

Hopewell Happenings



November 2015

PTA President's Message

Autumn has arrived!! The colors on the trees are in full swing right now. Get out there and enjoy them. Here at Hopewell, we are heading into the second marking period. Thanks so much for your support of the PTA.

Membership: We have over 95 members of the PTA this year. It's not too late to join. Forms are available on the Hopewell's website and in the school lobby. Membership gives you the ability to vote on PTA issues. Make your voice and vote count!

T-Shirts: The order has been placed and shirts will be sent home with your child as soon as they are delivered to the school. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept any more orders.

Kidstuff: A Big thank you to everyone who participated in your first fundraiser of the year. We raised over \$2500 on the sale and met our goal! All proceeds will go towards the new playground at the new school. We still have some missing books. If you have one of these books, please wither return them to school with your child or send in a check for \$25 made payable to **Hopewell PTA**. If you have any questions you can contact either of our fundraising chairs: Dawn Resch (dawnresch@yahoo.com) or Allison Cawley (acawleypta@gmail.com)

Volunteers: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to chair and work on a committee this year. The response has been wonderful. Sometimes when the PTA or school needs some extra help, I send out an email request to my volunteer group. If you didn't return a volunteer form this year, but want to be included in the group, send me an email and I can add you on. Also, keep your eyes out for paperwork coming home that offers volunteer opportunities for the Book Fair in November and the Trim a Tree in December.

A very BIG Thank You to committee chairs Tiffany Gyuricsko and Melissa Moffatt and all the parents who volunteered at the Fall Social on October 23rd. What a fun time!! The kids danced, played games and had a blast. There were lots of great costumes too!!

The Bookfair is coming! Come shop during Conference Week. Look for forms and information coming soon. Contact chairs Thinzar Aung (thinzarkyi@gmail.com) or Madi Capoccia (madicap12@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

Save the date: Saturday, December 5th is our annual Holiday Craft fair, Breakfast with Santa and Little Shopper's Shoppe. It's open to the entire Hopewell community. Reservation information will be sent home in a few weeks for the breakfast. Contact chairs Carla Stock (stocksonsunside@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Hedden (plzmindthegap@ptd.net) if you would like to help.

Finally, our next PTA meeting is on November 4th at 9:30am. We'll be discussing upcoming PTA events and other issues affecting the PTA. This is a great way to be informed and meet other parents. There will not be a PTA Meeting in December so this is our last one of the year. Hope to see you there.

Until next month,
Jennifer Philipp
PTA President
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A Note From Our Principal

Happy November Hopewell Families!

October has been a very busy month for us at Hopewell School.

We'd like to recognize and thank Upper Saucon Fire Company for their student assembly. Important topics shared with our students were: 911 for emergencies, Stop, Drop, Roll & Cover your face, never play with matches, E.D.I.T.H. (meeting place for once outside the home), Crawl Low in Smoke, Fire fighters are your friends and community helpers.

Thank you Fire Chief Chuck Castetter, Lieutenant John Meaney, and firefighters Garrick Borascius, Anthony Chirumbolo, Brianna Prince and Nickie Castetter (also our HW Nurse!) for sharing such important safety information with our students. We are fortunate to have them as our neighbor. Please ask your child about the important safety information they learned to reinforce their fire safety message.

Please remember to replace your smoke alarm batteries whenever you change your clocks in the spring and fall (October 31st).

School Bus Safety: National School Bus Safety Week was October 19-23rd. Please take some time to have a discussion with your child about bus safety responsibilities. Students are reminded daily by our dismissal team to follow the Hopewell CARES "Be Nice – Be Safe" responsibilities while riding on our school buses.

1) Be Nice: Students are responsible for speaking in quiet, friendly voices to the child they share a seat with, making sure their words make others feel comfortable and not uncomfortable.

2) Be Safe: Students are responsible for sitting safely in their seat, facing forward, keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves. No one has the right to tell anyone where they can or cannot sit. Students are responsible for remaining in the same seat until they get safely to school or safely home.

Please be advised we encourage kindergarten students to sit near the front, all first graders must sit directly behind kindergarten, second graders should sit near the middle and third graders may sit near the back. The bus driver will make seating adjustments and in some cases assign seats as necessary for the safe operation of their school bus.

Parent follow-up and reinforcement of our expectations is appreciated and necessary to help keep our buses and our students safe.

Blackboard Connect: Blackboard Connect is our district's electronic communication system for informing families of school activities and weather related emergencies. Parents can update the Blackboard Connect Parent Portal anytime your contact information changes. Visit the parent link on s/sd.org, and select Blackboard Connect Web Portal. Read the directions carefully and click on the link to create an account. Please update this information anytime your phone number or email changes. You must also notify the school office and our transportation when any of your contact or student emergency contact information changes.

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 by anyone they do not reside with. 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.

Classes are in session daily until 3:20 PM, therefore we cannot open our doors for parent pick-up until this time. We ask that you to plan accordingly as the weather gets cooler. Please note that parent pick-ups are asked to park around the back of Hopewell School in order to keep bus traffic and pedestrian traffic separate. Please enter the school through the front doors, report directly to the cafeteria, sign out your child at their grade level table, and exit through the rear doors of the gymnasium. Please do not prop open the gymnasium doors when you exit. We also ask parents to wait in the cafeteria at the grade level table and not in the lobby. Please remind your child they may not leave the cafeteria without the grownup that is signing them out. If you are running late, please call the school. This process runs smoothly when we all work together. These firm safety rules are for the benefit of our children. We ask for your compliance.

School pictures were taken on 10/6: An additional makeup day is scheduled for November 18th for any absences or retakes. Parents will receive a reminder notice when this date gets closer. Students who need a retake and are absent on retake day may contact Christmas City directly at 610-691-2109.

Wishing you all a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Lori Limpar, Hopewell Principal



November dates to remember:

11/4: PTA meeting 9:30AM in Hopewell cafeteria

11/5: End of First Quarter

11/6: The Miracle Worker preview (HS performance)

11/11: Veteran's Day: Students are invited to wear red, white & blue or their Scouting uniforms to help honor our Veterans. We will be holding a brief flag raising ceremony at our flagpole (weather permitting) to honor all Veterans.

11/13: Report cards distributed

11/13: School-wide field trip to Lower Milford for Lasermania reading assembly

11/16-11/20: Parent conference week. 12:50PM dismissal for all students

AM Kindergarten attends 11/16, 17; eats lunch at school and dismisses @ 12:50PM

PM Kindergarten attends 11/18, 19, and 20; eats lunch at school, dismisses @12:50PM

Scholastic Book Fair – *look for PTA notice being sent home regarding dates and hours *

11/18: Picture retake day

11/26, 27 and 30: No School....Happy Thanksgiving!

12/1: Spirit Day: Wear red and green to make and decorate tree ornaments

12/5: Hopewell Holiday Marketplace: 9AM – 12PM. Come and shop, help trim our Christmas tree with handmade student ornaments, and enjoy breakfast with Santa! (more information and breakfast reservation form will be sent home from PTA.)



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.