

Message from Oakville School Parent Council Chairperson

We as a parent council would like to thank the parents and the staff of Oakville School for their ongoing support and input. As a body whose mission is to support the ongoing success of our school we encourage all parents to attend our monthly meetings or talk to one of the eleven members of the council. If you are unable to attend the meetings the minutes of the meeting will accompany the monthly newsletters.

The Oakville Parent Council is involved with a number of ongoing initiatives that we believe enhance the environment of our school. These include:

- 1. The hot lunch program that offers reasonably priced meals two times a month from November to April.**
- 2. Staff Appreciation week, when we celebrate our staff with a lunch and other goodies throughout the week.**
- 3. Upon request we provide financial assistance, and volunteers, if required, to programs that together with our teachers we feel would benefit our students.**
- 4. A Family Dance in April that invites our community to come and have some fun.**
- 5. Committee within PC that is continually looking at improving and maintaining our playground and physical activity facilities.**
- 6. Operation of the Canteen for the K-4 Fun Day.**
- 7. Attending and contributing to the goal setting of our school.**
- 8. Sitting on the Oakville Community Club Board.**
- 9. School Float in the Portage Santa Claus Parade.**

As we as Parent Council realize that finances are always tight we try to keep our fundraising to a minimum while still maintaining enough to fund those initiatives we feel are important. We are always looking for new and inventive ways to raise funds and if anyone has ideas please let us know, in the past we have done:

- 1. Trivia Night (planning on continuing)**
- 2. Operating Canteen for Newton Auction**
- 3. Garage Sale "Table" at town garage sale**
- 4. Collecting and returning used printer cartridges**
- 5. Selling Cookie dough, mom's pantry etc**

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to your suggestions and attendance at our meetings.

Sherrie Upgang
Chairperson 2009-2010