

Welcome to another year of OLPH School Council all of our council meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month of the School year with the exception of December & June. I would like to introduce this year's parent council to you: Danielle, Rose, Julie, Kathy, Natalie and Pebbles who is unfortunately unable to attend tonight.

First off I would like to thank all the Parent Volunteers that helped make L'epluchette a success, the students had a great day and a Corn King & Corn Queen were crowned from each class and they were given a \$5.00 gift card from the Sherwood Park Mall.

This year OLPH Parent Council is hoping to raise funds for a project at the school. We have been thinking of a few different ideas such as refurbishing the school library and/or purchasing additional staging for the school. This is an agenda item tonight we welcome your input.

We will continue with Fundraising through the following endeavours: FundScrip Gift Card Sales, Magazine Subscriptions, School Apparel and Poinsettias. Information can be found through the school website about any on going fundraisers.

This year we would like to have class reps for each classroom attend our meetings so that we can ensure that Parent Council activities and information is disseminated better. As we stand we only have parent reps for half the classes.

Fundraising and planning is well underway for the Grade Eight's trip to Quebec. It is an exciting time for them all and something that is talked about by most of the students. As you are all aware it currently costs around \$2000.00 to send a child to Quebec hence the fundraising. Parents are required to put down a \$100 deposit and then 3 consecutive cheques of \$600. Parent Council has been responsible for this trip for the last few years working as the umbrella for the yearly Grade 8 Parent Committee. Every year Grade Eight students opt out of going on the trip for a variety of reasons and sometimes it is due to finances. Parent Council would like to see a way where we can build a bit of capital in this account that can be carried over yearly to help families that are unable to finance their child's trip but are willing to fundraise with their child. A contract would need to be signed and a firm commitment of fundraising from each family. Parent Council would like to look at ways to ensure that each student has the best opportunity to attend this trip.

I look forward to another year at OLPH we will have a variety of activities and events throughout the year and we will keep you posted as they come along.