

# Parkinson Centennial School Council Newsletter

October 2019



Welcome to October Parkinson Families! Our second meeting of the school year took place on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Commons.

So much has already taken place at our school and we are so pleased to once again share with you some of the important highlights!

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Our **Social Media Coordinator, Samantha Sheardown-Stevenson**, has been a busy bee keeping our school Facebook page up to date and sharing some of the monthly activities. Please make sure to check out the school event calendar outside of the office if you haven't seen it yet!

## UPCOMING FOOD DAYS and Events

### **Pizza Days:**

- **Round 2 Days:** October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Pita Day**

- **Round 1 Day is** October 30<sup>th</sup>

November Pita Days are now available through School Cash Online. They are open until October 29<sup>th</sup> and will take place on: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hot Lunch Days**

- **Round 1** has closed through School Cash Online. The days will be as follows:

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

October 31<sup>st</sup> will be the school **Hallowe'en Parade** (grades K-3) and dance (grades 6-8). Please no weapons or gore as part of the costumes)

November 4<sup>th</sup> the school **Eco Club** is starting their annual textile recycling initiative. This will run until the end of November. This is a student run initiative.

### Committee News:

As you know, our **School Open House** took place on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** and it was such a success! The teachers and staff were so pleased to have the chance to meet with many of the families and the kids were so proud to show off their classrooms!

**Some of our committees are still looking for some additional help!** Are you able to lend a hand the day of or perhaps you are interested in helping to plan and organise an event?

Perhaps you have a knack for fundraising? If so, here are the committees currently looking for parent volunteers:

- **Party Rockers:** Parent Volunteers needed for the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup> for more details please speak to Samantha Sheardown-Stevenson or email her via Parent Council at [pcpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:pcpscouncil@gmail.com).

**We need 15 Volunteers to make this happen for our school.**

- **Breakfast with Santa:** Parent Volunteers are needed for planning, organising and the day of. Please speak to Samantha Sheardown-Stevenson for more information on this event or email her via [pcpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:pcpscouncil@gmail.com)
- **The Parkinson Fundraising Committee** is devoting their time to help raise money for the ongoing Playground Restoration Project. They are currently looking for people who might have a knack at fundraising! Please reach out to a member of Parent Council if you are interested in this opportunity so that we can pass your name along to this Committee. The Council email address is: [pcpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:pcpscouncil@gmail.com)

We are excited to share that we have several great initiatives coming up so please watch your children's bags for take-home information and check out our school Facebook page for more news!

**FALL NEWS:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> kicked off the **Raw Materials Company: Battery Recycling Challenge** with a fantastic assembly about how this will help our environment.

This is an Ontario wide school challenge. It will take place until April 2020.

**Types of batteries that are being accepted:**

AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V and button cell

**Types of batteries NOT accepted:**

Primary Lithium, rechargeable batteries and car batteries

The goal for this challenge is to have each child bring in 1.36kg of batteries each. There are prizes available for participating schools.

More information on this initiative can be located here:

<https://www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/>

Our school **GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance)** are planning a button-selling campaign to help raise money for a LGBTQ+ book shelf in our school library! The buttons will be designed this month and then sold in November.

Recently our school had an assembly regarding concussions. The guest speaker, Jennifer Bell, spoke to the students and staff about Rowan's Law and the importance of following concussion protocols to help reduce the chances of a serious brain injury. We encourage all families to review the information on concussions offered through the Upper Grand District School Board found here: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/concussions/>.

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE:**

Finally, we wanted to take the time to share with the school community some information on where the money from the various fundraising initiatives are going.

As you may know Parent Council is working hard to raise money for the **Playground Revitalisation Project!** We have already completed Phase One (painting of the games on the school yard) of this project and hope each of you take opportunity to see and enjoy them with your children. We hope to be able to start the Second Phase this year.

In addition to this, through fundraising, we were able to get the French Immersion primary classes Leveled Reader Books and a storage cart.

We have assisted with funding field trips for some of the classes and assisted in bringing the Scientist in the School program.

We will continue to share with you what is coming up and the items we are assisting with through out the year.

#### **Upcoming Council Meetings will be held on the following Tuesdays:**

- November 5<sup>th</sup>
- January 7<sup>th</sup>
- February 11<sup>th</sup>
- March 10<sup>th</sup>
- April 14<sup>th</sup>
- May 12<sup>th</sup>
- June 9<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome so we hope to see some new faces throughout the year!

Please find us on **Facebook: Parkinson School Council Information Page** or email us at [\*\*pcpscouncil@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:pcpscouncil@gmail.com) with any questions.