

Athlone School Parent Council Newsletter

November 2021

A new outdoor project is in the works!

The ASPC is continuing to discuss options for the new outdoor project. Our current ideas focus on having a large shade structure with an activity area beneath it. The activity area could be a sandbox, a stage, an outdoor learning area, etc. We are currently researching possible options that align with the school division's policies. The timeline for this project is lengthy as we need to draft plans, get approvals and cost estimates, apply for grants, fundraise, etc. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at the email located at the bottom of the newsletter.

What else do you want us to do for the students?

If you have ideas for smaller projects, equipment purchases, activities, or events that the ASPC can contribute money towards to benefit the students of Athlone School, please let us know.

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased items through our Mom's Pantry fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your support. Delivery of products will take place the week of December 13th in time for the holidays and winter break. Once again, we will be running a physically-distanced pick-up at the front of Athlone School and will let you know the date and times in early December. You must be available to pick your order up on this day or make alternative arrangements to have your order picked up for you. If you missed out on ordering this month we are planning to hold another sale in the spring.

ASPC is more than fundraising

There has been a lot of discussion lately about the role a parent council plays in its school community and what that should look like moving forward. Many people focus on the fundraising component but a parent council has additional roles in the school and in the community. As stated in the handbook, there are five areas that the ASPC focuses on:

- promote cooperation, positive relations, and communication between the home, school, and community.
- promote parental involvement in the school.
- promote the objectives of the school, recognizing the student is the most important and vital component of the educational system.
- promote the welfare of children and support the educational purpose of the school.
- organize special events and plan fundraising activities.

We are your advocate for what is happening in the school and in the nearby community but in order to do that we need to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Next Parent Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com//meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzhmZTE1NDctYTM5ZC00MGUwLWl2NDMtNDc5NjliY2VIYTQ3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2257e2d773-4dcc-4850-8717-73b1db41984a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2271f6649e-8459-4fa7-889e-21f2412f8c8f%22%7d

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