

"Out and About"

From your All Saints Catholic Elementary School Council

February 2009

View from the Chair

Do you believe in angels? I do, for how else would you describe the altruistic actions of Ms. Parker? Hopefully you have all read Nick Milanetti's announcement sent home on Friday explaining that Ms. Kendrick will soon be scheduled for life saving kidney transplant surgery, as Ms. Parker has been found to be a suitable donor. Though we will be sad to have our Principal leave, it is amazing to be witness to such a miracle.

With great humility, thank you Ms. Kendrick for everything you have accomplished for us at All Saints. You will be dearly missed! Also, thank you Ms. Parker for the profound example you are setting for all of us, and especially for our children on how to be like Jesus. We hope to see you back soon! Please know that you will both be in our hearts and prayers. We are also very pleased to have the continuity with Mr. Pullara taking on the responsibility of Acting Principal.

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for our next Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm in the school Library. This will be an especially informative session as we will have the Principal, Mr. Joe Giancola, from Loyola provide us with an update about the proposed new school. School Board Trustee, Sharon Hobin, will also attend and provide us with an update. Hope to see you there!

As a Council, we continue to stay busy with the regularly scheduled Fantastic Fridays, along with other programs that help us raise incremental funds for the school and for the upcoming ShareLife Campaign. We hope we can count on your continued participation and support!

The future Council Meeting dates are as follows:

February 17, April 14, May 12 and June 16.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the school Library with the exception of the June meeting. The location will be determined closer to the actual date. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Eva Lehman - Chair - evalehman@rogers.com

Respect

Virtue for February

In February we focus on the virtue of respect. Respect can be defined as valuing oneself, and others. A respectful person is someone who listens and takes other people's feelings into consideration.

Everyone deserves respect, and we start by respecting ourselves. If we respect ourselves we learn how to treat others, so it comes down to treating others as we ourselves would like to be treated.

In today's world where "It's all about me" and "I come first", it seems impossible to teach our children how to be respectful. It should start with how we treat our children; they are the ones that should come first.

When we speak to our children, we need to consider their feelings. The way we speak to our children has a profound affect on their character and the way they treat others. If we treat our children with respect they will learn behaviour that is appropriate in school, with their friends and their teachers and with all in our Catholic community.

Rosemary Miolla - Parish Rep.



Fundraising Update

We would like to thank all the families who participated on our Invest in Education campaign. To date we have collected a total of \$4,115.00 towards our goal of \$5,500.00. We had a total of 74 families contribute which is 23% of our total population. We are still continuing to accept donations towards our goal. If you haven't yet made a contribution but would like to, simply send in your donation with your child. Any amount will help!

As a School Council, we will revisit our fundraising requirements in March to determine whether another fundraiser will be necessary.

As always, we are continuing our efforts to raise funds through Pizza days and Pita lunches as well as exploring other options. If you have any feedback or suggestions I would love to hear from you.

Carolyn Simpson - Fundraising Chair
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ShareLife Campaign 2009

It's ShareLife time once again and All Saints is proud to be raising money through a school dance, as well as a student/teacher hockey game later in the year. The ShareLife dance will be held on **February 11** and all grades will participate. A professional D.J. has been booked that will help keep the groove going! We are asking each student for a minimum donation of **\$5.00**.

Last year we raised \$2,500.00 as a school. EXCELLENT! We hope to raise at least this amount, and possibly even surpass it. If you typically make a family donation to the church, why not make it through the school? Simply make the cheque payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and send it in with your child.

This will be a great day for our kids to dance and have fun knowing that they are helping those in need.

Stay tuned for more information!

Special Event Chairs



Treasurer's Update Money Matters

As a reminder, in the Council's newsletter, December's issue of "Out and About", the Council's Annual Budget was shared (it is posted on our school's web site). When we meet at our regularly held Council Meetings (dates shared through the newsletter and posted on the Community Board) the budget is updated and reviewed. At this time, we felt it was important to share our performance with the parent community, so a summary of our budget has been prepared and is stated below. If you have any comments or feedback, please feel free to contact the Treasurer or come to one of our Council Meetings.

For the period September-December'08 the community has raised a total of \$14,372:

- Fun Fair - \$6,862
- Invest In Education - \$4,115
- On-going programs: milk and organized lunches - \$3,395

Total expenditures for the same period have been a total of \$1,771:

- Christmas treats for all the students- \$441
- Meet the Teacher night - \$323
- Yearly maintenance agreement for the laminating machine - \$507
- Family subsidy which was spent at the discretion of the Principal - \$500

Future expenses will include the following:

- gym equipment (variety of balls, hula-hoops, flag football sets) - \$3,100
- production of school play "Aladdin" and choir - \$3,050
- primary, junior and intermediate books - \$8,400
- speakers and presentations - \$2,000
- grade 8 graduation - \$2,300

We will make every effort to keep you informed at regular intervals.

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