



# Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

## *ParentSpeak*

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### Year-End Carnival

On Thursday June 25 Council is organizing an end of year Carnival for the primary and junior students. The afternoon will be filled with fun activities such as face painting, treasure hunts, skipping, hockey shoot-outs and the every popular giant slide, maze and ladder climb. There will be free freezies for all kids and snow cones and cotton candy for \$2.

**Volunteers are needed** to make this event successful. If you can spare some time to help out between 1pm and 3:30pm on June 25 please email Kathryn Owens at [kowens-email@rogers.com](mailto:kowens-email@rogers.com).

### H1N1 Virus

Washing hands with soap and water for 15 seconds is one of the best ways to stop the spread of the H1N1 virus. The students are reviewing proper hand washing techniques at school and for an entertained hand washing video go to:  
[http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/emergencies/pandemic/doing\\_right\\_video\\_en.html](http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/emergencies/pandemic/doing_right_video_en.html)

**\*\*\*New:** Next year Purell will be added to the student's school supply list.

### Balanced School Day begins Sept. 2009

In order to help parents and students adjust to the Balanced School Day starting in September, Council will post suggestions for parents to help adjust to the new time frame on its website ([www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com](http://www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com)) and will encourage feedback from parents on how their children are adjusting to the new day structure.

### Grade 7&8 Lunch Activities

The students entering grade 7 and 8 in September 2009 have been surveyed by the Administration as to what lunch time activities they would like to participate in. They range from sports, leadership training, clubs, "pay it forward" initiatives, computer labs and art studio time etc. We will keep you posted in September as to the lunch time program schedule and send out a call for volunteers where required.

## Space Camp 2009/10 Update



Space camp will be held for the grade 6 students. However, it has been shortened to two days and one night (down from two nights) due to concerns expressed by the Administration as to demands on teachers to be away for two nights and concerns from the School Board about sleep away trips in general. The Cosmodome has modified the curriculum to accommodate the shortened timeframe.

## Pizza Lunch

A huge **THANK YOU** to Claudia Sanmartin for organizing the 18 pizza lunches this year. This is Council's biggest fundraiser raising approximately \$21,000 this year for Council activities.

## QSP Magazine Fundraiser:

Magazine orders can be made at anytime online at [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) and the Hopewell ID# is 10768. Hopewell receives approximately \$10 from each new subscription or renewal.

## Grass Yard Update

A keen crew of gardeners was out in force on Saturday June 13 and 20 to aerate the soil and lay compost and mulch around the trees. Two new trees, tree protection, a raised garden, and two clusters of seating boulders will be installed in the north half of the grass yard over the next week. Funding for this project came from a \$4,725 Greening Grant from City of Ottawa and was matched by School Council with \$3,225 in cash and \$1,500 in volunteer labour. Over the summer the new trees will need to be watered. If you can help in the tree watering program please email:

[pmerriam@technologywise.net](mailto:pmerriam@technologywise.net)

## Hopewell Turns 100



Hopewell will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. A 100 Year Celebration Committee is **looking for people** with energy and ideas to help plan a year of special celebrations to mark this occasion. If you are interested in getting involved please email Jane Dickson-Gilmore at [jane\\_dickson-gilmore@carleton.ca](mailto:jane_dickson-gilmore@carleton.ca)

## THANK YOU / MERCI

**Thank-you** to everyone who gave above and beyond this year to make School Council a success. A special thank-you to the following people:

1. Tina Daniels, Chair
2. Michele Sprott, Treasurer, Pizza Lunch
3. Nicola Maule, Website, ParentSpeak
4. Sara Adams, Past Chair, Budget Committee, Teacher Recognition Breakfast
5. Janet Jull, Special Needs Rep
6. Neal Hill, Intermediate Rep, Adhoc Traffic Committee
7. Karen Johnston-Hobbs Primary English/Core French Rep
8. Karen Goodrich, Intermediate EFI
9. Jackie Nadia, Junior MFI Rep
10. Carol Brillinger, Greening Grant
11. Kathryn Owens, Space Camp
12. Marie-Claude Savoie, Grocery Coupons
13. Dennis Inglis, Grocery Coupons
14. Claudia Sanmartin, Pizza Lunch & Shop Local
15. Lucinda Brommersma, Shop Local
16. Judy Calder, Shop Local & Band Trip
17. Susan MacDonald, Minutes
18. Paul Merriam, Grass yard
19. Susan Barbatbun, Technology committee
20. Diane Hiscox, Safe Arrival Line
21. Literacy Volunteers, Dennis Inglis, Mede McAttee, Zahra & Megan McNeill-McKinnell
22. Linda Bernst, Space Camp Treasurer
23. Anne Marie Corbett, Playground Toys
24. Jane Dickson-Gilmore, Special Events
25. Joanne Disaverio, Pizza Lunch

**There may be others that we are not aware of who worked behind the scenes and if so thank-you for your time and your commitment.**