

Hopewell Happenings



November 2016

PTA President's Message

We have had an exciting fall season at Hopewell Elementary School. Between Open House, ribbon cutting/dedication, fall social and Halloween Parade the school has been very busy. The children are in such a fun and exciting environment. We are looking forward to continuing this momentum into the upcoming months.

Monthly SHOUT OUT: Thank you to **Stacey Hostetter** and **Elaine Thode** for organizing a delicious spread for teacher appreciation. Thank you to all the volunteers who made or donated food for 'Best Teachers in the World' theme dinner. Many thanks to co-chairs **Tiffany Gyuricsko** and **Melissa Moffatt** for arranging such a successful and FUN fall social. The children and families who attended had such a wonderful time. Thank you to **Sasha Lees, Dawn Resch & Nicole Emery** for the amazing decorations. We appreciate all the volunteers who made this evening a success. **April Hausman** for the foyer decorations, hosting family event & Kindergarten field trip at Hausman farm. Thank you- **Caymen Gorajewski** for setting up our school directory and **Tiffany Kovich** for collecting BOX TOPS. Thank you **Dawn Resch** for creating our new school apparel logo and **Tara Moyer** for assisting Dawn with sales. Thank you to our PTA executive board and all volunteers for all you do for the school & our children.

Planning is in full swing for **Hopewell Holiday Open House**. This family fun event is scheduled on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Breakfast with Santa, Trim our school tree and Penguin Patch Shoppe where your child (ren) can shop for gifts, plus several local vendors.

Please continue to collect Box **Tops** and send in Ziploc bag.

Message from PTA Vice President/Fundraising Dawn Resch:

Get your Holiday shopping started early with Hopewell PTA's first online fundraiser! Please visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and shop as many times as you want with Hopewell Elementary School's **code: 990103202** from now until January 11, 2017. Hopewell PTA earns **40%** of each sale! Please share with your family and friends!!!! Secondly, remember to visit www.giantfoodstores.com and register your Giant bonus card with Hopewell Elementary (ID#: 23403). This will not affect your gas points or savings in any way. A portion of your spending goes to Hopewell Elementary every time you shop at Giant. Finally, please consider shopping at www.smile.amazon.com. Simply register with your regular amazon account on www.smile.amazon.com and choose Hopewell Elementary PTA as your charitable organization. Please email Dawn Resch, dawnresch@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our school and PTA!

Message from PTA Treasurer Jennifer Hedden:

Hello Hopewell families! I'd like to take this opportunity just to explain where your donation dollars go. Just for the month of October the PTA, with your help, we were able to send the kindergarteners on a field trip to Hausman Farm and also host the Fall Social. Throughout the school year we are able to have many exciting things happen for our kids that include field trips, fun assemblies, socials, festivals, etc. This is all because of you! Thank you!

Want to know what else is going on with the PTA? Come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m.** or visit the monthly meeting minutes on sbsd.org under Hopewell PTA. We are hoping to have our new superintendent Mrs. Kathleen Evison at one of our meetings; date TBD. Stay in the loop through Facebook please like us [HOPEWELL PTA](#)

Until next month,

Carla Stock -PTA President
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A Note From Our Principal

Dear Hopewell Families:

Welcome to November! This past month has been a busy month at Hopewell School.

We held a very successful Open House on 10/13/16 and a Community Open House, dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on 10/20/16. We hope you enjoyed seeing the inside of our new school as much as we enjoyed sharing it with you!

Thank you parents and PTA volunteers who contributed to the staff dinner before our Open House. The foods from around the world and theme was greatly appreciated by our teachers!

Parent-Teacher Conference week is November 14- 18. Hopewell School will be using an automated parent-teacher conference scheduler called "**SignUpGenius.**" You already should have received an email directly from your child's teacher to sign up for your parent – teacher conference. If you haven't done so, please click on the link in the email to take you to the sign up page. Just check the box next to the available date and time to select your conference and hit the submit button. You'll receive an email reminder 2 days before your conference. Please call your teacher directly if you do not have an email address.

School Bus Safety: National School Bus Safety Week was October 17-21st. Please take some time to have a discussion with your child about bus safety responsibilities. Students are reminded daily by our dismissal team to follow the Pouncer Pal's expectations and be "Respectful, Responsible, and Ready" while riding on our school buses.

- 1) Respectful students speak in a quiet, friendly voice to the child they share a seat with and make sure their words make others feel comfortable and not uncomfortable.
- 2) Responsible students sit safely in their seat, face forward, and keep hands, feet and objects to themselves. No one has the right to tell anyone where they can or cannot sit. Students are responsible for remaining in the same seat until they get safely to school or safely home.

We encourage kindergarten students to sit near the front, all first graders must sit behind kindergarten, second graders should sit near the middle of the bus and third graders may sit near the back. The bus driver will make seating adjustments as necessary for the safe operation of their school bus. Parent follow-up and regular reinforcement is appreciated and necessary to help keep our buses safe.

School safety: The district continues to take great steps in making all schools secure facilities. Please remember all students must have a note from parents to be picked up from school by anyone they do not reside with. We ask that custodial parents notify the school in writing or by phone call if they are granting permission for a non-custodial parent or relative to pick up their child at school. Schools must be kept up to date with visitation information and court orders that identify custody arrangements. Please update our office whenever these arrangements change.

Classes are in session daily until 3:15 PM; therefore we cannot open our doors for parent pick up until this time. We ask that you to plan accordingly as the weather gets cooler. Please note that parent pick-ups are asked to park in the far right lane of the parent pick up lane. If these spots are full please pull into a parking spot in our parking lot in order for buses to access our bus lane. In order to keep pedestrian traffic and bus traffic separate please exit the lot timely. Please drive carefully at parent drop off and pick up. Young children tend to run and do not always pay attention in our parking lot. We suggest that parents hand-in- hand escort their children to and from our building as drop off and pick up are busy times. These safety expectations will benefit all children.

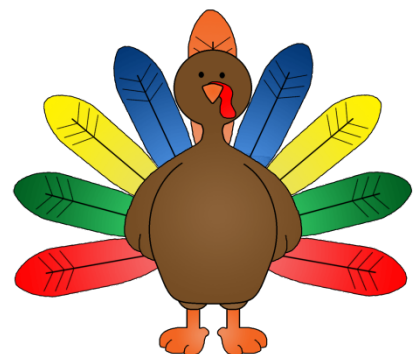
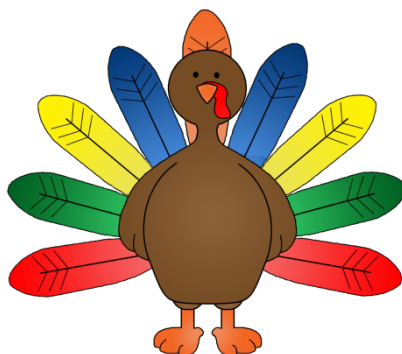
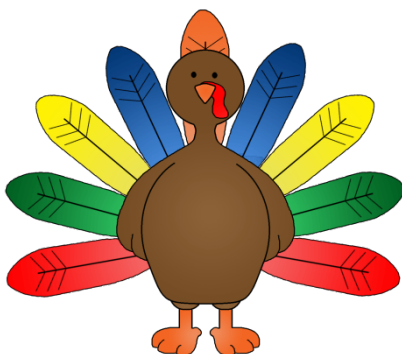
Missing Sapphire Accounts: All parents are asked to sign up for a Sapphire Account at sbsd.org. Visit the Parent link on our website and select the Sapphire Community Web Portal. Click on the getting started link. They keyword for getting started is "spartans". Please print, sign and return your application to Elaine Lebo at our Central Office or you may return the application to Hopewell and we will forward it for you. After your application has been received, you will receive an email assigning you a PIN number. You will then be allowed to access the Sapphire Community Portal for report card grades, attendance, and other relevant information.

Blackboard Connect: Blackboard Connect is our district's electronic communication system for informing families of school activities and weather related emergencies. Parents can update the Blackboard Connect Parent Portal anytime your contact information changes. Visit the parent link on sbsd.org, and select Blackboard Connect Web Portal. Read the directions carefully and click on the link to create an account. Please update this information anytime your phone number or email changes. You must always notify the school office when any of your contact or student emergency contacts change.

School pictures were taken on 10/4: An additional makeup day will be scheduled for November 22nd for any absences or retakes. Parents will receive a reminder notice when this date gets closer. Students who need a retake and are absent on retake day may contact Christmas City directly at 610-691-2109.

Wishing you all a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Lori Limpar, Hopewell Principal



November dates to remember:

11/2: PTA meeting 9:30AM in Hopewell cafeteria

11/4: Spirit Day: wear your HW apparel, blue and orange.

11/4: End of first quarter

11/11: Report cards distributed

11/11: Veteran's Day: Students are invited to wear red, white & blue or their Scouting uniforms to help honor our Veterans. We will be holding a brief flag raising ceremony at our flagpole (weather permitting) to honor all Veterans and a brief assembly afterwards.

11/14-11/18: Parent conference week. 12:50 Bus dismissal all students (12:40 Parent pickup)

AM Kindergarten attends 9-12:50 PM on 11/14, 11/15 and eats lunch at school.

PM Kindergarten attends 9-12:50 PM on 11/16, 11/17, 11/18 and eats lunch at school.

Scholastic Book Fair – look for the PTA notice being send home regarding hours.

11/22: Hopewell picture retakes – more info to follow

11/24, 25 and 11/28: No School....Happy Thanksgiving!

11/29: Spirit Day: Wear red and green to make and decorate tree ornaments

12/3: Hopewell Holiday Marketplace: 9AM – 12PM. Come and shop, help trim our Christmas tree with handmade student ornaments, and enjoy breakfast catered by Diana's café (reservations needed for breakfast).

