

Hopewell Happenings



December 2016

PTA President's Message

Monthly SHOUT OUT: Thank you to **Stacey Hostetter** and **Elaine Thode** for organizing a wonderful breakfast for the teachers and staff. Thank you to all the volunteers who made or donated breakfast items.

Thank you to Madi Capoccia, Thinizar Kyi, Tara Moyer and all the volunteers who helped with the Book Fair.

We are looking for a co-chair for the Spring Festival. If you are interested please contact Tara Moyer moyermom5@gmail.com or Carla Stock carlastock10@yahoo.com

Message from PTA Vice President/Fundraising Dawn Resch:

- Please remember to register your Giant bonus card on Giant A+ on www.giantfoodstores.com. You can choose up to two schools. Please choose Hopewell Elementary in Center Valley. This does not affect your gas or savings on your bonus card in any way.
- As the holidays are approaching please consider shopping on our online fundraiser. Keep in mind the website changes frequently. Some items will be added and some will be discontinued throughout the duration of our sale. Please visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and our group code is 990103202. It takes 6-7 days for delivery and orders over \$100 ship free. In addition to candles, there are some great gifts under \$20, wrapping paper, gift bags, and gift labels for sale. This fundraiser ends Jan. 11, 2017.
- Another thing to consider when you are doing your Holiday shopping is to shop on www.smile.amazon.com. Just register with your regular amazon log-in information and choose Hopewell Elementary School as your charitable organization.

Save the Date: Family Fun Day at the **Ironpigs** for Southern Lehigh Elementary Schools will be on **Saturday, June 10th** and there will be fireworks that night!

Join us at our next PTA meeting, Wednesday, January 4th at 2:30 p.m. or visit the monthly meeting minutes on slsd.org under Hopewell PTA. Stay in the loop through Facebook please like us [HOPEWELL PTA](https://www.facebook.com/HOPEWELLPTA)

Until next month,

Carla Stock -PTA President

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A Note From Our Principal

Dear Hopewell families:

Welcome December! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and enjoyed 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.

This year we've partnered with our new neighbors from Traditions of America and they've joined our community in our efforts to assist others. Through their collective efforts they've donated snacks to our full day kindergarten program, art supplies to our school, clothing to our health room, and donated wrapping paper and their time to wrap 66 shoe boxes for our third graders community service "Hope Chest" project. They've also worked with us to provide full Thanksgiving turkey dinners to ten Hopewell families. Their generosity has been a welcome and appreciated addition to our neighborhood!

This holiday season Hopewell will 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 to our nurse's office no later than 12/16/16. We're lucky our children live in such a giving community where we can assist families who are less fortunate or may be experiencing temporary setbacks. What beneficial life lessons we teach our children from giving to others! Your contributions are greatly appreciated

On November 11th, Hopewell students recognized our Veterans with a school-wide flag raising ceremony around our flagpole and a short assembly to recognize the veterans among our Hopewell family. Our Cub Scouts and Daisy Troops helped raise our flag 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.

On Saturday, December 3rd, please consider joining us for our **Holiday Shop, Trim-a-Tree, and Breakfast with Santa**. Our doors will be open from 9:00 AM until noon. All students are invited to help decorate our Christmas tree with their handmade ornaments upon their arrival. At 10 AM we'll ask all children and adults to help decorate the tree and hang all remaining ornaments. We've invited outside vendors who will be setting up shop in our gymnasium for those interested in some pre-holiday shopping. It's a great, festive morning, we promise!

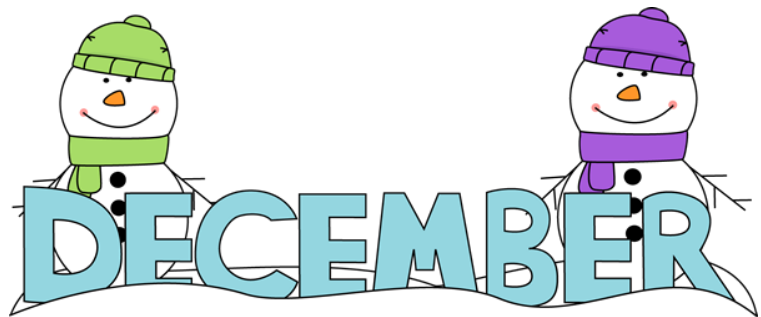
Our annual **PJ Stuff Day** will occur on Thursday, Dec 22nd. Please look for an information flyer to come home with your child in the near future. This is an extra special day we plan for our students. All students and staff are invited to wear their pajamas to school and bring their favorite stuffed animal! We'll celebrate by planning some special in-class activities for our students on this last school day before our holiday break. It's one of our students' favorite day of the year!

Preparing for Inclement Weather: A reminder notice will be sent home shortly asking you to prepare in advance for emergency school closings and early dismissals. Please have a discussion with your child about these plans so they feel comfortable and know what to expect should it differ from their regular routine. Please remember to utilize our green bus pass to ensure your child gets to the correct destination. With almost 450 youngsters in our building this information must be communicated to us in a timely manner, so please plan ahead.

I hope you have an enjoyable Holiday Season. Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2017!

Lori Limpar

Hopewell Principal



December dates to remember:

**Key Club babysitting night from 6-9:30PM in the High School Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per child.
RSVP to beaupret@sbsd.org (Tom Beaupre, advisor)**

Saturday 12/3: Hopewell holiday marketplace and Trim-a Tree 9AM – 12PM

(Make your reservations for Breakfast with Santa!)

Thursday, 12/22: PJ Stuff Day: Students may wear their PJ's to school and bring a favorite stuffed animal.

Friday, 12/23 thru Monday, 1/2: NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 - Happy New Year!

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.*