

Hopewell Happenings

January 2013



PTA President's Message

Happy 2013!!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the time off with your family and friends during the winter break. Please join us on Wednesday, January 9 at 2 p.m. for our next PTA meeting. We will be discussing the fun events we are planning for the remainder of the year and the final fundraisers. Feel free to bring younger children to the meeting – they are always welcome!!

Thanks to... our incredible volunteers for all their hard work. Special thanks to Alisa Farrell and Sue Benner for organizing the delicious holiday breakfast for the staff at Hopewell and to all the wonderful parents who donated the yummy breakfast treats!! Kudos to Kim Minutillo and Sue Benner for helping chair the Holiday Open House -- I hope everyone enjoyed the fun morning.

Did you see our sign? Last month Hopewell's new sign was installed. Doesn't it look great? The PTA played a huge role in bringing the sign to Hopewell. Make sure you check out the announcements as you pass Hopewell.

Hopewell T-shirts are still available – we have only a few mediums and a lot of smalls. T-shirts are \$12. If interested send in a check made payable to Hopewell PTA and indicate which size you'd like. First come, first serve on the mediums!!

Don't forget to that the PTA is selling Giant Gift Cards. Remember, there is no risk to participate – gift cards are available in increments of \$20, 25, 50 and 100 and can be used for groceries and gas. Using the gift cards doesn't prevent you from earning other rewards that Giant offers (Gas rewards, A+ rewards, etc.). I promise to process the orders as quickly as possible but no less than every Wednesday and Friday. We have inventory on hand so the longest you will have to wait for your gift card is 2 days. Please note that we will not process your check until we deliver your gift card. Please consider supporting this fundraiser. The PTA earns 5% on every gift card purchase!!

It's not too late to become a PTA member or volunteer. Start the New Year off right and enjoy many local and National PTA benefits. Yearly membership is just \$7.00/individual or \$12/family for the 2012-2013 school years. Remember, membership in the PTA is required to vote on PTA ideas. Membership and volunteer pledge forms are available on the Hopewell PTA website, (<http://www.slsd.org>). Not sure which committee to volunteer for? Just pick "Blue Moon Committee" on the form and we'll contact you when we need some extra help.

All the best for a wonderful New Year!
Melissa Woodring

A Note From Our Principal

Dear Hopewell families:

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

Thank you! The Hopewell staff would like to thank all families who contributed to the Holiday Teacher Appreciation Breakfast that you prepared for us on December 12th - it was fabulous. It's rare that our whole faculty gets to sit down together and share a meal...we appreciate this so much!

Hopewell's Giving Tree: I'd like to offer a sincere thank you to all families who helped us with our giving tree. Each year our goal is to assist families in need or families that may be experiencing a temporary setback. Thank you for helping us to achieve our goal. With your assistance and Hopewell's Casual for a Cause Fridays, we were able to assist 9 different families and 23 children! We hope we were successful in making their Christmas bright. We are fortunate to live and work in such a giving community. Thank you!

Building Safety and Security: On December 18th, I sent home information with all Hopewell students on how to speak with your child about violence in schools. I also provided details about Hopewell's building security and our monthly school safety drills. Safety and security preparedness is always a top priority in our school district. If you did not see this information, you may request an additional copy from the Hopewell School office . It is a tragic event that occurred at Sandy Hook and our goal is to balance preparedness while reassuring our students they are safe.

Inclement weather reminder: A memo is posted on our district website asking you to plan in advance for emergency school closings, late starts and early dismissals. Your source for the most up-to-date information will be the local radio and television stations. This information is usually posted by 6:30 AM. You will also receive this information by phone call or through your email from the Blackboard Connect communication system. If your personal information changes, parents are asked to log onto the district website, click on the parent link, click on the Blackboard Connect tab, and update your address, phone and email information.

We ask that you have a discussion with your child about your family's inclement weather plan so they feel informed and know where to go. For working parents who need daycare arrangements in advance, please fill out the district's transportation "Green Sheet." This green sheet can be maintained in the school office and utilized for all weather-related early dismissals. We ask that you make daycare arrangements in advance. Hopewell only has three phone lines coming into the school and we must keep these lines open for communication from our central office. Parents may request additional copies of the inclement weather memo if you need an additional copy and cannot access our website.

Recess reminder: Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for winter weather. Recess occurs daily throughout the winter, weather permitting. A shortened recess of 15 minutes or a 5 minute brisk walk may occur when the "real feel" temperature goes below 15 degrees. Please make sure your children have coats, hats, gloves and appropriate shoes for outside recess.

Attendance: The PA school Code, 24 P.S. 13-1326, has identified that students may be excluded 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. All absences beyond 10 cumulative days may require an excuse from a physician. Please discuss this expectation with your child. The No Child Left Behind mandate holds all school districts accountable for student attendance. Letters will be mailed out to all families who go beyond the 10 day allowance. Your cooperation with the PA code is necessary and appreciated. A copy of this mandate is available in the school office.

January dates to remember:

January 2nd: School resumes.

January 8th: Market Day pickup @ Intermediate School 4:15- 5:15

January 9th: PTA meeting @ 2:00 PM in Cafeteria (rescheduled from Jan. 2)

January 17th: End of 2nd marking period

January 21st: School is in Session - inclement weather make-up day

January 25th: Report cards distributed for K-6th grade

January 28th: 12:50 dismissal/ PM kindergarten attends

*February 1st: CARES reward and Spirit Day - School wide BINGO /
Wear your favorite sports team's shirt or logo*

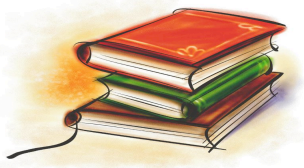
*Have a wonderful New Year!
Ms. Limpar, Hopewell Principal*



Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail submissions to kangney@rcn.com **by the 20th of each month.**

**All submissions are subject to approval by Ms. Limpar.*



Book Fair Review

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to take some time to comment on the PTA Sponsored Scholastic Book Fair that was held during conference week.

I could not be more please with the turnout! It was a great success! It made for a long week and sore feet but as always, I had a lot of fun!

This year we eliminated the guessing jar and instead had each teacher randomly pick one girl and one boy from their class to receive their book of choice as a prize! Congrats to all those students who won! I enjoyed seeing their smiles as they got to choose a book! I got great feedback from many teachers about how the students and teachers enjoyed this idea!

In addition, I am very pleased to say that each teacher got everything they wanted from their lists and then some from both parent's purchases and donations from the PTA.

I could not have done it without everyone who came to shop and the special people who volunteered their time to help me out...

Jill Greco...Copied and Stapled

Dawn Resch...Made the Teacher Wish List Board.

Alisa Farrell and the Teacher Appreciation Committee... Put together a great breakfast for the teacher's to have while they picked their books.

Mr. Stonebeck...Is always my right hand man during Book Fair week.

The Custodial Crew who helped me move the tables each day.

Mrs. Privitera...For all her support with the little things.

The Instructional Aids who without them I'd be on my own many of days...Sue Olinik, Jamie O'Donnell, Suzy Terlingo, Pat Brown, and Kristen McGuire.

The Moms who Worked the Fair...Heather Rizzo, Julie Hundley, Alexis Oravec, Kavita Chitta, Kim Moncman and Sue Benner.

The SLHS Key Club Students...Alyssa Chirumblo and Angela Falco.

Set-up Crew... Olivia Colapietro, Delaina Sirard, Lucynme Sumner, Nancy Blazer, Carol Bodner, Maria Ault and Linda Reagan,

Break-down Crew...Kelly Renquist, Jen Knies, Becky Andrews, Jennifer Philipp, Jill Greco and Jennifer Hedden.

And Finally...Morgan Welsh, and Taylor Moncman who jumped in when we needed help!

THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE!

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Best to all,

Melissa Welsh, Book Fair Chair



Dear Parents,

The Hopewell PTA is pleased to announce its participation in the Cash for Causes program offered by GIANT food stores.

Here's how the program works. Hopewell PTA:

- 1) purchases GIANT gift cards at a 5% discount.
- 2) resells the gift cards for face value
- 3) *earns* 5% for every gift card purchased.

Gift cards can be used for groceries *and* gas. This is a great fundraiser because you have nothing "Extra" to buy. Just purchase a gift card for the amount you would generally spend at the store and Hopewell PTA earns 5% for each gift card sold. **Don't forget to ask your friend and family for orders!!!** The more families that participate, the more profitable this program will be. Using the Cash for Causes gift cards *does NOT* affect other rewards programs that Giant offers, including gas rewards.

Gift cards to GIANT can be purchased throughout the school year by completing the form below. Send the order form with a check made payable to Hopewell PTA in an envelope marked "Giant Gift Cards". Orders will be filled each Wednesday and Friday. Make sure to indicate whether you'd like to pick up the gift cards in the school office or if you'd like them sent home. Hopewell PTA cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced cards.

Please contact Melissa Woodring at eaglescouple@aol.com with any questions.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Student Name _____ Teacher Name _____

- Pick up at office
- Send home with Student

Number of \$20 Gift Cards _____ X \$20.00 = _____

Number of \$25 Gift Cards _____ X \$25.00 = _____

Number of \$50 Gift Cards _____ X \$50.00 = _____

Number of \$100 Gift Cards _____ Total Enclosed _____

Remember to register your bonus card for A+ rewards for our school (ID code: 03403) at GiantFoodStores.com/aplus

Thank You for your continued support of Hopewell!!!!