



Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

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April 2009

The next Council meeting is on May 12 at 7 pm in the school library.

Balanced School Day begins Sept. 2009

The Balanced School Day will be introduced for the 2009/10 school year at Hopewell.

This organizational change within the regular school day allows for fewer transitions for students, increased learning time and balanced nutrition breaks.

A tentative schedule could look like this:

9am-10:40am: instructional time
10:40am-11:20am: 20 min. eating & 20 min. outside
11:20am-1pm: instructional time
1pm-1:50pm: 20 min. eating & 30 min. outside
1:50pm-3:30pm: instructional time

Special Needs/Exceptional Children Meeting

Council's Special Education representative, Janet Jull, is chairing a meeting at the school on **April 28 at 7pm** for parents of children who have been identified as exceptional. The purpose of the meeting is for parents of exceptional children at Hopewell to get to know one another, to share experiences and identify their needs.

Traffic Committee Update

Council has formed a traffic committee to address concerns associated with the proposed increased parking spots around Bank and Sunnyside, due to the new Shoppers Drugmart and the parking and traffic flow issues on Hopewell Ave. If you are interested in joining this committee or wish to share your views, please email parentspeak@gmail.com.

Safe and Caring Schools Update

Spring has finally arrived and so has the list of suggested toys that students may want to bring to school to play with at recess:

Balls of all sorts (tennis, soccer, foam, juggling, beach and bouncy balls), skipping ropes, gymnastic ribbons, balls, bug catchers, sand toys, marbles, bean bags, hacky sacs, sidewalk chalk, skip its, jacks, string for cats cradle.

Please label the toys with your child's name.



Student Numbers at Hopewell

Council is looking for parents who would like to be part of a committee that will look at the exceptionally large student population relative to space at Hopewell School. The school population is projected to grow over the next few years and is already at 110% capacity. This committee will meet with our trustee, Rob Campbell, look at planning statistics and decide whether to ask the School Board to undertake an Accommodation Review of the school with the goal to reduce Hopewell's student population. If you are interested in advocating for the school on this committee please email paretnspeak@gmail.com.

Volunteers for Year-End Family BBQ



Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Hopewell Family BBQ on June 9 at 5pm. There will be food, games and entertainment to celebrate the end of the school year. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please email parentspeak@gmail.com if you would like to help organize this much anticipated event.

Upcoming Community Events

May 31: Old Ottawa South Home Tour

This is a fundraiser for the Firehall Renovation Project. Visit 6 beautiful homes- from past and present- and support the Firehall. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Firehall or online at www.homesbetweenthebridges.ca

June 14: Old Ottawa South River Run

Come on out at 9:00 am for a road race through the neighbourhood and raise money for new Firehall equipment. It starts and finishes at Brewer Park and offers three distances: 10K, 5K, and 2.5K. Register online at www.oldottawasouth.ca/river-run

No Parent Left Behind Initiative on Bullying

6:00 - 9:00 pm, May 6
Jack Donohue Public School, Kanata

An evening dedicated to informing parents how to understand and cope with bullying at school and in the community.

Special guest speakers will teach parents how to recognize the warning signs that their children are being bullied or bullying others. Key information and tools for Bullying Prevention and Intervention will be presented. Parents will also learn how the OCDSB is empowering children at school through their Character Development Program.

www.noparentleftbehindjdps.com

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Dates to Remember

Special Education Meeting: April 28 at 7pm

Volunteer Breakfast: May 6 at 8:30am

Bullying Presentation: May 6 at 6pm

Pizza Lunch: May 8 and 22

Council Meeting: May 12 at 7pm

Old Ottawa South Home Tour: May 31, 1-5pm

Hopewell Family BBQ: June 9 at 5pm

Old Ottawa South River Run: June 14 at 9am