



PARENTSPEAK

Dates to remember:

February 14 – Parent Council meeting, 7pm, school library, babysitting available!
February 15 – Report cards
February 17 – PD Day
February 20 – Family Day

Please email parentspeak@gmail.com if you would like to take advantage of babysitting services for the next parent council meeting. There are 10 spaces available for children 3years and older - please email to make sure you get a spot.



Thank you to everyone who provided input regarding the OCDSB Elementary Framework. A number of parents have continued to press the board to help protect Hopewell's status as a triple track school. A delegation of parents also attended the January board meeting. The framework has removed the 1.5 classes per track requirement. Check out the updated report online:

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/calendar/AGENDA%20DOCS/2017%20DOCS/January%202017/COW%2024%20January%202017/06c%20Report%2017-004%20Elementary%20School%20Program%20Framework%20final%20draft.pdf>

Please contact our OCDSB representative at Shawn.Menard@ocdsb.ca with any questions or feedback.



Please remember to order lunches at least a week ahead of time (or sooner)!

To order, go to hopewell.hotlunches.net, click on the Register button (top right), enter Access Code - H AHL - and required information. Once registered, order lunches, and pay via PayPal.

Thanks for participating in our largest fundraiser!

Email Lindsay at lindsaylemonyukes@hotmail.com to help deliver pizza to hungry kids.

UPDATE: Parents are now able to order pizza for their kindergarteners! More volunteers are needed to help deploy pizza and supervise.

Hopewell's Safe and Caring Committee, with the help of Parent Council funding, supports or plans various initiatives, such as the upcoming *Improve with Improv* workshops, Friends anxiety program, and mindfulness for kindergarteners.

The Safe and Caring committee, including teachers and student reps, meets monthly on a Friday morning, from 9:15-10:15. To join, please email Heather at shnbarrett@gmail.com.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The Ministry of Education will fund 10 projectors for Hopewell PS in 2017.
- An instruction coach for gender identity and safe spaces in the classroom presented to staff. As well, the school now has a gender inclusive washroom. Administration has emphasized to students that these washrooms are for anyone to use, anytime.
- Big thanks to Tara Lynch for running the very inclusive and successful intramural girls' volleyball program for Gr. 4-6.
- The Blizzard Bazaar was also a great success, raising over \$10 000 for a playground at RE Wilson school in Vanier. Ms. Hannah is working to forge a lasting connection with the school. Thank you to everyone who came to the Bazaar!
- Administration is planning an info night to help parents select tracks for children entering grade one.
- Ms. Hannah has been in touch with the city regarding snow removal near Hopewell, and they are committed to making improvements. There have also been discussions about increasing the number of crossing guards near the school.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to organizers and those who attended the Ski and Skate sale, which raised \$1479 for Hopewell! As well, thanks for participating in the hot lunch program. Please remember that you can still order for the rest of the year. Lunches can be ordered a week in advance of the next hot lunch day.



Fundraising committee report

The fundraising committee is working with Ms. Hannah on creating a calendar for next year, to advise families on upcoming fundraisers for council, the school, and/or particular grades. We'll post the calendar online when ready. As hot lunch revenue has gone down, the committee is working on diversifying fundraising initiatives. There are plans in the works for a Dance-a-thon later in March. Money will go to support a particular initiative - more information to follow!



Hopewell PS seeks volunteers interested in leading a **lunch club**! Whatever your interest - knitting, chess, drawing, writing, magic, computers - if you are available to help lead a club at lunchtime, please contact Heather, at Heather.Cotton@ocdsb.ca

If you haven't already, email us at ParentSpeak@gmail.com to receive upcoming newsletters.