



LE PHARE

School Council

NOVEMBER 2011

Your voice

through **VOLUNTEER** parents and teachers

More about us at: www.lephareschool.ca
Contact us at: info@lephareschool.ca; or volunteer@lephareschool.ca
or NEW feedback@lephare.ca (we want to hear from you)

November Council Events

Nov 3 & 17—Sub days!



Nov 4-11—Toy Sale Fundraiser



Keep your receipts from Samco & Miko's annual toy sale at Landsdowne Park (see: www.samkosales.com) and have **10%** of your purchase price donated directly back to Le Phare. Here's how—tell the cashier that you're part of Le Phare school group and that you need your receipt stamped. Then send the receipt with your child to the school. Put it in an envelope marked "Attention: Melissa Settrington, Le Phare Council—Samco receipt". Thanks in advance for the support!

Nov 10 & 24—Pizza days!

Nov 15, 7-9pm —Council meeting in the library. All parent/guardians welcome. C'mon and check us out to voice your opinion or simply listen.

Nov 21 (approx) - Regal catalogues— just in time for holiday shopping we'll be sending home Regal catalogues. Le Phare gets **30%** of your purchase price donated back to us. See www.regal.ca/View-Regal-Catalogue.cfm

Nov 25—Food Fair—November's theme will be various local fruits and veggies.

December Council Events

(mark these in your calendar - we'll provide more details next month)

Dec 1, 8, 15, 22—Pizza & Sub days

Dec 8, 5:30-8pm— Festival of Lights in the school gym: This is a magical night showcasing the seasonal festivities of five cultures including: Hannukah, Eid, Diwali, Kwanza and Christmas. We'd dearly love to add other cultures so if you have such knowledge please let us know.

Council Meeting: Council doesn't meet in December, but join us on January 17, 2012.

Things to Remember...

Fundraiser—go to www.lephare.mabel.ca for our ongoing Mabel's labels fundraiser. Avoid digging in the lost and found box by putting famous 'will-not-fall-off' Mabel's labels on all your child(ren)'s school items! Le Phare gets **20%** of your purchase price donated back to us.

WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

We organize activities that you can have a role in dreaming up, coordinating or running. Join us!



SPOTLIGHT ON HOW YOUR FUNDRAISING DOLLARS ARE SPENT:

Again this year we're filling the teachers' wish lists for \$3637.56. This helps equip the classes with learning enhancement items like:

JK/SK—magnetic activities, flash cards, building sets, sorting games...

Gr 1 & 2—math books, CD player, chapter books, manipulative sets...

Gr 3, 4 & 5—science DVDs, math lessons and sets, globes, French books...

YAHOO!!!

Sarah McLennan
(Mom of Andrew in SK)

Thank you for putting the flower gardens to bed for the winter & running a terrific craft table at the Fall Festival.

volunteer of the month

Enriching LE PHARE one volunteer at a time!



COMMITTEES—Council is structured on the committee model. Each committee meets independent of the full Council to discuss issues relevant to its work. After discussion, a recommendation is agreed upon. At the monthly meeting of full Council, each committee briefly outlines the matters on its radar and, where a full Council vote is necessary (for example, if funds are requested), it presents the issue along with its recommendation. If no vote is necessary the committee simply advises full Council of its decisions.

COMMITTEE NOTES—keep an eye on what we're doing

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Festival of Lights planning is on. So far we're focussing on the food and traditions of Hannukah, Eid, Diwali, Kwanza and Christmas. New this year we want to introduce "dances from around the world"!

If you've got ideas—especially if you have expertise in dances - or can help us include another culture, please contact Ron at ronergo@yahoo.com or Sim at sumeetu@hotmail.com.

FOOD COMMITTEE

Hot Lunch—coming soon we intend to offer 1 day/week of hot lunches ranging in price from \$5-\$6.50 depending on the menu you select. Vegetarian options.

Nutrition—more local produce for the November food fair is coming!

Pizza & Subs—the program is off and running. Yum!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Website—more and more info is on-line all the time. Check us out at www.lephareschool.ca

Email enews— group mailouts to start in November

Newsletter— anything you want to hear about? Let us know at feedback@lephare.ca

GARDENING COMMITTEE

Tip—Fall is a great time to separate your perennials. It'll make it easier in the spring to donate plants for our Plant and Yard sale.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

At the moment we have two really easy fundraisers that can help you prepare for holiday celebrations:

-the Samco & Miko toy sale (where **10%** of your purchase price can be directed back to Le Phare); and

-the Regal on-line store (where **30%** of your purchase price goes back to Le Phare)

Plus, don't forget we always have Mabel's Labels (where **20%** of your purchase price goes back to Le Phare)

Want more info? Contact us at info@lephareschool.ca

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who said they'd help. We intend to contact you very soon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thanks in part to the deposits from our Pizza & Sub lunches, we will have a very fun Festival of Lights in December! Also we've been able to commit to filling the Teachers' Wish Lists!

STRATEGIC POSITIONING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We're looking into an OCASC (Ottawa Carleton Association of School Councils) membership again this year. It's a great way to brainstorm with other Councils and adopt their best practices.