

Hopewell Happenings December 2019

Dear Hopewell families:

Welcome December! I hope you and your family have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and enjoy the break from our busy routine. With the holidays just around the corner, I want to acknowledge the Hopewell faculty, our students, our PTA and the Hopewell families who provide assistance to others during this giving season and throughout the school year.

December dates to remember...

- **Tuesday, 12/3 School resumes**
- **Friday, 12/6 - Holiday Shop & Penguin Patch 6-8PM**
- **Saturday, 12/7- Holiday Shop, Penguin Patch, 8:30-Noon**
Breakfast seating at 8:30AM, 9:30AM and 10:30AM
- **Saturday, 12/7- All students** are invited to help decorate our Christmas tree with their handmade ornaments during the Holiday Shop/Penguin Patch.
- **Friday, 12/20: PJ Stuffy Day:** Students may wear their PJ's to school and bring a favorite stuffed animal. **Early Dismissal-12:50 w/lunch, PM K attends**
- **Monday, 12/23/19 - 1/1/20: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**
School resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2020- Happy New Year!

Our annual PJ Stuffy Day is set for Friday, Dec 20. This is a 12:50 PM early dismissal.

All students will be eating lunch at school, including PM kindergarten. All students and staff are invited to wear their pajamas to school and bring their favorite stuffed animal! It's one of our students' favorite days of the year! This holiday season Hopewell will again be hosting our annual "**Giving Tree.**" The tree will be located in our lobby and will benefit Hopewell students and their families. You may support us in our efforts by picking a gift tag off our Giving Tree and returning the **wrapped item with the giving tree ornament attached**, to our nurse's office no later than **Friday, 12/13/19**. In addition, we are also collecting food items (non-perishables and no glass jars) and personal items also by **Friday, 12/13/19. (Attached is the list of food/personal items.)**

Preparing for Inclement Weather: Please have a discussion with your child about plans for early dismissals and school closings, so they feel comfortable and know what to expect should it differ from their regular routine. Please remember to utilize our green bus pass and parent pickups to ensure your child gets to the correct destination. If you have changed your email or phone numbers please update Blackboard Connect or call the office.

Veterans Day: On November 11, Hopewell students recognized our Veterans with a school-wide flag raising ceremony around our flagpole and held a recognition assembly. It was touching to hear about the various branches of service, military assignments and important contributions made within our Hopewell families. Our Cub Scouts and Daisy Troops assisted in the ceremony and were acknowledged for learning about the importance of serving our community. Hopewell students learned how important it is to acknowledge our Veterans for keeping us safe. We acknowledged the opportunities we have in our country that's not available to children in all parts of the world. Our students learned the importance of thanking our Veterans for protecting our freedom.

Volunteer clearance reminder-

1. Clearances are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM at our central office, 5575 Main Street, Center Valley.
2. Clearances must be turned in at least one week in advance of volunteering for a planned event.

Volunteer information appears on our website under the Parent tab and Volunteer Clearances.

I hope you have an enjoyable Holiday Season.
Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2020!!

Mrs. Lori Limpar
Hopewell Principal

From Mrs. Castetter, our School Nurse regarding Classroom parties, celebrations and birthdays.

PLEASE ALWAYS COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER REGARDING FOOD ALLERGIES and SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS. After talking with your child's teacher, please contact the health room.

- **Teachers/Homeroom Parents** please remember one (1) week prior to each party/celebration a menu must be submitted to the NURSES office for review. The menu may only contain 1 unhealthy treat (i.e. - cupcake, brownie, Rice Krispie treat etc.). If you need a menu template please contact your classroom teacher.
- **NO HOMEMADE FOODS** All food products-**must be store bought** and they **must** have the ingredients attached. These items must be sent into school 48 hours prior to the party/celebration (handed into the health room to be checked), the only exception to this rule is fresh fruit and veggies-- if these items are being cut/prepared they must be brought **into the school the day of the party/celebration and checked by the health room**, then they may be cut/prepared with knives etc. from our cafeteria!
- **Birthday treats** are to be **NON EDIBLE**, even if being sent home with students. ***If treat bags are found to contain a food item(s), you will be contacted and will need to pick the bags up at school.*** Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Information-

December PTA Meetings are cancelled! The next meetings will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria and 7 p.m. in the library.

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Hower for teaming up with the PTA to create the winter notecards! All the kids loved the project!

Hopewell PTA's Holiday Festival: Friday, December 6 (6 - 8 p.m.), and Saturday, December 7 (8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.).

- **Breakfast with Santa: 3 seatings** on Saturday, December 7 - 8:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 10:30 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, french toast casserole, and breakfast potatoes. Continental items of donuts and muffins will

be sponsored by the PTA. Several gluten free options are available. Please contact Laura (lcapaldo09@gmail.com) with any questions/dietary restrictions.

- **Penguin Patch Shoppe:** Shopping available both Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon for all Hopewell students, siblings, and other children or friends. All gifts are priced \$8 and under. Gifts are wrapped and labeled before leaving. Siblings and other children outside of Hopewell students are welcome to shop! Please contact Carolyn Marotta with any questions: carolynmarotta@gmail.com
- **Holiday Marketplace:** Local vendors showcase hand-crafted gifts and specialty items in the gym. This is a great time for adults to shop while the children are in the Penguin Patch. Vendors will have items for sale both Friday and Saturday. Questions: contact Jessica Keefe (jessica.keefe10@gmail.com)
- **Photos with Santa:** A family photo with Santa is included with your purchase of a breakfast ticket. For additional photos or those not participating in the breakfast, photos will be \$3 each. No physical photos are printed. All photos are emailed directly to you several days after the event.

SHOP WITH SCRIP

It's a great time to purchase gift cards for the holidays! Many stores are offering lower than usual denominations. Be sure to take advantage of this easy way to grab gifts while supporting the PTA! **SHOP WITH SCRIP** - This is an ongoing gift card fundraiser. Purchase gift cards anytime at: www.shopwithscrip.com enter enrollment code: 61682C696119L

A percentage of each card sold will go directly back to the Hopewell PTA!

Gift cards to Giant, Amazon, Starbucks, and Target will be available for immediate purchase at PTA meetings. If you would like to purchase these gift cards and cannot make a PTA meeting or if you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Durkin- ltdurkin@gmail.com or Nicole Emery- nez02@yahoo.com NEW with Shop with Scrip: Just in time for the holidays, order small denomination gift cards (some as low as \$5)! Available now until December 16!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 24 - Family Fun Event at SkyZone - more details to follow
- February 7 - My Heart, My Hero Social
- March 12 - Family Bingo Night and Art Auction