

Hello Hopewell families:

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends. And we wish you good health and good fortune in the coming year.

January Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, 1/2 Back to School- **Day E**
- Wednesday, 1/8 PTA Meeting 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
- Friday, 1/10 Wear white- for winter white out day
- Tuesday, 1/14 Dine for Dollars- See details below and attachments
- Friday, 1/17 No School for students, Teacher In-Service
- Friday, 1/17 End of 2nd grading period
- Monday, 1/20 No School, Martin Luther King Holiday, Offices closed
- Friday, 1/24 PTA Family Fun Event at Sky Zone 4-7PM
- Friday, 1/24 Grades posted in Sapphire
- Friday, 1/31 Spirit Day- wear your favorite sports team

- **Thank you!** The Hopewell Staff would like to thank all Hopewell families who contributed to the Holiday Teacher Appreciation Luncheon that was prepared for us on December 16th. It was delicious! We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

- **Hopewell's Giving Tree:** I'd like to offer a sincere thank you to all families who helped support our Giving Tree. Each year our goal is to assist families in need or those experiencing a temporary setback. Thank you for helping us achieve our goal! With your assistance and Hopewell's Casual for a Cause Fridays, we were able to assist 8 Hopewell families. We're very fortunate to live and work in such a giving community. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!

- **Recess reminder:** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for winter weather. Recess occurs daily throughout the winter, weather permitting.

- **Attendance:** The PA school Code, 24 P.S. 13-1326, has identified that students may be absent from school for the following lawful reasons: illness, family emergency, death of a family member, medical appointments, authorized

school activities and pre-approved education travel. The statute identifies 10 cumulative absences as allowable during one school year. Families who go beyond 10 cumulative days of absence for any reason will be required to provide proof of attendance at a medical or judicial agency appointment per the Pennsylvania School Code. The office must receive excuse slips validating the excuse within **three days** of the child returning to school.

- **Arriving to school late:** Please be advised that arriving to school late is not a good way for your child to start their day. An occasional late start due to a Dr. apt is always excused but children who chronically arrive after our 9AM start time are forced to start their day in a catch-up mode. This is detrimental to their education and a disruption to their educational environment. It also violates compulsory attendance laws.

Let's hope the weather cooperates with us this winter and that we have our snow days on weekends! Please note whenever the district closes, or opts for a late start or early dismissal the superintendent's decision is based upon numerous conversations with our transportation department. Student safety is always the determining factor.

Happy New Year!

Ms. Limpar, Hopewell Principal

A message from Mrs. Castetter, our school nurse regarding "Over-the-Counter" (OTC) Medications:

Winter months are a time when many of us become ill with a virus like the common cold. Sometimes we need to see a physician but most viruses can be treated at home with rest and lots of liquids. However, there are over the counter medications (OTC) that may help to relieve some symptoms. If parents/guardians want to send in OTC medications, like decongestants, cough/sinus, cold tablets for the nurse to administer, please remember in order to administer **ANY** medications (this includes prescribed medications) the nurse **MUST** have a physician's order. If you need to have medication given to your child at school, please have your physician complete the "Medication in School" form that can be found on the school website www.slsd.org.

Go to - Hopewell Elementary, Our school, Health Services, medication in school, health forms page, or

<https://www.slsd.org/cms/lib/PA02209662/Centricity/Shared/Health/medication/nschoolform.pdf>

Parents/Guardians **MUST** bring all medications to the school with the completed form, along with the medication labeled with your child's name, to the Health room. The only medication that a student is allowed to carry with them to and from school is an inhaler. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call the Health Room at 610-791-0200 ext. 2560. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

From the PTA

-Sky zone Spirit Night: January 24th, 2020, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Order tickets online and \$5.00 per ticket goes back to our school! Tickets may be purchased in person the night of the event too! Purchase a hot dog meal in advance with your online order and an additional \$1.00 will go back to our school for each meal purchased! Don't forget to wear your Hopewell Spirit Shirts!!
http://bethlehemstore.skyzone.com/m/area/Info/Spirit_Night_Fundraisers

-We are all set for the Dine to donate at the Copperhead Grille on 1/14/20 from 5-9. We will receive 15% of all Dine-in or Take-out orders that present the attached coupons. Feel free to share with friends and family.