visit Kindergarten Registration on the slsd.org website. Please share this message with parents who have a child starting kindergarten in the fall.

### **Third Grade PSSA Math and ELA assessment dates:**

All third grade students will be participating in the PSSA Math and English Language Arts assessments in April. This year the assessments will be given in two separate weeks. The assessment for English Language Arts will begin on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>. Math Assessments will begin Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>- April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please mark these very important testing dates on your calendar and avoid scheduling appointments or being absent from school on these dates. If your child is absent from school and is unable to make up this assessment during the assessment window, their absence will be considered unexcused. The PSSA is a state mandated assessment.

**Attendance requirements:** Section 1333 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania requires children to attend school daily, unless ill. Your child's attendance rate also affects our School Performance Profile. Students who are absent or tardy 10 days or more will receive a warning letter that indicates their child's absenteeism rate is approaching the excessive mark. A physician's excuse may be required for each and every future absence.

School board policy necessitates a parental or physician's written excuse be turned in whenever a child returns to school from being absent. This excuse is due within three days of each absence. Please get in the habit of sending an excuse with your child on their first day back to school.

Whenever you have any medical information that affects your child's attendance, this confidential information should be shared directly to our school nurse, Mrs. Nickie Castetter if it has academic implications.

**Arrival and Dismissal safety:** Hopewell staff begins to monitor the front door and parent drop off area beginning at 8:40 AM. Please do not drop off your child unsupervised before 8:40AM. Staff are present to assist with student drop off. Please follow their direction. **For student safety, children are expected to exit on the passenger side of your car only.**

**Late starts and early dismissal reminder:** When there is a two hour delay, school starts at 11AM. Children may be dropped off beginning at 10:40 AM and not before.

**Special note to kindergarten parents:** When we have an early dismissal, the rule to follow is that AM kindergarten students will most likely need to remain at school and be dismissed with the rest of our students. If we dismiss after lunch, your AM kindergarten child will be provided a lunch. The reason this is standard practice is because our bus company, Brandywine transportation, also provided transportation to LCTI in Schnecksville and they must have time to return to Southern Lehigh to transport our secondary students before we dismiss our elementary students. It's hard to anticipate the exact time your child will be arriving home, because the dismissal time will differ for each inclement weather early dismissal. Please plan on this practice for future early dismissals. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as these days are challenging to everyone!

**Valentine's Day celebrations:** Hopewell School will celebrate Valentine's exchange in the classrooms on Tuesday, February 14th. Individual classrooms may plan additional classroom activities. **Due to food allergies that may exist in our classrooms, we ask that you not attach any food or candy to Valentines.** Non-edible treats are recommended.

Stay warm and healthy!

Ms. Limpar



## **February dates to remember:**

*-Wednesday, Feb 1st: PTA meeting @ 2:30 PM*

*-Friday, Feb 3rd<sup>h</sup>: Spirit Day: National Wear RED for Women's Heart Health*

*-Monday-Friday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>-10th: Jump Rope for Heart activities during Physical Education*

*-Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day card exchange for all students (no edible treats please!)*

*And Spirit Day- Wear red, white or pink*

*-Thursday, Feb 16th: 12:50 dismissal/ AM K attends and eats lunch @ school / no school PM K*

*-Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: No School/ President's Day Holiday (possible snow make-up day)*

*-Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - No School/ President's Day Holiday*

*-Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - My Hero & Me Dance in the Hopewell Gym, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM reservations required*

### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please e-mail submissions to [kangney@rcn.com](mailto:kangney@rcn.com) **by the 20th of each month.**

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