

Hopewell Happenings

November 2019

A Message from the desk of Principal Limpar

Welcome to November!

Upcoming Events and Important Information:

- 11/6 - Wed. End of 1st Quarter grades (grades will be posted 11/8 in the PM)
- 11/6 - Wed. PTA- Meeting 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
- 11/11 - Mon. Veterans Day Program
- 11/20 through 11/22 - Early dismissal 12:50 PM – Parent-Teacher Conference Week
- 11/25 through 11/27 - Early dismissal 12:50 PM- Parent-Teacher Conference Week
- 11/28 - 12/2 Thurs. - Mon. Thanksgiving Break
- 12/3 – Tues. School resumes - Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Green

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK- Wednesday Nov. 20 – Wednesday Nov. 27. Hopewell School will be using an automated parent-teacher conference scheduler called “SignUpGenius.” You 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 an available date and time to select your conference and hit the submit button. You’ll receive an email reminder 2 days before your conference.

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. 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. Please also understand schools must remain neutral in all child custody cases.

PARENT PICK UP is at 3:25 PM- As the weather gets cooler we suggest you remain in your cars until 3:25 when you see our staff open doors for pick up. Please 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. Drive carefully at parent drop off and pick up, and we suggest that children be held hand in hand to and from our building.

SAPPHIRE ACCOUNTS: All parents are asked to sign up for a Sapphire Account at slds.org. Visit the parent tab, click on District Communication Tools, go to the application. The keyword is spartans. Next, print and sign your application and send it to our Central Office 5775 Main St. Center Valley, PA 18034 Attn: Elaine Lebo. You will receive an email with your PIN number. You will then have access to your student’s portal account for report card grades, attendance and other relevant information.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT: This is our district's electronic communication system for informing families of school activities and weather related emergencies. Parents are asked to set up a parent portal at sisd.org. Visit the parent tab, click on District Communication Tools, click on the Blackboard Connect. Please read the directions carefully, you can create an account (initially you will need your students ID# to create) or you can modify an existing account if you have a new email or phone number.

School pictures were taken on 10/9: Re-takes are Wednesday, November 20th or you may contact Christmas City Studio directly at 610-691-2109.

A message from our School Nurse-

10 Tips to Keep You and Your Classroom Healthy During Cold and Flu Season

These tips are useful for teachers, staff and students:

1. Stay home if you have a fever (Temp > 100.5). Do not return to school until you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication (anything containing a fever reducer such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil), and cold medications containing either of these medications).
2. Wash your hands often. The best way to wash your hands using soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds. If soap and warm water is not readily available; hand sanitizer is a good alternative.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Remember to sneeze or cough into your elbow.
4. Dispose of used tissues in the trashcan and wash your hands after blowing your nose or sneezing/coughing into your hand.
5. Keep your hands away from your face.
6. Have tissues and sanitizer in your classroom for students to use. **TIP:** place them in an area where you can observe their use but do not put them on your desk to decrease the number of germs you are exposed to.
7. Wipe down frequently touched areas: your computer keyboard, the phone in your room, the door handle, light switches, for example, with a cleansing wipe or even hand sanitizer placed on a paper towel. The custodial staff does a great job keeping our buildings clean but a little extra this time of year goes a long way in keeping everyone healthy.
8. Do not share personal items (water bottles, eating utensils etc.).
9. Stay hydrated, eat properly, exercise and get adequate sleep.
10. If you haven't received a flu shot, it is not too late. Check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Wishing you all a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Lori Limpar, Hopewell Principal

PTA Message

Shout Outs

- Thank you Stacey Hostetter and Kelly Staruck and the entire Halloween Social Committee for a fun and very successful event! The students had a blast.
- A special thank you to DJ Dan Glatts with First Class Entertainment for providing fantastic music and fun activities at both the Dance for Education and the Halloween Social!

DANCE FOR EDUCATION

The PTA is proud to announce that with the support and generosity of our Hopewell community, we raised over \$12,000! We are grateful to Principal Limpar, Mrs. Moser, and all of the Hopewell teachers and instructional assistants for helping to make this a special day for our students. From the funds raised, the PTA will be able to continue to cover costs of all students participating in assemblies, class field trips, author visits, and so much more! This year, we are also beginning to allocate funds to enhancing our school playground.

ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR - Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Tuesday, Nov. 26

Hopewell's annual book fair will take place in the afternoons from 1:30 - 4 p.m. during the week of parent/teacher conferences (Thursday, Nov. 21 - Tuesday, Nov. 26). Questions: please contact Kristen Quirk (kristenquirk@gmail.com) or Jessica Keefe (jessica.keefe10@gmail.com)

Family Fun Night - Mark your calendars for our Arctic Adventure Family Fun Night on Wednesday, November 20, from 5 - 8 p.m. Bring the whole family to shop for books, take fun photos, make a craft, and enter a contest!

All For Books Coin Toss Challenge - Bring your spare change into school the week of November 11 - 15. The class with the most change at the end of the week will win a prize! The money collected during this challenge is used to ensure all Hopewell students have access to books; and refresh and purchase new books for all classroom libraries. Drop those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters into the designated jug in your classroom all week! (Participation is voluntary.)

HOPEWELL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL - Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7

This is a holiday cheer-filled event for the whole family!

Penguin Patch Shoppe - A fun market for our little shoppers! Hopewell students and siblings can shop for immediate family members, relatives, friends, and even furry family and keep their presents a secret from others. Adult helpers will be available to assist with money management. All gifts will be wrapped and labeled before they leave the shop. All items are priced from \$0.25 - \$8. Hours of operation include Friday, Dec. 6: 6 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7: 8:30 a.m. - noon. Questions: please contact Carolyn Marotta (carolynmarotta@gmail.com)

Holiday Marketplace - Do you have crafts/specialty items to sell at our annual vendor marketplace? See the attached vendor form. Please complete this form (see attachment) and remit it with your money as soon as possible to secure your spot. Hoping to have lots of foot traffic this year as we are increasing the number of seating's for our Breakfast with Santa. Questions: please contact Jessica Keefe (jessica.keefe10@gmail.com)

Breakfast with Santa - Ho ho ho! Enjoy a delicious breakfast complete with hot and continental items on Saturday, December 7. seatings at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. and include a full breakfast (hot buffet, continental items, juice and coffee) and a ticket for a photo with Santa. Space is limited at each seating so sign up early! Look for the Sign Up Genius in mid-November to secure your seats. Questions: please contact Laura Capaldo (lcadaldo09@gmail.com)

Photos with Santa - Santa will be available for photos on Saturday. One photo per family is included with a Breakfast with Santa ticket purchase. Other photos are available for \$3 each. All photos will be emailed directly to the address you provide a few days after the event. (No physical photos are printed on site.)

WINTER NOTECARDS

A big thank you to Mrs. Hower for teaming up with the PTA to create the winter notecards this year. If you placed an order, they will be sent home with your child just before the Thanksgiving break. Please contact Lisa Durkin (ltdurkin@gmail.com) with any questions.

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!

Newsletter Submissions* Please e-mail submissions to Melissa Moffatt at melissaj13@gmail.com **by the 20th of each month.** *All submissions are subject to approval by Mrs. Limpar.