

SCHOOL COUNCIL



James Hillier School Council is a team of parents and family members who represent all James Hillier students and their families.

Message From The Chair

Happy New Year!

School council has met three times since school started – in October, November and January. There has been a good turnout at the meetings but there is always room for more! The next meeting will be held on March 24 at 6:30 in the library. We hope to see you then. Minutes for the meetings are available afterwards so if anyone would like to see what is discussed or decided upon just send an email to hillierschoolcouncil@gmail.com and request a copy.

I'm not sure what your family does to pass the cold winter months by, but my boys have been spending time at the James Hillier rink, getting rosy cheeks and some skating time in, and they love it! According to head volunteer Bill Lamond, this rink has been in operation for over 50 years! If you grew up in the neighbourhood perhaps you skated there as a child. Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers who flood and take care of the rinks for so many to enjoy. Bill is still looking for volunteers so if you have a

few hours you could spare please contact Bill directly at 519-756-9546 or email at bill-lamond@hotmail.com.

We hope to see you out at the rink for Family Skate Night next Friday, February 6th to enjoy the rink and some hot chocolate with friends.

Paula Cavan
Chair,
James Hillier School Council

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EXECUTIVE POSITIONS	CHAIR	CO-CHAIR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 2014-2015	Paula Cavan	Hilary Visheau	Kelly Lunn	Monica Watson

TEACHER ACE AWARD

Last year School Council identified creating co-operative and supportive relationships between staff and families as one of the priorities for our Council. In keeping with this goal, Council decided to recognize staff members in our newsletters as a means of providing a big "thank you" from parents and students alike. If you or your child would like to recognize a staff member for their efforts please send us an email at hillierschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Here is a submission we received in January...

Mrs. Coon

"I think that Mrs. Coon deserves recognition for her tireless effort year after year for producing an amazing Christmas concert. Every year she comes up with fun songs, inventive choreography and things that make us say 'awwww!' This year it was particularly notable, as Heidi is teaching a large class full days, I'm not sure if her days have more hours than the average person.

She taught both of my children in her calm and caring way and I'm so thankful for that."

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE	NOVEMBER	JANUARY	MARCH	MAY
Everyone is welcome!	Tuesday Nov 18th 6:30pm	Tuesday Jan 20th 6:30pm	Tuesday Mar 24th 6:30pm	Tuesday May 26th 6:30pm

Other meetings may be called if required.

COUNCIL NEWS!

MAGAZINE DRIVE UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this years magazine fundraiser.

We were able to raise over \$1360.00 that will go towards

keeping our library up to date with new books.

Please remember that you can order magazines throughout the year by going to www.qsp.ca. Our group number is 3739869.

PIZZA PROGRAM PROVIDES FUNDING FOR TRIPS

Many families view our Pizza Program as an opportunity to get out of making lunch once a week or think of it as a treat for the kids. And it is those things, but it's also a great fundraiser for School Council. In previous years the funds have gone toward an assortment of goals from purchasing new gym equipment to helping out with the costs of renovating the playground.

This year funds have been allocated to cover the cost of busing for one educational field trip per class. Busing costs are frightening and can be 50% or more of a field trip price tag for any out of town

destination. The cost of a single bus to Toronto runs as high as \$675, which typically works out to \$25 per student.

What this means for families is that for one of your child's field trips this year you will only be asked to cover the cost of admission to the destination. Not only will this give families a financial break but it also opens the door for teachers to plan more exciting trips without having to worry about an additional cost burden to families.

Allocation of funds from the program are determined at School Council meetings. All parents or guardians are always welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pizza Program!



2014-2015

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Chair:

Paula Cavan

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Hilary Visheau

Treasurer:

Monica Watson

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Kelly Lunn

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Tineke Nurse

**Health & Safety
Sub-committee**

Monica Watson

Fun Fair Sub-committee

Christine Dickson

Shannon Curry

Library Initiatives:

Lise-Ann Kneabone

Pizza Program:

Sarah Butler & Monica Watson

Newsletter:

Monica Meserve

UPCOMING EVENTS!

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Family Skate Night will take place on Friday, February 6th, 2015.



The festivities will commence at 6:30pm, with free hot chocolate being served until it runs out. Music will be played until 8pm.

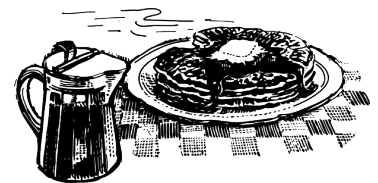
The skating rink will remain open well after that time, so if you are able to bear the elements, you are welcome to skate well into the evening!

PANCAKE TUESDAY

This year Pancake Tuesday is on February 17th. Volunteers are needed to help out in the morning from 9am to about 10:30am. If you have a griddle, spatula and mixing bowl or just the desire to help out please contact

Luan Ferguson at lewin72@hotmail.com.

It's a fun morning and the kids love the pancakes!



SPRING FOOD DRIVE



Our 6th Annual Spring Food Drive will run in late April this year.

A flyer with more information will come home prior to the start.

To date the spring drive has raised 6810 pounds of food for local families.

It's a wonderful opportunity to do something for those in need in our own community.

Thank you for your continued support!

FUN FAIR

The planning for this years Fun Fair has begun! We are looking for volunteers to help run the events and activities, and

welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have. Please contact Christine Dickson thedickson550@gmail.com and Shannon Curry curryshannon@rogers.com