

Lady Evelyn Alternative School Council

Newsletter

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Council Meeting

The next council meeting will take place on **Tuesday February 13th at 7:30 P.M.** in the staff room. The focus of the meeting will be on **Education:**

- **Start Times.** Should we petition the board to move our start time to 8:30?
- **Homework.** Are our children getting too much homework?
- **Report Cards.** Do we want to join Churchill Alternative school in petitioning for a return to anecdotal report cards?
- **School Improvement Plan.** What is our plan? How can parents/guardians get involved?

Minutes from the last meeting have been posted on the school council web site at "<http://www.deadman.ca/le>". Decadent refreshments will be served!

What a great month at Lady Evelyn. Not only did Rags and Bones finally make it in to present their play to the kids, but that was followed up by Flying Phil's yearly return to run a week-long gymnastics session. Add to that all the snow for the kids to play with and the weekly jaunts to the canal for skating and you have a lot of fun and learning going on...

Middle French Immersion

On Monday January 29th, the school board moved to approve a Middle French Immersion programme at Hopewell, provided numbers warrant. This will surely be a relief to some Lady Evelyn parents/guardians who were facing having children bused out to Queen Elizabeth. The school council sent a letter of support for a central family MFI programme to the school board.

Upcoming Events

- There will be an parent's workshop on Conflict Management and Bullying held on **February 20th** in

the evening. The school council is partly funding this programme.

- An afternoon skating party for the school in Brantwood park is being discussed for early March, with games and refreshments. Final details will be made at the next council meeting.
 - **April 28th** will mark the return of our yearly swimming party at Clifflord Bowey pool. This year we plan to hire an extra lifeguard to provide games for the children. Thanks to Heather and Nadia for their ongoing Social Committee efforts.
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Fundraising

The Loblaws coupon program continues to be a great success and is helping to painlessly fund things like Flying Phil, Rags and Bones and the Conflict Management programme. People wanting to join should contact Anne Crawford at 567-0318.

As well, the fundraising committee is continuing to collect soup and other labels. Pizza lunches are an ongoing success and are both fun for the kids (and parent's relieved of lunch-making once a week) as well as modest money maker for the school

council. Thanks to Petra Brougham for spearheading Pizza Lunches this year.

Choir

The primary choir continues to practice and improve and is looking forward to a final "concert" sometime just before March break. This choir is run entirely by parent volunteers but is struggling to get enough volunteers out. If anyone wants to help, please give Denise Hawkins a call at 523-8478.

Recognizing Our Volunteers

More and more volunteers are pitching in to help improve the learning and social environment of our schools, and this is particularly true at an Alternative school. Parents and Guardians volunteer in so many ways that to try to name them all would be hopeless.

Here are some ways in which parents have helped out and our helping out to make our children's school a better place:

- Classroom co-ordinators (snack and volunteer)
- Helping with educational supplies (i.e. Typing up spelling lists, building space stations)
- Volunteering in the classroom
- Attending OCASC and ASAC meetings
- Keeping the council's books in order
- Pizza Lunches
- Fundraising (hats, Loblaws, ...)
- Social Events (Potlucks, Skating Parties, Swimming, Parties in the Park)
- Choir
- Yard Improvements (decks, hay bales for the sliding hill)
- Buying emergency lunch supplies
- Chaperoning Class trips (museums, skating on the canal)
- Creating and printing school handbooks.
- Health Committee work
- Making attendance phone calls

This list is far from complete. You know who you are. **Thank You.**