HOPELEAPPENINGS **NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

Dear Hopewell Families,

Happy Friday and Happy Veteran's Day! Thank you to our veterans and families for coming to Hopewell. This morning we raised the flag, had a school-wide pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence, and some of our high school students performed Taps. Our Hopewell students paraded around our veterans and sang songs, we watched a special video, and finally, had a wonderful breakfast. Thank you to Mrs. Simons for organizing this event, Mrs. Katzbeck for putting together our video, Mr. Bonsall for preparing our 3rd-graders for the presentation of the flag, and Mrs. Hower for her beautiful artwork displays. Finally, thank you to our veterans for their service. You can check out our Veteran's Day video here.

This week was also School Psychologist Week. Thank you, Dr. Stiles, for everything you do! "Fall into Friendship" week is next week: 11/14-11/18. We will have special activities planned for each day. See the spirit calendar below. The book fair begins next week. Please see the flyer below for your child's day and how to set up your eWallet. Joe Corbi order pickup will be on 11/17 from 3:30-8:00 pm. Finally, conferences and half days will start next Friday. What a busy week we have coming up! In upcoming news, "Green Bus Slips" for child care purposes will be is anticipated to start on Tuesday, 11/29/22. The process will be forthcoming!

Have a great weekend! Lynn Chromiak, Principal

> Links: **Breakfast Information November Lunch Calendar**



11/14-Flannel Day 11/15-Hat Day 11/16-Picture Retakes 11/17-Sports Day & Joe Corbi order pick up 11/15-11/22-Scholastic Book Fair (see info. below) 11/18-PTA Assembly & wear your HW tie-dye shirt 11/18-11/22-Parent/Teacher conferences 11/18-11/23-Early dismissal at 12:50 pm [parent pick up-12:45 pm] AM K reports 11/18 & 11/21, PM K reports 11/22 & 11/23 [lunch is served] 11/24-11/28-no school









ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents,

Among the many excellent things happening at Hopewell & Liberty Bell Elementary School this year, one thing you have been hearing about is our new reading supplement, Fundations. Based on the science of reading, Fundations uses explicit phonics instruction to teach students to decode words and improve their basic reading and writing skills. Teachers have been trained and will continue their professional development to implement this great program. As we learn more about research-based programs and best practices in education, we as a district are in the process of making shifts. You may notice some differences on your child's report card:

Spelling-One big difference from previous years is that the students do NOT have a traditional Spelling list with a test at the end of the week. We want to avoid the practice of simply memorizing the words and instead learn about patterns in words and how to generalize those patterns to spell other, similar words.

Grades 1 & 2-F & P "letter level"-This will no longer be included on the report card because we will not be using this assessment school-wide. Our emphasis on reading is to help students become lifelong readers. We do not want reading to become more about the label than the experience, and we do not want to discourage kids from reading books based on their interests just because they are outside of their level. Instead, we want students to focus on their own individual progress and growth and not worry about how they compare to others in the class. We have universal reading measures that provide our staff data that is used to determine additional support for kids.

We appreciate your partnership and support and will continue to update you on the amazing work that goes on in our schools! Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Dr. Lynn Chromiak, Hopewell Elementary Principal Brian Mansfield, Libery Bell Elementary Principal

Parent teacher conferences & early dismissal

Parent Teacher conferences are 11/18-11/22. Sign ups will go out at the end of the day on 11/1. Please note: there will be early dismissal at 12:50 pm (parent pick up at 12:45) on 11/18-11/23. Friday, 11/18: afternoon conferences Monday, 11/21: afternoon conferences & evening conferences Tuesday, 11/22: afternoon conferences Wednesday, 11/23: NO conferences (early dismissal 12:50 pm) AMK reports on 11/18 & 11/21 PMK reports 11/22 & 11/23 [unch is served on these days]

If you plan to pick up your child on early dismissal days, please use our <u>pick up patrol</u> system.



CREATE YOUR EWALLET HERE

11/15-Bonsall, Hentrich, Hovis, Lysakowski, Olinik, Simons

11/16-Cela, Payne, Scanlon, Smillie, Steinmetz

11/17-Fedorowicz, Freed, Fulmer, Hudson, Oakes

11/18-Pompella, Kohler



MiniTHON Presents

THONsgiving

Come for food, crafts, a movie, and music

11.22.2022

5-8 pm at the Southern Lehigh High School Cafeteria

This is a babysitting and community event. If you have a conference this night, our volunteers will watch your kids while you attend your conference. This is also open to any families that do not have a conference this night and want to attend.