

Stephen Leacock School Council

NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL COUNCIL WEBSITE

The School Council is pleased to announce its new website! Visit us at www.slpsparentcouncil.wordpress.com for information on council events, meetings, forms (e.g. lunch forms and school supply order forms), meeting minutes and reports that may be of interest to our parent community.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Save time and money while raising funds for School Council by ordering Write On school supply kits for September. The school recently sent home the supply lists and order forms, so please fill them in and return them with payment to the school by the due date if you wish to participate. We comparison shopped at a local big-box office supply store and found the savings for the "basic packages" for grade 2 were 11%; for grades 4-6 were 28%; and grades 7-8 were 40% (before tax). Write On prices include tax, and \$2 of each order goes to council activities for next year. If you prefer to shop for your own supplies, feel free to use the lists, which will be available on our website through the summer along with a spread sheet indicating received orders (includes grade, student's first name and last initial). A pickup day will be posted on our website in August for those who prefer to pick up the supplies rather than having them sent to the classroom.

BIKE RODEO

On May 15, School Council hosted the 3rd annual Bike Rodeo in conjunction with the Ottawa Safety Council. Families learned about bicycle safety, had minor bicycle tune-ups provided by Kunststadt Sports and manoeuvred the Safety Council's cycling course. With almost 100 children, the event was a great success. Thanks to our sponsors: Kunststadt Sports, Shoppers Drug Mart (Klondike Road), Starbucks (Canadian Tire gas bar), McDonald's (Hazeldean Road) and Starr Gymnastics.

PRIORITY NEEDS LIST FUNDS ALLOCATION

Each term, teachers present a list of priorities they believe would benefit students' learning, but are not funded by the Board. School Council periodically reviews the list and allocates funds collected through its fundraising initiatives. During our second and final allocation for the school year, the following has been approved for purchase:

Kindergarten

Listening centre
French listening centre & cards
French books sets Math
Literacy books
Book sets

Primary

Dry-erase chalkboards
25 Coup de pouce 2
Quick check hands-on math
Miras
Pattern blocks
Magnetic base 10 set
Magnetic letters
6 GB+ leveled readers
Dry-erase clocks
4 science books
Musical instruments

Junior

Grade 6 guided reading set
Grade 5 shared reading overheads
Grade 6 French magazines
4 Petit Larousse dictionaries

ETFI Gr. 2 to 5

Guided and independent reading kit Gr. 2
Reading comprehension and writing Gr. 5
Guided and independent reading kit Gr. 3
Shared and guided reading books
Teacher resource S&G reading Gr. 2
Critical thinking activities resource
Teacher resource S&G reading Gr. 3

Intermediate

Atlases
Café Français supplies

General

Corrugated cardboard anchor chart

This year alone, School Council has allocated almost \$19,000 towards Stephen Leacock's priority needs list. Thanks to everyone who participated in our fundraising activities.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT

Every year, the Ontario Ministry of Education, through the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, provides funds to support parent engagement and communication. This year, School Council used its \$500 in several ways:

- \$100 to the assessment and evaluation/math problem solving information night
- \$125 honorarium to the Earl of March student who coded our new website
- \$260 to cover the Ottawa Safety Council fee for our Bike Rodeo.

PACE CAR PROGRAM

The Pace Car program, launched in partnership with the Ottawa Police and Safe Kids Canada, draws attention to driver and pedestrian safety — especially in school zones. Stephen Leacock parents and community members are encouraged to join the program. In so doing, you pledge to drive safely, and with courtesy to pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers. Pledge forms are available on the council website.



STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

On May 26, Council hosted the annual Staff Appreciation Lunch. The teachers, office staff and custodians dined on a delicious potluck buffet while parents expressed their appreciation for everything they do for our children. Thank you to those who set up, cleaned up and prepared food.

FRENCH BOOK FAIR

A French book fair was held May 12-14. It raised enough money to buy \$715 of new French books.

WHAT? NO PIZZA?

The Ministry of Education's new healthy food policy will be implemented in every school starting in September 2011. It will have an impact on ALL food sold at school. There will be three categories of food products: "Healthiest" foods are high in nutrients and low in fat, sugar and sodium, and must make up at least 80% of all food that is sold. "Healthy" foods are slightly higher in fat, sugar and sodium, and cannot make up more than 20% of all food sold. "Not permitted" foods contain few

essential nutrients and/or contain high amounts of fat, sugar or sodium. Since our pizza program falls into the "Healthy" category, next year we will be working on creative solutions to continue to offer our pizza lunches.

If you would like more information on the School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM150), please visit the Ministry of Education's website

www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/ppm150.pdf.

Stephen Leacock Public School Council is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels!**

These personalized sticky labels are colourful, durable and fun. Stick them to everything that leaves your house, including lunch box items, clothing, shoes or boots. **They don't peel off in the dishwasher or washing machine — fantastic!** Bag tags are great for backpacks or pencil cases. Check out the allergy alert tags and "my 411 wristbands."

Please visit

www.stephenleacock.mabel.ca

to place your order and support our fundraiser



Send the fundraising info to a friend via the website!

Orders are delivered directly to your home!

(Hint: If you have more than one child, consider using your family name on the label to make swapping easier!)

CONTACT US

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HAVE A FUN, SAFE SUMMER!