

RCES Council NEWS

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Happy Hallowe'en

October 2009



Next Council Meeting

The next RCES School Council will meet on
Tuesday November 3 2009 at 7pm in the school library. See you there!
Please feel free to contact the council at: rces_council@rogers.com



Welcome Back...

A Message from our Co-Chairs

Another year at Roch Carrier is in full swing and we have lots of fun things coming up from School Council. On behalf of the Council, we extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Roch Carrier students and families and encourage you to get involved in helping make the school experience at Roch Carrier the best it can be.

We held our first School Council meeting on October 6th and the new executive for the 2009-2010 school year was voted in. We have a great team of parents on board with many new faces. We are looking forward to working with everyone this year to continue to enrich the school experience of our Roch students. School Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the Month in the school library - all parents are always welcome to join us to find out what is happening at school and if there is anything you would like to be involved in.

Our school ROCHS!

Caroline Cross and Cynthia Menary
Roch Carrier School Council Co-Chairs.

MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Principal Michael McLellan
V.P Lisa Clayton
Staff Rep Colleen Scott / Carolyn Hammond (Teachers)
Treasurer Christina Huppé
Secretary Anne Bowes
Fundraising tbd
OCASC Lisa Young (not a voting member)
Community Rep - Lois Allen
Executive Members -
Vandana Brar, Debbie Brown, Wendy Clee
Cindy Dummitt, Ken Gourlay, Kristin Kyle
Chantal McEvoy, Dave Miskelly, Miguel Santini,
Jennifer Tackabury, Chris Ward, Kathy Warnholtz
Susan Wehrmann, Brett Wilson

Mark Your Calendars

- November 2009** A special Holiday Fundraiser
- Tues Dec 3rd** Holiday Themed Cake Walk
- Tues Feb 9th** Valentine themed Cake Walk
- Tues April 20th** Earth Day/Spring Themed Cake Walk



Crossing guards in Bridlewood.

Many of our children walk to school in Bridlewood and one of the constant dangers is crossing the road. We are trying to get more Crossing Guards in the area near the school (for Bridle Park Dr. and Stonehaven Dr.)

If you feel strongly about this issue please contact Caroline Cross (carolinecross@rogers.com)

We currently have a pilot project for the speed of cars during school hours. The Traffic Team has been supporting this with speed signs and also the local police.

Please support us with this and keep our children safe.

Fundraising Committee

The results are in and it's GREAT news !

A big Thank You to all Roch families! Together we made our Entertainment Book Campaign a great success and raised just over \$5,100. Every student in the school will now have approximately \$7 taken off the cost of a school field trip. Way to go!!!



Holiday Fundraiser

Our next major fundraising campaign will take place November 2nd - 19th, 2009. Look for a package of treats including MacMillan's Cookie Dough and FundScrip! Funds raised in this campaign will go towards the school library, our Teachers' Wish List, school clubs, classroom literacy and more!

Boomerang Kids Consignment (ongoing)

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.

We are still collecting:

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...).



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

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

We know that sometimes information is delayed in getting home. So we are hoping to bridge this gap between the council and our parents. This list would be kept private and used by an Executive Member of the RCES School Council so that you may receive Council Newsletters, Upcoming Event Information and some School Forms.

It's easy - just send an email to the school council address rces_council@rogers.com, and insert "add me to the distribution list" in the subject line. In the body of the email please let us know your name, your child(ren)'s name(s) and their grade(s)/teacher(s) name.

Please remember you can always join us at our Council Meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of every month. We hope to see you there.

OCASC NEWS

2010/2011 OCDSB School Year Calendar – OCASC has a representative on the OCDSB's School Year Calendar Committee. The committee is already meeting to discuss next year's calendar. OCASC is looking for feedback from parents on their preferred options.

To meet the Ministry of Education's prescribed 194 school days between September 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, (which includes 6 Professional Activity Days), the proposal OCASC is considering is to start the school year on Wednesday September 1 and finish Wednesday June 29, 2011 (with June 30 as a PA Day). This would avoid a one or two day week at the beginning and end of the school year. It also adds up to 196 days, allowing 2 extra days as holidays during the school year

OCASC's suggested options for the 2 extra non-school days are:

to start school after the holiday break on Tues. Jan. 4/11 instead of Mon. Jan. 3/11 to coincide with many parents' work schedules and have another day of holiday on either

(a) Fri. Feb. 12th to coincide with the Family Day holiday on Mon. Feb. 15th, thereby creating a 4 day weekend;

OR

(b) a Friday or Monday in November to create a 3 day long weekend.

We would like to know if parents and school councils support this proposal. We would also like to know your preference between the February and November long weekend options.

Please visit their website www.ocasc.ca to make your opinion count! **Poll closes on OCTOBER 26th**