



# CASTLEFRANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## School Council – Newsletter

Back to School – September 2018



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As we begin another great school year at Castlefrank, the CES School Council would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students and families.

**What is School Council?** School Council is made up of members of the parent community working together with our principal, teachers, and the school board to discuss issues that impact our kids, and ways to enrich their school experience.

**What does School Council do?** Castlefrank is fortunate to have an active and vibrant School Council. We meet once a month with school staff to discuss what's happening at the school and how we can work together to enrich school life. Council also runs many great programs and events through the year to build community spirit and raise funds for school activities. Through fundraising, Council allocates approximately \$15,000 annually to support outside educational experiences that would not otherwise be funded. Last year alone, Council funded the Forest of Reading program, in-school visits from Chris McKhool, Luv2Groove, and Scientists in School, field trips, support for extracurricular activities and much, much more!

**Interested in more information?** There are several ways to stay informed about Council activities and upcoming events:

- **School Council Blog** - Subscribe to our Blog:

<http://castlefrankschoolcouncil.edublogs.org>

Simply follow this link and click on "subscribe". When we update our blog with important information, you will receive an email in your inbox. We will keep you informed on important school events, OCDSB events, dates to remember, and information on Hot Lunch programs.

- **School Council meetings** - The first Council meeting along with Council elections will be held on **Wednesday September 19th at 7:00pm** in the School library. School Council is the voice of the Castlefrank parent community, and everyone is welcome to attend. This is your opportunity to share with us your thoughts, concerns and suggestions on a variety of subjects at Castlefrank. We are always looking for parents to take an active role in Council and if you are interested in standing for a position on Council, elections will be held at our first meeting. Any parent/guardian of a Castlefrank student can be elected to School Council.

- **Contact us** - If you have questions about School Council or would like additional information on events or volunteer opportunities, please contact us at:

[CastlefrankCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CastlefrankCouncil@gmail.com)

### Mark your Calendar

**September 17** – Pizza, Popcorn & Hot Dog Orders Due

**September 19** – School Council Elections and Meeting, 7pm, School Library

**October 1** – First Pizza Day

**October 5** – PD Day

**October 8** – Thanksgiving

**October 12** – First Popcorn and School Colours Day

**October 17** – School Council Meeting, 7pm, School Library

**October 26** – Family Hallowe'en Dance

**October 31** – First hot dog day and School Spirit Day

### THE KISS and DROP

Some key points to remember:

- drive into the loop and move right to the front
- have your child exit the car from the **right-hand door** where he/she will be met by a teacher (Mme Toye) and directed to the supervised yard
- **do not exit your car**
- pull through the loop and exit the parking lot as soon as your child has safely exited the car
- at the end of the day please do not leave your car parked and unattended in the Kiss and Drop loop

### BIKE RACKS

Don't forget to remind your Castlefrank student to lock their bikes and scooters to the bike racks located on the west side of the school.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

School Council is pleased to offer a number of hot lunch and snack options this year, including hot dog, pizza, and popcorn days. Funds raised through these programs will help support a variety of School Council initiatives to enrich student life at Castlefrank.

The 2018/19 lunch program schedule will be as follows:

- Domino's Pizza will be offered every Monday (except for holidays and PD days)
- Hot Dogs will be offered once a month (typically on the last Wednesday of the month)
- Kernels Popcorn will be offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month (or Thursday in case of a PD day)
- Lunch Lady is available online every Thursday – visit [www.thelunchlady.ca](http://www.thelunchlady.ca) for more information

### \*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\*

Paper order forms will not be sent home, unless requested. Online orders and payment will be available shortly through [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com). Please follow the instructions sent by the school in order to set up your account. To request a paper order form, please contact [castlefrankes@ocdsb.ca](mailto:castlefrankes@ocdsb.ca).

Watch your inbox (and child's backpack) for additional information, to be distributed shortly. **All orders must be submitted by Monday September 17, 2018.**

On pizza, popcorn and hot dog days there will be a limited number of extra slices, popcorn bags and hot dogs available for purchase for \$2 each. Our hot lunch program requires parent volunteers to help serve pizza on Mondays and cook and serve hot dogs one Wednesday of every month. Just 1 hour a month will make a difference. Visit the school blog to sign-up.

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## APPLE BASKET PROGRAM

We are all busy families and there are many reasons which may prevent our kids from attending school well nourished and ready to learn. Possibly hectic morning routines, early morning sports practices, bus rides, and financial difficulties. This year we are continuing our "apple basket" program to support healthy snacking in the school. The apple basket is located in the school office and during the school day, any student who needs a healthy snack is welcome to visit the office (with a big hello to Susan and Amy) to get an apple from the basket.

We need your help to help keep our apple basket (and little tummies) full. Each Monday and Wednesday (or Tuesday/Thursday if it's a long weekend), a Castlefrank family will volunteer to fill the apple basket with 8-10 pounds (2 bags) of apples (or other seasonal fruit). Any variety of apple is welcome, although we do find that small apples work best for small mouths. We just ask that you wash the apples before bringing them to school.

If you are interested in helping fill the Apple Basket, please sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AFAE2EA2F85-apple1>

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## MABEL'S LABELS

As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found bin, School Council is partnering with Mabel's Labels. Visit [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com), click on "Support a Fundraiser" and look for Castlefrank ES in the list of schools. Castlefrank will receive a 20% commission on all purchases, and all funds raised through the sale of Mabel's Labels will be used to support club activity at Castlefrank. Thank you for your support!

