

# School Council *News*

*Keeping parents informed...*



## MISSION STATEMENT

*The SLPS School Council seeks to develop strong relationships between home, school and the wider community served by the school and to enhance educational opportunities for all students.*



## School Council Executive

**Co-Chairs:**

Carrie Marr & Catherine Roberts

**Treasurer:**

Ingrid Johanson

**Secretary:**

Helen Nemes

**Communications:**

Rose Steele

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Blair Brown

**OCASC Representative:**

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**Kanata Inter-School Council  
Representatives:**

Heather Park & Mary Vincent

## Event & Program Coordinators

**Sub Tuesdays & Fajita**

**Wednesdays:** Wendy Barron

**Pizza Thursdays:**

Catherine Roberts

**Holiday Gift Shop:**

Catherine Roberts

**PACE Car:** Demetria Tsoutouras

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The School Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month during the school year in the school library. Any parent or legal guardian of a student registered at Stephen Leacock Public School can join the council as a voting member.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend school council meetings at any time throughout the school year.

If you would like to provide input, make suggestions, or ask questions, please contact one of the Council Co-Chairs: Carrie Marr [2carrie@rogers.com](mailto:2carrie@rogers.com) or Catherine Roberts [c.roberts@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.roberts@sympatico.ca).

***What would you like to see happen at Stephen Leacock PS?***

*Come to a meeting, have your say and let's work together to make our school the best it can be for our children!*



## SCHOOL COUNCIL WEBSITE



<http://slpsparentcouncil.wordpress.com/>

Be sure to bookmark our new website where you will find School Council news, minutes, lunch forms, financial statements and more!

Calendar of Events		
<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>Holiday Gift Shop</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
November 11, 2010	December 6-10, 2010	December 20 - December 31

## WHAT DOES SCHOOL COUNCIL DO?

School Council is involved in many activities and events throughout the school year. Some events are put on as a service to students, parents or staff, such as the Bike Rodeo, Halloween Dance, and the Year End Teachers Lunch.

Other activities are geared towards raising funds, such as the Loblaws gift cards and the magazine sales.

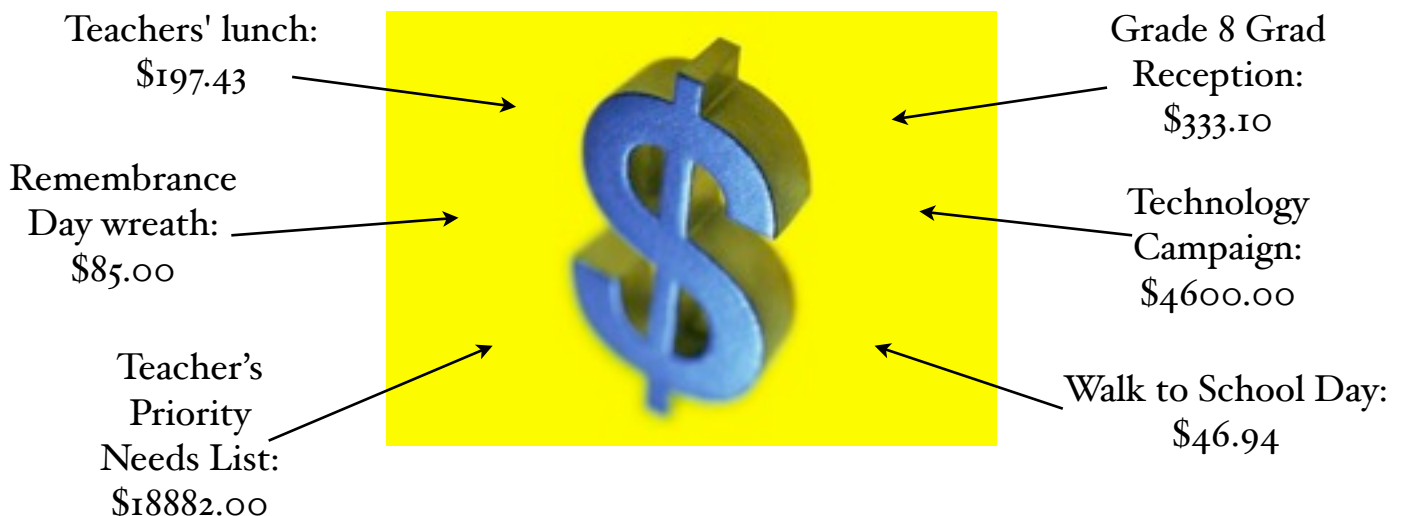
Fortunately, some of our events manage to do both at the same time. The best example is the lunch program, which now includes Sub Tuesdays, Fajita Wednesdays, and Pizza Fridays.

School Council is also actively involved in issues that affect our children. We have successfully lobbied the city for two Crossing Guards. As our school population continues to grow, we will be active participants in upcoming Kanata Accommodation Plan Reviews.

We are always in need of volunteers to run or help out with our various programs throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer for an activity, please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator, Blair Brown, at [brownwb@gmail.com](mailto:brownwb@gmail.com).

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Last year, School Council raised \$26,746.88. The bulk of this was spent on the Teacher's Priority Needs List, which is created 2 to 3 times a year. The list contains items that teachers would like to purchase to assist student learning, but that are not covered by the school board budget. For a complete list of expenditures, view the Annual Report on the School Council website, under the "About Council" tab.



## Fundraising Activities/Events

### Magazine Sales

Shop online for magazines from QSP all year-round to benefit Stephen Leacock. Go to [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) (quote Stephen Leacock's group ID#10695). Paper order forms will be sent home in November, and those orders should be received by December 11, 2010. Once again this year, 100% of Grade 8 band member profits go directly to the band. QSP guarantees the lowest prices anywhere!

### Loblaws Gift Cards

Help support Stephen Leacock when you buy groceries — at no extra cost to you! School Council is selling Loblaws gift cards in \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250 amounts. Valid for 2 years, the cards can be used at Loblaws, Real Canadian Superstores and Your Independent Grocers. (Excludes tobacco, prescription drugs, lottery tickets and gasoline.) We receive a rebate of 2-5% on all gift card sales. The portion raised by

grade 8 students will go directly to their band, while the remainder is used by school council to purchase items off the Teachers' Priority Needs list. Join any time by completing the form on the School Council website (<http://slps.parentcouncil.wordpress.com/>) under "Forms". Please contact Jiang Wang at [jns2000.ottawa@gmail.com](mailto:jns2000.ottawa@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Mabel's Labels

Lost something already this year? Here's a simple solution to make sure all of your children's belongings make it back home. These personalized, sticky labels are colourful, durable and fun! Stick them to everything including lunch box items, clothing, shoes and boots. They won't peel off in the dishwasher or washing machine. Bag tags are great for backpacks or pencil cases. Please visit [www.stephenleacock.mabel.ca](http://www.stephenleacock.mabel.ca) to place an order before Nov. 30. The labels are delivered directly to your home!

## Recent Events

### HALLOWEEN DANCE



On October 29, junior and primary students, along with their parents, attended the annual Halloween dance. A special thank you to Kelly Ross, who led this year's team of volunteers and to members of the grade 8 band for spinning the tunes!

### WALK TO SCHOOL

This year's walkers were greeted by "Elmer the Safety Elephant" & members of the Ottawa Fire Department. The School Council donated apples & cookies, while Starbucks on Terry Fox donated coffee. Thank you to Starbucks and the Ottawa Fire Department for their support, and to the volunteers who helped ensure a successful event.