

# RCES School Council

Volume 4 Number 3

Season's Greetings

## Next Council Meeting

The next RCES School Council will meet on  
Tuesday Feb. 2, 2009 at 7pm in the school library. Please feel free to contact the council at: [rces\\_council@rogers.com](mailto:rces_council@rogers.com)

## kanata public schools Accommodation Review

Some parents may have seen the recent article in The Kanata Kourier written by Cathy Curry, our school board trustee, in regards to Accommodations in Kanata schools.

In the article trustee Curry explained that there is a need for rebalancing of schools throughout the whole of Kanata - some schools are under populated while several other schools, such as RCES, have very high student populations.

Trustee Curry and the planning department at the board want parents to understand that we are in the beginning discussion stages of accommodations and that their end goal is to have the three main programs (English, Early French Immersion, and Middle French Immersion) available in our "ideal community schools".

The OCDSB would like to have a long term solution to the population and program concerns and would prefer to make minimal "band-aid" solutions as they work towards achieving that goal. In November Roch Carrier School Council invited Trustee Curry to attend our meeting to both share and explain this information.

Currently, the OCDSB planning department is looking into whether the Kanata area should break into small meeting groups (i.e. Kanata North , Kanata South) to brainstorm for solutions or to stay as one large group, or to be one large group which also breaks into smaller groups.

A detailed copy of our recommendation can be found on our new school council website [www.rochcouncil.ca](http://www.rochcouncil.ca).

To read Cathy Curry's article from the Kanata Kourier in full length please visit her website <http://www.cathycurry.com>

## What is your council doing in response to this?

Roch Carrier School Council has sent a recommendation to the board proposing that there be a school board/planning facilitated forum consisting of all Kanata schools, high schools included. A copy of our recommendation can be found on our new school council

## Mark Your Calendars

Tues Feb 9 - Valentine themed cake walk

Wed Feb 24 - 630pm ZUMBA class. Tickets will be available to be purchased in advance. Adults Only. Watch here for more info.

Tues April 20 - Earth day/spring themed cake walk

## New School Council Website

The school council is happy to announce the creation of a website intended to share **school council** events, programs and information with Roch families.

Although the site is still under construction, we invite you to visit [www.rochcouncil.ca](http://www.rochcouncil.ca) to learn more about what school council is all about and how you too can be involved!"



## REMINDER

The book drive in collaboration with Starbucks is almost at an end. There are only a few days left to donate money or a (new or gently used) book. This fundraiser will end on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You in advance to those who have already generously donated to such a worthy cause.

If you miss this deadline and would still like to donate books please drop off them off to Mrs.Wafai, school librarian.

## SKI HAWKS 2010 PROGRAM

Lisa Pike-Young will be taking over the Snow Hawks Ski and Snowboard Program for the 2009-2010 school year. She will be looking for additional volunteers to help with the running of this program. More information will be sent home in the New Year.

## PACE CAR PROGRAM

It doesn't take a lot to become a Pace Car but it can make a world of difference to our children. In the New Year pledge forms will be available in the office for parents who wish to become a part of the Pace Car Program.

### The Pledge form states:

I pledge to become a Pace Car Driver by caring for others as I drive with courtesy and safety in mind.

### When driving, I will:

- Recognize that my car use impacts the liveability of other residents' streets, just as theirs impacts mine.
- Agree to drive the posted speed limit on all roads.
- Stop to let pedestrians cross and be courteous to bicyclists and other road users.
- Display my Pace Car stickers on the back of my vehicle and encourage others to take the pledge.

Once the pledge form is signed, it can returned to the office via your child's teacher and a Pace Car sticker will be sent home for you to place on your car.

Thank you for supporting us to keep the streets safe for our children. (Pledge forms available in the main office in the New Year)

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# Mabel's Labels™

Support our fundraiser by clicking here!



New things are happening at Mabel's Labels. This holiday season they are offering holiday gift tags. Also new to Mabel's, are full colour "label out loud" labels. They are the same labels we've come to love except they are in full colour. To view the new items or place an order please our fundraising page with Mabel's Labels

[www.rochcarrier.mabel.ca](http://www.rochcarrier.mabel.ca)

This school fundraiser is ongoing until March 2010.



## Fundraising Committee

The MacMillan's Gourmet Cookie and Muffin fundraiser rose just over \$1500 for the school. We would like to thank our Roch families for making this fundraiser a huge success.

### ONGOING

**Boomerang Kids Consignment** - Drop off gently used clothing, toys and equipment and our school will then receive a special commission of 60% of the sale items on the account. Unsold items will be donated to a local charity. Please be sure to mention the Roch Carrier E.S. account.

**Campbell Soup Labels** - Please ensure that the UPC code is on the label you are submitting. These labels allow us to purchase Physical Activity Equipment for the children

**Gabriel's Receipts** - Please collect and return your Gabriel's Pizza order receipts and we can earn back \$1.00 per receipt.

**Canadian Tire Money** - please bring any Canadian Tire Money you wish to donate to the school office. The funds collected go towards supplies for our school clubs (Furniture Rescue, Enviro Club, outdoor sports equipment).

## OCASC NEWS

**Next Meeting:** Thursday December 17, at 7:00

**Where:** Library of Fisher Park School,  
250 Holland Avenue.

Visit the OCASC website at [www.ocasc.ca](http://www.ocasc.ca) for the agenda and to view the new Constitution

## LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER

Please note that the first half of the sub, pizza and milk program orders are up at the end of January. New order forms for February - June will be coming home early in January.



Did you miss the last meeting, but have questions, concerns or comments. Please feel free to contact the council at

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You may also visit the website for the latest meeting minutes.

[www.rochcouncil.ca](http://www.rochcouncil.ca)



School Council is always looking for volunteers and would love for you to become involved. If you have any time you would like to volunteer at the school, please let us know at [rces\\_council@rogers.com](mailto:rces_council@rogers.com).

There is no such thing as too little or too much!

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