

Robert Baldwin School Council

January 2017

Message from Council Chair



Welcome Back!

I hope everyone enjoyed the special (and sometimes interesting) gift your child thoughtfully picked out and wrapped for you during our annual Snowflake Bizarre. Thank you to all the parents who donated items and gift wrap.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Sandy Holloway who organized this year's event; as well as to the team of parents who volunteered time organizing the donations, creating crafts and operating the tables during the big event.

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Martin Street Boundary Review

The Halton District School Board is undertaking a school boundary review for the new Martin Street Public School to determine which homes will be sending their children to the new Martin Street School when it opens in September 2017.

A Boundary Review Committee made up of parents from the surrounding schools was created in November to offer input into this process. Since Robert Baldwin Public School was identified as a school that may be impacted by a new boundary, we have been asked to provide 2 parent representatives for this committee. Lisa Gent and I (Jennifer Murray) are acting as the Robert Baldwin representatives at these meetings and have been providing our input into the various scenarios that the school board has created. To date, none of the scenarios provided by the school board would require any current Robert Baldwin students to change schools.

A public consultation meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday January 17 from 7PM to 9PM at Craig Kielburger Secondary School** in the Theatre. This is an opportunity for all parents to review and provide input into the proposed boundary scenarios.

Information about the boundary review and proposed scenarios is available at:
<https://www.hdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School%20Boundary%20Reviews/2016-Milton-MAR.aspx>

As always, feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any concerns you have.

Upcoming Events

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Jan 9	Classes Resume
Jan 12 & 13	Seeing / Hearing Screening (optional)
Jan 16	School Council
Jan 17	Boundary Review Public Consultation
Jan 17 / 24 / 31	Swim to Survive (Grade 3)
Jan 19	Social Media Presentation
Jan 27	Movie Night
Jan 28	Chinese New Year
Feb 3	P.A. Day (No School)

Social Media Presentation – January 19



Join us for an exciting and visual journey into the world of Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more. And leave inspired, skilled and confident to support your family's journey through Social Media. Our kids are already engaged in this space. We need to be engaged, too. Come out for an informative evening on social media on **Thursday, January 19th at 7PM** in the school library. Babysitting will be available.

Professional presenter Chris Vollum will be sharing the benefits and cautions associated with Social Media. Chris will be providing an overview of the different apps, highlighting what they allow students to access. Chris will also be talking to grade 4 and 5 students during the afternoon.

Movie Night – January 27



Movie Night will be **Friday, January 27th**. Movie to be determined. Tickets will be available through cashless with a limited amount in the office.

Raising Resilient Children Presentation – February 23



Too often parents buffer their children from the reasonable and natural consequences of their own actions. Parents that overprotect or rescue their children rob them of the opportunity to develop a track record of success in dealing with the pitfalls of life. This often leaves a child without the self-worth and problem solving skills necessary to function in society.

Join us **Thursday, February 23rd at 7PM in the school library** for a presentation by Sherry Campbell for parents that demonstrate principles of living and encourage a healthy, resilient and meaningful life. This presentation encourages children to respond to life by choice rather than react to life by chance. This presentation will be very informative and engaging and will make you reflect on your own parenting beliefs.

Babysitting will be available.

Dance-a-thon – February 14



This year's Dance-a-Thon is being held on **February 14**. The kids get a chance to "boogie" down while raising money that goes directly back into the school. The event is being hosted again by DJ Happy Pappy, Hip Hop Holloway, DJ La La, and Pop-see-ko Perry

The money is being raised at the Dance-a-thon is being used to bring Junglesport to Robert Baldwin in April. Junglesport delivers in-school adventure programs where they set up a unique climbing and ropes course structure in the school gym.

For more information about JungleSport, please visit their website at: <http://www.junglesport.ca/>

More information and pledge forms will be coming home soon.