



Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

ParentSpeak

(Council's monthly newsletter)

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The next Council meeting is on Tuesday October 13 at 7 pm in the school library.

Welcome from Hopewell Council Chair

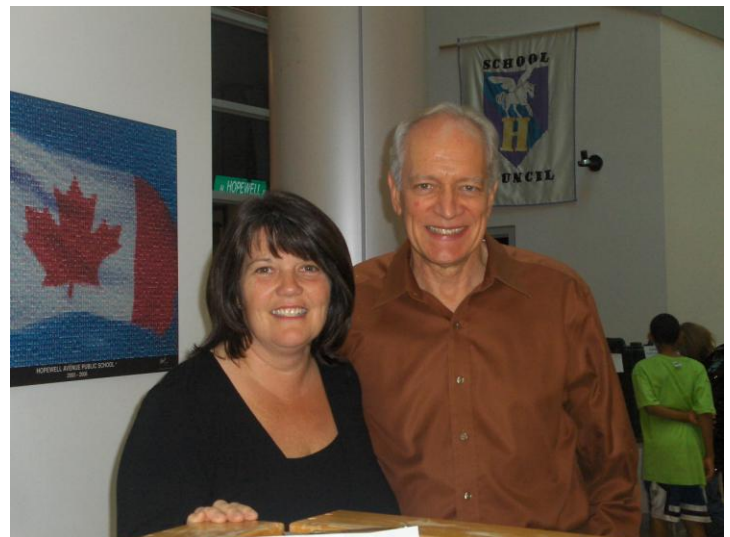
We often throw around the term “historic” - and often about trivial things. But this year IS truly historic for Hopewell Avenue Public School, as it is the **100th** year that Hopewell has been educating children from our community!

That century of history means that thousands and thousands of young men and women have received the foundation of their lifelong learning here at Hopewell, and gone on to contribute to Canada and the world. And that isn't trivial at all!

This year, Hopewell School Council will be organizing many events and programs to remind us all of what a significant passage this is for the school, and we hope you will all participate in many of those activities. However, while we celebrate this great milestone, we will also be re-focusing on our core role as a Council: being a **Forum** for discussion and communication around issues affecting the school community; being a **Funnel** for your ideas, energy and expertise, to supplement the resources of the school's faculty and administration in educating our kids; and being a place of **Fun**, where we can come together and enjoy each other's company, bonded by a common commitment to making Hopewell the best possible place for our children to learn and grow.

As a parent with two boys in grades 3 and 7, I'm honored to be Chair of Council for this very significant year. I am excited to be working with such a great slate of Members of Council. And I urge you come out to our monthly meetings and help make Hopewell Avenue Public School's second century even better than the first!

-Neal Hill
Chair, 2009/10
Email: Nhill55@gmail.com



Judy Calder, Vice-Chair & Neal Hill, Council Chair

Volunteer at Hopewell

Council encourages all parents to share their time and skills to enhance school life at Hopewell. Council has a range of activities throughout the year that need parent support. There is an immediate need for:

- Coaches for girls volleyball team
- Website Designers for a lunch club

If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, email: jaynie_stephenson@yahoo.com

Volunteer opportunities are also posted on the website at:
www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com/volunteer.htm

Council Communications

Council is trying to reduce paper but still maintain strong communication with Hopewell parents. However, we only have email addresses for 50% of Hopewell families. If you have not done so already, please register your email via the homepage of Council's website at www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com.



100th Anniversary

Hopewell is celebrating its 100th school year and Council has struck a 100th Anniversary Committee to plan some special events to help celebrate. In the works are plans for: a musical with all the students; a wine and cheese reception for alumni; an end of year Birthday Party; a time capsule; special clothing; an historical exhibit; and lots of birthday cake! Stay tuned for more details...

Parent Resource Library

Hopewell Council has an extensive library of parenting books available for parents to borrow. They are located in the Parent

Resource Room 304 next to the school library. A list of titles is available on the Hopewell Council website at:
www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com/resources.htm

EQAO Scores

The EQAO results (standardized test results) are in and below are the scores for the 2008/09 school year as compared with 2007/2008.

Grade 3	2007/08	2008/09
Reading	68	74
Writing	69	77
Math	77	72

Grade 6	2007/08	2008/09
Reading	70	85
Writing	63	83
Math	55	76

Upcoming Community Events

October 24: Former Hopewell teacher and Hopewell parents, Susan Atkinson and Elizabeth Todd-Doyle invite the Hopewell Community to a Halloween Party in celebration of the upcoming release of their second book entitled *What Do Witches Do?* They will be hosting the event at The Southminster United Church (temporary home of the Firehall) at 15 Aylmer on Saturday **October 24th between 2pm - 4 pm**. During the week prior to Halloween 'the little witches' will be flying into various Hopewell P.S. classrooms to delight students with readings from their new book.

Dates to Remember

PD Day: October 9
Pizza Lunch: October 16 and 30
Council Meeting: October 13 at 7 pm

Happy Thanksgiving!



Council Slate 2009/10

Below is the newly elected Hopewell Council for the 2009/10 school year. If you would like to reach any of these people, please send an email to: parentspeak@gmail.com

There are still some vacant positions on Council and anyone can join Council as a Member at Large at any time.

Chair	Neal Hill
Vice Chair	Judy Calder
Treasurer	Michelle Sprott
Secretary/Past Chair	Sara Adam
Primary Eng. Rep.	Paisley Nesmith
Primary EFI Rep.	Karen Goodrich
Junior Eng. Rep.	Vacant
Junior EFI Rep.	Marcia McAlpin
Intermediate EFI Rep.	Errlee Carruthers
Intermediate Eng. Rep.	Aaron Caplan
Intermediate Gifted Rep.	Vacant
Special Needs Rep.	Vacant
Communications	Nicola Maule
	Lori Camilucci
Events Coordinator	Jane Dickson-Gilmore
	Marnie Drover
Volunteer Coordinators	Jaynie Stephenson
	Sarah Fisher-Reid
Hopewell Rep to OCASC	Tina Daniels
Members at Large	Linda Reinstein
	Carole Loop
	John Loop
	Christine Franklin
	Joanne Di Saverio
	Fiona Campbell
	Susan Barbatbun
	Valerie Egener
	Ian Winter
	Susan McDonald
	Alison Fines
	Reem Aslam
	Marie-Claude Savoie
	Rob Coplan
	Emily Giroux
	Mike Stewart
	Karen Johnstone-Hobbs
Principal	Nicole Turpin
Vice Principal	Kim MacDonald