

Hopewell Happenings

October 2019

From Mrs. Limpar, Principal

Thank you for a great first month of school. It's hard to believe October is already here. We're looking forward to a number of upcoming October events. I hope you'll find the following information useful:

- 10/2- Wed. PTA meeting, 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM in the cafeteria
- 10/3- Thurs. PTA- Dance for Education (more info coming from our PTA)
- 10/4- Fri. Wear Hopewell blue to Stomp out Bullying
- 10/7-10/11 Fire Prevention Week – On Thursday, October 10th, the Upper Saucon Fire Department will bring their fire trucks to our school and our students will have a demonstration and discussion about the importance of fire safety preparation.
- 10/9- Weds. Picture Day: Order forms have been sent home from Christmas City Studio and must be returned prior to pictures.
- 10/11-Fri. Wear your favorite color Friday
- 10/11- Fri. PTA's "Halloween Hop" 6-8 PM. Parents must attend with their child and are responsible for their children at all evening PTA events.
- 10/13 - Sun. Coopersburg Halloween Parade - 3-4:30, with a rain date one week later on Sunday, October 20th
- 10/14- Mon. NO SCHOOL/Teacher In-service day
- 10/25- Fri. Halloween Parade: 2:00 PM Weather permitting- Please note that costumes may not include any type of weapon. Even look-alike weapons are prohibited on school property. AM Kindergarten parade is at 10:45 AM. All pre-arranged volunteers for this day must be on the district's approved Volunteer List, no exceptions.
- 10/31 - Spirit Day- Wear Orange and Black

Who to call at Hopewell?

Your child's teacher should always be your first contact when calling the school. They know your child best and work directly with your child every day. When necessary, they may refer you to our reading specialist, Mrs. Kuntzman; Intervention specialist, Mrs. Hufgard; our guidance counselor, Mrs. Devonshire Kocis; our school psychologist, Dr. Stiles or me. To address your questions or concerns in a timely manner, we ask that you follow this protocol. We follow a team approach at Hopewell School and those who need to be involved and informed will receive communication from your child's teacher. If you have any questions, our school secretaries, Mrs. Privitera, Mrs. Sheats, and Mrs. Roth can also assist you. If you have a question about related arts classes, you should also contact our music, art, librarian and phys ed teacher directly. We can all be reached by email through lastnamefirstinitial@slsd.org. (no spaces).

School Volunteers-

Please note a few times during our school year, classroom celebrations are planned for our students. A designated number of homeroom and PTA volunteers are established in advance. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotational, as-needed basis to assist these activities or on field trips. Volunteer links may be found on our website under Parents/Volunteer Information. You must have **all** of your clearances to volunteer. Please understand there are no exceptions to this law. All clearance must be turned in to our Central Office, Human Resources Dept. on a Tues - Thursday ONLY.

AM Parent drop-off-

In an attempt to keep bus traffic and car traffic separate, the drop off time for students arriving by CAR is between 8:40 AM and 8:50 AM. Car traffic should not pull into the bus lanes. Your cooperation is needed to help avoid traffic congestion on Hopewell Road. Staff are on duty during student arrival to direct traffic and assist. Please pull forward in the circle so several cars may unload at a time. Parents are asked to remain in their cars and have students ready to unload so this process moves safely and timely.

PM K Parent drop off-

PM kindergarten starts at 12:54 PM. Parent drop off is 12:50 in the parent drop off circle outside out front door.

Attendance-

Absence excuses must be submitted within three school days of each absence or the absence will be considered unexcused. Please be aware that under a recent update to the PA School Code all students are limited to 10 days of cumulative absences per school year, no matter what the reason, educational field trips, illness, family emergencies, funerals. The mandate allows a total of 10 cumulative days. After 10 days of cumulative absence, a physician's excuse will be required for each subsequent absence. Parents will receive periodic written notification any time a child approaches 10 days of cumulative absences.

Tardy to School-

All students arriving after the 9 AM start time (or 12:54 PM for afternoon kindergarten) must have a parent or guardian escort them into the building and sign them into school in our vestibule. Please address time management issues at home so your child arrives on time – when your child arrives late it puts them into a “catch up mode” with their classmates and this can create unnecessary stress for your child.

Birthdays may not be distributed in school unless your child is inviting all members of the class. We no longer celebrate birthdays with any form of edible treats due to serious food allergies that exist in many of our students.

Casual for a Cause-

Each Friday, Hopewell staff dress Casual for a Cause. Some of the important foundations we've supported throughout the years are American Cancer Society, CHOP, United Way, Retinal research, camp scholarships, assisting local families in need, Veterans, Autism Awareness, Down's Syndrome, Kidney Foundation, Costumes for a Cause, Jump Rope for a Heart. Last year we also started to support local causes for local impact: Betty Lou's Pantry, JP Liberati memorial scholarship, COBcares community outreach, iTN senior transportation of LV.

If you have ideas or causes you'd like us to support you are welcome to bring it to our attention. We have a very giving staff!

Have a great month and enjoy the beautiful colors October brings!

Mrs. Limpar - Hopewell Principal

Information from our school nurses:

School Dentals and Physicals for the 2019/2020 School Year

Nurses at Hopewell are currently working on a list of students who are missing a physical and/or dental report in their medical file. A letter will be sent home in the beginning of October to any student missing one of these reports. If you don't have a physician or dentist, you may choose to have the school physician/dentist give an exam, free of charge. These exams usually occur in the spring and parents/guardians are welcome to attend. To add your child to the school exam list, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our nurses at 610-791-0200 X2560. Thank-you!

PTA Message

Dance For Education- The children will be celebrating and dancing for education on October 3! But don't worry... there is still plenty of time to donate! Send in cash or check made payable to: Hopewell PTA or donate online at: [gofundme.com/2019HWdanceford](https://www.gofundme.com/2019HWdanceford) Please share this link with family and friends to boost these last minute pledges!

Dance Schedule

10:25 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. - AM Kindergarten and 1st grade

1:40 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. - PM Kindergarten, All Day Kindergarten and 2nd grade

2:25 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. - 3rd grade

All parents/guardians, grandparents, et with clearances are welcome to join their students for their scheduled dance time! Questions? Contact Kristen Quirk: kristenquirk@gmail.com

Shop with Scrip - This is an ongoing gift card fundraiser. Purchase gift cards anytime at:

www.shopwithscrip.com enter enrollment code: 61682C696119L

A percentage of each card sold will go directly back to the Hopewell PTA!

If you signed up last year for shop with scrip, please sign in and update your profile with your child's new teacher questions? please contact: Lisa Durkin- lturkin@gmail.com or Nicole Emery- nez02@yahoo.com

Halloween Hop- Friday, October 11 from 6-8 p.m.

\$6/child when purchased in advance (adults are free), \$8 at the door.

Refreshments, music, dancing, costume prizes and lots of fun!! Due to gymnasium capacity, this event is limited to Hopewell students only, no siblings!

Scholastic Book Fair- November 20-22 and November 25-26

The book fair will be open all days during parent/teacher conferences. Book

Fair Family Fun Night will be Wednesday, November 20 from 6-8 p.m.

Yearbook- If you take any photos of students in the classroom, during specials, at school events or on field trips and would like to submit those photos to be used in the yearbook, please email them to:

hwptayearbook@gmail.com Please include the event name, teacher and grade when submitting photos.

Questions? Contact Aimee Kipila: aimeekipila@gmail.com