



# Welcome Back From Your CMES School Council

**First Meeting: Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at CMES**

Welcome back CMES families! We hope you had a great summer and that your children are all settling well into the first semester.

If you are a new parent this year, or a seasoned parent to the CMES community, we would love to have you join us on CMES School Council! Please find below some information about council; what we do and why we need you!

Whether you can help out weekly, monthly, or can spare a few hours throughout the year, your help will be greatly appreciated!

## **What is School Council?**

The CMES School Council is a committee that is in place to act as a channel of communication between parents/guardians and the school. All parents are welcome!

*Mission Statement:* The CMES school council is an active partner that supports and encourages all members of the school community and promotes the inclusion of parents and their area of expertise. The school council is committed to helping create a well balanced approach to academics, art and athletics and seeks insight from the school community to further enrich the students' experience that will lead to them developing skills to become proud contributors to the community.

## **What we do:**

In recent years, the CMES school council, in participation with the school and parents, has been very successful in generating monetary funds that support the programs listed below at Credit Meadows. The money is raised through food days, the Dance-A-Thon, and other fundraising opportunities such as the Poinsettia fundraiser. We also hold free family events such as Christmas in the Meadows and Springtime in the Meadows / STEAM.

<b>Scientists in the School</b>	<b>Arts Days</b>	<b>Playground equipment and maintenance</b>
<b>Emergency bussing for field trips</b>	<b>CMES Band – maintenance, purchasing of instruments and music</b>	<b>New technology</b>
<b>Forest of reading</b>	<b>Grade 8 graduation food costs</b>	<b>and much more!!</b>

## Reasons to join and ways to help!

- ✓ You will become a greater part of your child's early learning experiences!
- ✓ A chance to help raise money for a great cause, your child's education!
- ✓ An opportunity to know the teachers at school and understand their needs and ideas.
- ✓ Meet the school administrators like the Principal and Vice-Principal.
- ✓ You can help plan and participate in fun events for the entire family!

Join us at the monthly meetings which are normally held the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise decided by members. Membership in council is open to any parent/guardian of a student registered in the school. The minimum attendance requirement for the Executive and Parent member is 7 meetings.

There are three types of memberships:

- **Executive Member:** consists of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Executive members must all be voting parent members.
- **Voting Parent Member:** all voting parent members are welcome to attend meetings and have the right to share their ideas and discussions.
- **General Parent Member:** all general parent members are welcome to attend meetings and have the right to share their ideas and participate in discussion. General parent members are only able to provide input and feedback to the Council but will not be able to vote officially.

Alternatively, if you cannot attend meetings but still want to volunteer, we would love to have your help in any way. Perhaps volunteer for one or more food days or be part of a committee or help out at a CMES council event!

## FOOD DAYS and MILK TOKENS

**More information to follow soon for the upcoming year!**

**Volunteers needed! Contact Jan Pettigrew at 519-941-7487 ext. 500**

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