



Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

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May 2009

The next Council meeting is on Thursday June 18 at 7 pm in the school library.

Balanced School Day begins Sept. 2009



Many parents came out to the May Council meeting to hear more about the Balanced School Day that 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.

The schedule will 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

For students who wish to go home for lunch, they would go at 1pm until 1:50pm.

Changes to Grade 7&8 Lunch Routine

In September 2009, the grade 7 and 8 students will be able to have “off school property lunch privileges” between 1pm and 1:50pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only (currently they have “off school property lunch privileges” 5 days per week). Activities such as intramural sports and interest clubs will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Homeroom Model for Grade 7&8

The Intermediate model that was implemented this year will not change for next year. There will continue to be about 5 to 7 teachers per classroom.

Traffic Committee Update

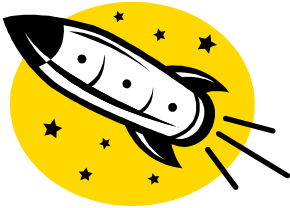
Hopewell Council has learned that the proposal for the Shoppers Drugmart on the corner of Bank and Sunnyside has been postponed due to “economic reasons”. The Traffic Committee will focus its efforts on calming Hopewell Ave.

Volunteers for Year-End Family BBQ



Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Hopewell Family BBQ on Tuesday **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.

Space Camp 2009/10



The Space Camp tradition for all grade 6 students in the 2009/10 school year will continue. However, it will be shortened to two days and one night to keep costs under control.

Grocery Coupon Fundraiser

Council would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Denise Inglis and Marie-Claude Savoie and all the parents who participated in this year's grocery coupon program. Through this fundraiser we raised \$2,000 for Council activities.



Volunteers for Pizza Lunch

For pizza lunch to run smoothly, parent volunteers are required. If you have a spare hour on Friday June 5 or 19 between 11am and noon, please come to the school and lend a helping hand.

Grass Yard Update



In order to receive our greening grant, work in the grass yard needs to be completed by June 15. An email will be sent out shortly asking for volunteers to help dig, haul and plant. Changes for front part (near Hopewell Ave.) of the grass yard will include: two new trees; protection for all the trees presently in the yard; a raised garden; two clusters of seating boulders; and mulch. The back of the yard (near Glen Ave.) needs a drainage study before any improvements can be made to it.

Upcoming Community Events

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

Dates to Remember

Pizza Lunch: June 5 and 19

Council Meeting: June 18 at 7pm

Hopewell Family BBQ: June 9 at 5pm