



Welcome back École Pine Grove families!

End of year report from the Pine Grove Parent Council

The Parent Council is made up of Pine Grove parents, teachers and administrators who meet monthly to enrich the school environment. We plan and manage clubs, programs and special events, fundraise to enhance school programs, host community building activities and liaise with parents, school administration and the Halton District School Board.

Highlights of Parent Council programs for the 2016-17 School Year:

- **Pizza Lunch** - ran from October until the end of June. Once a week, pizza lunch was delivered to your child's class. Last school year we raised over \$19,000!
- **Treat Days** (popcorn) – ran 2 times this school year, making over \$500.
- **Movie Nights** – Christmas specials were shown in December, then “Sing” was enjoyed in April.
- **Reading Success** – volunteers read with primary children who needed some extra reading practice.
- **Safety Net Clothing Drive** – 2 drives took place, one in December and one in May.
- **Green Thumbs Club** – students had hands-on experience by wearing gardening gloves and digging in the pollinator garden. They got to work with the Eco Club, Oakville Green and Town of Oakville to distribute mulch throughout the school gardens. This club is run by parents.
- **Chapter's night** – we raised \$2170 in gift cards that will be used to purchase books for the school library. On top of this, parents bought over 60 books from Ms. Webster's wish list. Families got their holiday shopping done at our local Dorval Chapters.
- **Dance-a-thon** – we hosted the 3rd annual event on Valentine's Day, raising over \$14,000.
- **Mini Shop** – lots of smiles at our annual holiday shopping market for students who were able to independently purchase gifts for special adults in their lives.
- **Play Day** - took place June 13th with over 40 games for the students to enjoy all day including a “dunk tank”!
- **BBQ Night** - our annual, year-end event took place on June 13th. There were over 500 food orders for “Fire It Up”! The BBQ is a community building event, not a fundraiser.

Join school council:

- Share your unique talents and voice with our school community.
- Our members attend meetings, run programs and/or volunteer for special occasions.
- Our programs succeed because of dedicated parents and community members who share their time, energy and passion.
- Information about our monthly meetings will be posted on the school website, on our Facebook page and sent home by email.
- Sign up for Parent Council email updates at contactus@pinegrovecouncil.ca.
- Join our Facebook page at Pine Grove Parents
- This year's Co-Chairs:
Tracy Stirling (tracystirling11@gmail.com) and
Rupal Hagerman (ashakyle@yahoo.ca)

Want to volunteer?

Here's what you need to do:

- Get a police record check including a vulnerable sector screening by going to Halton Regional Police Headquarters.
- Bring in your police check and have it placed on file at the school office.
- Email Parent Council at contactus@pinegrovecouncil.ca to get information about volunteer postings.
- Talk with your child's teacher about opportunities to help in the class.

Where do fundraised dollars go?

In 2016/17 school year, the Parent Council generated funds provided for the following:

- **Technology** – \$17,000 was spent on chromebooks, audio centres, projectors, mounting hardware for the music room and the music foyer, headphones, MacBook Air, iPad and other IT related items
- **Academic Enhancement** – \$3500 was spent on math manipulatives and \$500 on the annual Math Night
- **Music Enhancement** - \$4300 was spent on ukeleles, speakers, guitars, music stands, music books and microphones and other assorted equipment (strings, picks, cases etc)
- **Support for Athletics Program** - \$2000 was spent on equipment such as balls, bats, paddles and ropes.
- **Funding for Student Activities** - \$8200 was spent on JungleSport, Green Thumbs, Carnival and Play Day
- **Funding for Special Events and Student Support** – \$4200 was spent on the grade 8 graduation and Angel Fund

New for the previous 2016-2017 school year:

Rock Your Locks – our 1st annual hair donating event, held on March 23rd was a huge success! We had over 120 hair donors and lots of smiling faces! The hair was donated to “Pantene Beautiful Lengths” and “360 Hair” where real hair wigs would be provided at no cost to cancer patients in Canada.

Fresh from the Farm – our 1st annual fundraiser took place in October with delivery in November. Families got to enjoy fresh produce while supporting local farmers! We hope to grow this fundraiser every year!