



# McKee School Advisory Council



December 2009

## **School Advisory Council Meetings**

At the last meeting Principal Patterson discussed the school budget with the SAC and has promised some money for the playground revitalization. Thank you very much! Our next meeting is scheduled for the New Year, **Wednesday January 13, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room. We will begin planning the Fun Fair, our major fundraising event for the year. As usual, community events and any other happenings in and around the school will be announced. Please join us!

**Remember, the meetings are in the staff room and there is babysitting provided.**

## **Playground revitalization project**

Several trees are scheduled to be planted before the winter sets in and they will provide much needed shade for your children during the sunnier months ahead (yes, they are coming!). That will complete phase one of the playground project. But the end of one phase just means the beginning of another. As mentioned, money has been set aside by the administration to begin phase two. The SAC has also budgeted a substantial amount of funds toward this project. After the playground committee meeting held on November 25th, the committee identified the possibility of doing the outdoor education area next and will be working on grant applications for more funding. The ball is rolling! If any parents would like to donate to this worthwhile cause please e-mail us at [mckeesac@gmail.com](mailto:mckeesac@gmail.com) and a tax receipt will be issued.

## **Pizza days**

The last pizza lunch this year will be held on December 17th. Please remember to bring money on this day. Prices are \$3.50 for a one slice lunch, \$4.50 for a two-slice lunch and \$5.50 for three-slice lunch. All lunches include a juice and a treat.

## **Fundraising/Christmas gifts**

Thanks to all the parents, teachers and administration for making the Fundscrip fundraising such a HUGE SUCCESS! A total of \$31120 worth of gift cards was sold and is expected to net \$1096.25 for the playground. Just a reminder: If you ordered gift cards before the November 11 deadline, you can pick up your gift cards across from the main office on the parent-teacher nights - December 3rd (from 3:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and 4th (8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.). Please bring valid ID (e.g. driver's license, OHIP card).

Congratulations to our sub lunch winners in Mr. Wai's class for their huge order of \$3205 in gift cards!

## **McKee T-Shirts and practicing good hygiene**

On parent-teacher night, December 3rd and 4th, SAC will be selling newly designed McKee T-shirts (\$10) and the wildly popular and cool hand sanitizers (\$2).

**Keeping informed**

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of our meetings along with links to the agenda and previous meeting minutes, please send an e-mail to [mckeesac@gmail.com](mailto:mckeesac@gmail.com) with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject heading. All non-executive parents are blind-copied to maintain privacy. Any parents who have given us their e-mails at the SAC meetings but have not yet received any e-communication from us are advised to subscribe this way as it is likely that we have misread your addresses.

We have also set up a temporary site at <http://mckeesac.weebly.com/> to keep you up-to-date on all our activities. At this site, you can link to SAC newsletters, a calendar of events and download minutes from the 2009 meetings and financial statements. Please remain patient with the functions of this site as it is still largely under construction. We would love to hear from you about what additional information you would like to see on this site, so write us!

*Elsewhere in the community...***A Midsummer Night at Earl Haig**

Students at Earl Haig will be performing Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Performances start at 7 p.m. sharp in Cringan Hall at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Avenue. The production includes original music, a live orchestra, dancers, aerial gymnasts, stilt-walkers, a living forest and, of course, those talented Haig students romping through a comic world of love and enchantment.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered on-line at <http://haigmidsummernightsdream.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, you can contact [janetkish@rogers.com](mailto:janetkish@rogers.com).

**Kid's Holiday Gift Giveaway**

4life will be presenting a free holiday event on Sunday, December 13, 2009 for the whole family featuring a family movie on the big screens and appearances by Spiderman and a princess! Children 11 and under will receive a gift. It will be held at 190 Railside Road near Lawrence and the DVP. More information can be found online at

<http://www.4lifefoundation.org/index.php?p=giftgiveaway>

**For those less fortunate**

To donate to the food bank directly, contact Mary Del Bianco at 416-635-7771 or e-mail her at [mary@northyorkharvest.com](mailto:mary@northyorkharvest.com).



**SAC wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!**

