

PTA Hopewell Happenings Newsletter

February 2020

A message from the Principal...

Dear Hopewell families: Welcome to February! Time is passing by quickly. We will be celebrating our 100th day of school, Monday February, 3rd! Thank you in advance for your continued support of the PTA and our school.

February dates to remember:

- **Mon. Feb 3:** 100th Day of School!
- **Mon. Feb 3:** Last day to turn in My Heart My Hero reservations w/payment
- **Wed. Feb 5:** PTA Meeting 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
- **Fri. Feb 7:** Wear Red for National Heart Health Day
- **Fri. Feb 7:** My Heart My Hero Social 6-8 PM
- **Thurs. Feb 13:** Spirit Day- Wear red, white or pink
- **Fri. Feb, 14:** No school (Teacher In-Service Day)
- **Mon. Feb 17:** No School (President's Day Observance)
- **Mon. Feb 24-28:** Jump Rope for Heart activities during Physical Education

****Valentine's Day celebrations:** Hopewell School will celebrate Valentine's exchange in the classrooms on Thursday, February 13th. Individual classrooms may plan additional classroom activities. **Due to food allergies, we ask that you not attach any food or candy to Valentines.** Non-edible treats are recommended.

Third Grade PSSA Math and ELA assessment dates: English Language Arts will be assessed on Monday, April 20 – Wednesday, April 22, 2020 and Math will be assessed on Monday, April 27 – Tuesday, April 28, 2020. 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 assessment window, their absence will be considered unexcused. The PSSA is a state mandated assessment. All third grade students are scheduled to participate in the PSSA assessment.

2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration-

Southern Lehigh School District will be holding kindergarten registration **here at "Hopewell Elementary School"**. Registration is scheduled for Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. Please check our website in the next couple of weeks.

Appointments will be made by signing up electronically on our 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, 2020 in order to be registered for kindergarten. Please share this message with parents who have a child starting kindergarten in the fall.

A message from Mrs. Castetter our school nurse-

The winter months bring with them increased risks for colds and flu illnesses. The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

- 1. Avoid close contact.**
- 2. Stay home when you are sick.**
- 3. Cover your mouth and nose.**
- 4. Clean your hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**
- 5. Practice other good health habits.**

PTA Information:

MY HEART, MY HERO Social - Friday, Feb. 7; 6 - 8 p.m.

Please see the attached form to register your student for this fun social event. \$10/couple (one parent/one child). Additional child(ren) \$6 each. All registrations and money are due by Monday, Feb. 3. Ticket price includes a 5" x 7" professional photo and corsage or boutonniere for child. Please enclose your order form and cash or check made payable to Hopewell PTA in an envelope marked MHMH, Attn: Jackie Owens, and send to school with your student. Questions: contact Jackie at jackiedmd@icloud.com

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AND ART RAFFLE FUNDRAISER Thursday, March 12; 6 - 8 (doors open at 5:15 p.m. for concessions)

Join fellow Pouncers and families for a night of bingo, class art project raffle, food and fun to support our school! Purchase your \$12 bingo ticket (good for 10 rounds of bingo and includes 1 hot dog, 1 snack, and 1 drink) before they sell out. Chances to win your student's collective class art project can be purchased for \$5/ticket (both in advance and on event night). Please see attached flyers for more details and look for information sent

home with your student. Questions: contact Laura Sheatsley at lauraeciganek@yahoo.com

YEARBOOK

If you have taken any photos of class and/or school events and you would like to submit those photos for consideration to be added to the yearbook, please email photos to hwptayearbook@gmail.com. Look for the cover contest information and yearbook order forms coming in the spring. Questions: please contact Aimee Kipila at aimeekipila@gmail.com

3RD GRADE BABY PHOTOS - The yearbook will feature a section of 3rd grade student baby photos and current photos. Information was sent home with your student. Photos are due Friday, Feb. 7. Please send 3rd grade photos or questions directly to Jennifer Wrigley: HopewellYearbookPics@gmail.com

2020-21 PTA Board Elections

Like to plan social events, manage a budget, coordinate volunteers, or just looking to help when and where the need arises? Interested in supporting Hopewell in a leadership role? The PTA Board is looking for several committed volunteers to serve a one-year term to support the efforts set forth by the PTA membership. If you are interested in serving or just want to hear more details before making a final decision, please contact Kristen Quirk at kristenquirk@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL MINI-THON CHEMO KITS

All Southern Lehigh schools are teaming up with the high school's Mini-Thon crew to create chemo kits for those undergoing chemotherapy treatments in the Lehigh Valley. Hopewell has been assigned to collect donations of lip balms and small hand creams. Please drop them in the main office or send in with your student by Friday, Feb. 21.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GLASSES DRIVE

The middle school's National Junior Honor Society is spearheading a service project to collect used glasses to donate to the local Lions Club to benefit low-income families. They are accepting sunglasses, reading glasses, and prescription glasses. If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off in the designated box in the main office.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. April 4: Family Movie Day at Emmaus Theater
Mon. April 27: Earth Day celebrated during school
Fri. May 15: Hopewell PTA Annual Spring Festival

See Attachments for more information: