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## Hopewell Area School District

The Hopewell Area School District is committed to preparing students to be productive citizens and life-long learners in an ever-changing world.

The Hopewell Area School District will be a united community in which rigorous curricula will be fostered. Students and staff will embrace educational opportunities and experiences in a diverse society.

### Did You Know?

- The district currently has 161 students enrolled in kindergarten for the fall.
- The HS Service Learning class continues to expand their gardening programs and now has hydroponics and garden boxes. They plant many different vegetables to explore healthy eating and to expose students to easy to make and good tasting food options. Be on the lookout for their new greenhouse funded by a grant written by Mrs. Grandovic.
- The Junior High celebrated its annual French and Indian War Day, thanks to Brenda Kostial and the 5th-grade team who continue to make this a great event for our students.
- A “Viking Zen” space is being created in the HS library that will include books on mindfulness, meditation, and yoga, journals for mental health, comfortable seating, a relaxing fountain, and a few other items to help with the increased anxiety students are experiencing, thanks to a grant written by Ms. McClintock and Mrs. Grandovic
- Mrs. Kross was awarded a grant from Breathe Pennsylvania to assist students with asthma.
- The district is working with the Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board as a part of our PA Smart Grant initiative. This organization can coordinate paid internships for our students in addition to mentoring and job shadowing opportunities, the Workforce Board provides summer camps at no cost for teens.
- We have responded to eighteen tips for fourteen unique concerns through the Safe 2 Say Something Initiative. Our administration continues to support our students’ well-being through this statewide, anonymous tip line.
- 17 Junior High students represented the district at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.
- 12 students from the Junior High and High School attended the Academic games and competed in the areas of Propaganda, Linguistics, Equations, World Events, and Presidents. HS student Jordan Lydon qualified for the national competition in Orlando.
- A group of Junior High students is working with the planning committee to organize this year’s Memorial Day Parade.
- 24 Students and 22 staff attended the annual Special Olympics events at Geneva College on April 26th. Despite the weather, our athletes participated and medaled in track and field events such as the 25M Assisted Walk, 50M Run, Standing Long Jump, and the Softball Throw.
- Mama Mia!, this year’s HS Musical was an amazing success. Kudos to all of the Hopewell staff, students, and parents who were involved in making this happen!

- Hopewell students represented at Honors Chorus, Honors Band, District/Region/State Orchestra, District/Region Band, District/Region Chorus, State Wind Ensemble, County Chorus, County Band, JH District Chorus, Future Music Ed Symposium
- The district successfully completed three major audits this year in special education, food service, and Federal Programs.
- Our Extended School Year (ESY) program will be housed at the Junior High this summer from June 17-July 3.
- 3 HS students are taking the second level of Advanced Calculus this year.
- Grant was awarded by the Grable Foundation to Hopewell and Beaver and Armstrong County for \$3,000 to support innovative practices and how to better promote our districts.
- Partnership with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children to provide Hopewell students PBL opportunities to support students with visual impairments.
- HS student Liam Waters is leading the Day of Democracy and registering students to vote
- 2 HS students completed the Beaver County Youth Employment Skills Academy
- JH 8th Grade will participate in the annual “Walk for Autism” on June 3. Rain date is June 4.
- Graduating Seniors will participate in the second year of the “Senior Walk” of the elementary buildings and the JH on June 4 to recognize their time in the District and academic accomplishments.

<b>Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Link Crew is a new transition and peer mentoring program being developed at the High School.</li> <li>● The JH held its annual STEAM Walk event during ReMake Learning Days to promote connected learning in science, technology, engineering, art, and math which was funded by the Beaver County Educational Trust.</li> <li>● Plans are to use ALEKS to provide math intervention and enrichment in grades 5-8.</li> <li>● Through Professional Networking, Ciara Cutone was able to secure licenses for all of the Margaret Ross teachers to use Reading A-Z for the 2019-20 school year.</li> <li>● 35 teachers and 25 student leaders have been trained in Restorative Practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are exploring the possibility of a “jumpstart” to kindergarten program for students who have not attended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Tech Department is working on Information Technology Security Procedures district-wide through a Multi-State Sharing Network.</li> <li>● Implementation of the Visitor Identification and Screening</li> <li>● The team has responded to and closed 2864 support tickets since the beginning of the school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approximately 16 support tickets remain open</li> </ul> </li> <li>● District server repair project is beginning and will be completed this summer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preparing for an influx of additional devices from the PA Smart grants and planning summer training for teachers as part of the grant which will include training on coding and creativity tools using the iPads.</li> </ul>

<p>pre-school. This program would run for a week in August in an attempt to get our youngest learners acclimated to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Considering a personalized learning support for math instruction in grades K-4.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <p>Copyright procedures are very complicated online, and in person. When posting to social media or other public places being careful about how you source your material and crediting the creator is very important. We are reviewing the rules with our staff over the coming months.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Operations</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Facilities</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A district substitute protocol has been created to welcome subs into our buildings. We are taking a number of proactive steps to attract and retain subs</li> <li>● Summer cleaning will be underway to prepare for the 19-20 school year.</li> <li>● SRO Agreement with Hopewell Township</li> <li>● Implementation of two-way radio system</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next-day supply delivery</li> <li>● Buildings and Grounds handbook</li> <li>● Completing administrative guidelines this summers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phase 1 of the feasibility study was presented at a public board meeting provided a state of the union for the conditions or all district buildings and mechanical systems.</li> <li>● Paving has occurred at the High School student parking lot, Hopewell Elementary lots and driveway and Junior High driveway.</li> <li>● Painting and signage to support VIKING PRIDE!</li> <li>● Elementary BCILC teachers are collaborating with teachers at the CTC to create outdoor learning spaces at all three buildings. Teachers are very excited to be able to utilize these spaces next school year.</li> <li>● Independence Elementary PTA is adding sensory break opportunities in the primary hallway for students.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue work with VEBH architects to complete the district feasibility study.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notable Recognition</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two Junior High teachers recently presented at a regional conference, showcasing the work in their department and throughout our district.</li> <li>● The HS inducted 24 students into the National Honor Society (NHS) on April 16, 2019. There are currently 71 NHS members who were selected based on character, leadership, and scholarship.</li> <li>● Our NJHS currently has 40 members with 29 new students inducted this spring</li> <li>● Senior Jacob Ealy state champion in wrestling</li> <li>● A dozen Hopewell educators have received multiple Donor's Choose grants this year</li> <li>● A Hopewell educator was invited to be the Keynote Speaker at a local university event.</li> <li>● A Hopewell team submitted and was awarded a Remake Learning Ignite Grant for \$1,000!</li> </ul>	

