

# The Children's Committee Chronicle

Greetings fellow classmates and families! We hope you had a wonderful winter break and are ready to start off 2009 with much enthusiasm about the two awesome playgrounds we will have before the end of this school year! That's right! In less than six months, our great borough of Hopewell will have two new play spaces built (*Build Week is June 17-21*) for us to enjoy! As members of the Children's Committee, we have been quite busy spreading the word about this project around town.

In the fall, we set up tables outside Pennington Market and collected donations for the playground fund. In just a few hours, we were able to collect over \$400! In December, several of us attended the Hopewell Tree Lighting Ceremony and greeted families at Gazebo Park afterwards. We handed out refreshments and information about how to volunteer or donate to the Playground Project.

Right now, we are working on writing and mailing out thank you notes to all the generous families and businesses who have given their time and/or money to make building our playgrounds possible.

Also, we just launched our PENNIES FOR OUR PLAYGROUND campaign by placing collection containers at PNC Bank, Michael's Deli, the Hopewell Pharmacy, Saums, and the Village Learning Center. We hope that customers drop their spare change in these containers so we can then donate it to the project. But that's not it! Large water containers can now also be found in our school's main office and in the cafeteria so we can all make a contribution too! Kids really can make a difference when they put their minds to it! So, when you're cleaning your room this weekend and you find some extra quarters under your bed,

## Don't miss these exciting events!

- \*Justin Roberts Concert—Sunday, February 15th—11 am @ Center for the Performing Arts at HVCHS
- \*Monopoly Tournament—Saturday, March 14th
- \*Music Together Concert—Saturday, March 28th

## How can you get involved?

- ⇒ Sign up to be a build week volunteer
- ⇒ Check us out online at [www.hopewellplayground.com](http://www.hopewellplayground.com)
- ⇒ Put your personal touch on the playground...purchase a fence picket or decorate a tile
- ⇒ Buy a playground component

**Our goal is to raise \$109,000...We have raised over \$40,000 so far!!!**

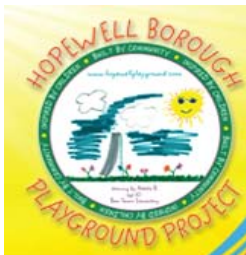
**We need 750 volunteers for Build Week. Right now we have over 100.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



bring them to school and drop them in the PENNIES FOR OUR PLAYGROUNDS containers! We need everyone's help to reach our goal!

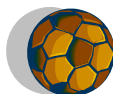
In the next few months, we are going to be building a time capsule to be buried under then new playgrounds to represent the children of Hopewell Borough and just how special our town is!



Hopewell Borough Playground Project  
*inspired by children, built by community*

# Who's Who on the Children's Committee?

**Kira Lewis** is a 5th grade student who joined the committee because she wanted to help design playgrounds suitable for all ages. She describes herself as athletic, creative, and artistic. She enjoys playing soccer and dancing!



**Annabelle Davis** is a 2nd grader who enjoys arts and crafts, doing jazz and tap dance, taekwondo, and playing with her new puppy, Moxie! Her favorite food is "definitely ice cream" and she would like to be an animal caretaker when she grows up!



**Joseph Rebak** is a 2nd grader who loves to play ice hockey and hopes to be an NHL player someday. What he loves about Hopewell Elementary is his friends, gym, and art. He also loves blueberry pancakes!



**Maia Wilenius** is a very artistic 1st grade student who is looking forward to seeing the bouncy bridge at our new playground. She loves ice cream and would like to be an artist or ballerina when she graduates.



**Morgan Molino** is a 5th grader who likes to write songs in her free time. She is an animal lover and hopes to be a veterinarian one day. She joined the committee because she wanted a better playground for the little kids in Hopewell.



**Gina Mastroianni** is a 5th grade student who is looking forward to the musical instruments at our new playground. She loves the teachers at Hopewell Elementary and would love to be an actress one day!

**Brady Zimmerman** is a 5th grader who is most excited to see the new pirate ship. He enjoys sports such as baseball, soccer, and basketball.



**Adam Oscislawski** is a 3rd grader who is looking forward to trying out the rock climbing wall on our new playground. His hobbies include playing tennis and soccer, playing with his pet gecko, Buddah, and reading "Wimpy Kid" books.



**Laila Shehab** is a 4th grade student who loves animals and hopes to be a veterinarian one day. She joined the committee because she wanted to help her community.

**Spencer Brost** is a 4th grader who describes himself as happy, energetic, and kind and loves macaroni and cheese! He loves Hopewell because of all the family and friends who live there. Spencer enjoys soccer, bike riding, and rock climbing.



**Sarah Cleveland** is a silly, athletic, and cute 2nd grade student who loves noodles and would like to teach someday. She loves art class and is excited to play on the new slides at the playground!

**Jack Dallessio** is a 4th grader who is also a passionate New York Yankees fan! He would love to be their catcher one day with outside work as a food critic in the offseason!



**Hannah Marino** is a 4th grade student who loves her teachers at school and enjoys soccer and drawing. She is funny, smart, and athletic!

**Evan Stumpf** is a 1st grader who describes himself as fast, accurate, and funny. He is excited to see the new tile walls at the playground and enjoys snowboarding and rock climbing.



**SIGN UP TO BE A BUILD WEEK VOLUNTEER NOW!!! SKILLED AND UNSKILLED ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME—WE NEED YOUR HELP! LOG ON TO WWW.HOPEWELLPLAYGROUND.COM TO SIGN UP NOW!**



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