



CASTLEFRANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Council - Newsletter

November 2018



It has been an eventful few months for your Castlefrank School Council! The 2018-19 Council Executive was elected in September, and our amazing volunteers have been busy rolling out the Hot Lunch Program and Popcorn Snack Days, organizing the first bake sale and annual Halloween Dance, and supporting a variety of different activities around the school.

Here's a look at some important events coming up in the next few months...

1. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting (and the last one of 2018) is coming up next **Wednesday November 21st, starting at 7pm**. This month's meeting has been moved to the staff room, on account of the book fair being held in the library. We will hear updates from our principal and teaching staff about what is happening around Castlefrank, discuss upcoming events, and approve funding requests for the Teacher's Wish List. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions and get involved. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

2. COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Our fall fundraiser is now underway! This year, we are offering a variety of In-Dey-Go frozen cookie dough and cinnamon/sticky buns for sale in support of science programs for Castlefrank students and families. A reminder that order forms and full payment are due by **Tuesday November 27th**. Orders will arrive frozen and must be picked up at the school on **Thursday December 13th, between 4:30-6:30pm**.

3. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year, the Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted by Castlefrank. Some classes will be visiting the fair during school hours, but parents and families are also invited to drop by and shop. The hours of operation are as follows:

- **Thursday November 22, 4:00-7:30pm**
- **Friday November 23, 8:30-10:30am**

We are still looking for volunteers to help set up, run, and tear down the book fair. If you can help out, please sign up [here](#).

4. SWISS CHALET FUNDRAISER

Looking for an easy dinner option? How about one that also helps support student life at Castlefrank? On **Tuesday November 27th**, treat yourself to dinner at **Swiss Chalet Kanata** (653 Terry Fox Drive location only) and 10% of your pre-tax bill will be donated back to Castlefrank Elementary School. Valid on dine-in or pickup at the takeout counter (*not valid on drive-through or delivery*). Watch for a flyer coming home next week!

Don't miss any upcoming event reminders! Be sure to subscribe to the Council blog for updates:
<http://castlefrankschoolcouncil.edublogs.org>

5. WARM CLOTHES FOR THE CLASSROOM

Winter has arrived! As has been done in past years, School Council has equipped each classroom with a small bag of ‘extras’ – mittens, hats, socks, and a few other winter items – to be given to any child that doesn’t have them for one reason or another (forgotten, wet, lost...). Items may be kept if needed, or returned to the office in a ‘dirty’ bin to be carefully washed and re-distributed to classrooms.

The success of this program relies on donations from our school community. We will welcome new or gently used children’s winter items (sizes 4-12), or gift cards/cash for purchasing most needed items.

The following items are in highest demand this year:

- **Socks: boys and girls (ages 4-10)**
- **Mittens: thick, water resistant/proof are ideal, boys and girls for ages 4-10 (most in demand for ages 4-8)**

To make a donation, please either drop items off labeled as “warm clothes” at the office, or contact Savannah at savannah_beattie@hotmail.com. Any excessive donations of one kind will be passed on to others in need within the community.

6. HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT AND CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! This year’s Holiday Movie Night and Charity Fundraiser will be taking place on **Friday December 7th**, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Castlefrank Gymnasium. We will be showing a family-friendly movie (to be voted on by our students), and offering a variety of refreshments for purchase. Admission is by donation (“Pay-What-You-Can”), with all proceeds donated back to families in need within the Castlefrank community.

Stay tuned for more details to come on additional fundraising activities which will be taking place throughout the evening. If you would like to help organize or volunteer at this fun evening, please send an email to castlefrankcouncil@gmail.com to get involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 19 - 23 – Scholastic Book Fair, Castlefrank Library

November 21 – School Council Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room

November 23 – PD Day

November 27 – Cookie Dough orders and payment due

– Castlefrank Night @ Swiss Chalet

November 28 – Hot Dog lunch and Spirit Day – *wear your favourite sports jersey!*

December 7 – Holiday Movie Night and Charity Fundraiser, 6-8pm, Castlefrank Gymnasium

December 13 – Cookie Dough order pickup, 4:30-6:30pm, Castlefrank School

December 14 – Holiday Showcase (*snow date December 17*) – see school website for details

– Popcorn and School Colours Day

December 19 – Hot Dog lunch and Spirit Day – *dress in red and green or wear your favourite Christmas sweater!*

December 24 – January 4 – Winter Break (school closed)