

# Robert Baldwin School Council

October 2016

## Message from Council Chair

October's here and school is in full swing. School Council is running its first Movie Night and its first fundraiser, QSP Magazine Drive.

Robert Baldwin's School Council has many exciting events and activities planned for this year for the students. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help make those events a success.

Our next council meeting will be on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the staff room. I hope to see many of you there. We will be running our elections at this meeting, so if you would like a formal role on our council, be sure to come out.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. I can be reached by phone at (905) 864-6616 or by email at:

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Jennifer Murray  
School Council Chair

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## Movie Night – Oct 21



Mark your calendar for the first Movie Night of the school year on Friday, October 21. Keep your eye out for more information, coming soon!

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## Robert Baldwin's annual Pumpkin Carving contest- Oct 27-28



Get your pumpkins and carving tools ready! Show off your pumpkin carving talents by entering our annual Pumpkin Carving contest on October 27 and 28. Students will get to vote on their favorite pumpkins in a number of categories. Stay tuned for more information.

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## QSP Magazine Drive- Oct 6-21

Save on a subscription to your favorite magazines and support Robert Baldwin. Magazine orders will be accepted until **October 21**. Save time and order online at: <http://www.qsp.ca/>

Money raised by this fundraiser will be used to buy books for our library and host guest authors who come to present to our students.

Thanks to Claudia Cruise for taking on the QSP Magazine Fundraiser!

## Upcoming Events

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Oct 3	Term 1 Pizza starts
Oct 3	School Council
Oct 6	Magazine Drive Starts
Oct 7	PA Day (No School)
Oct 10	Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct 21	Magazine Orders Due
Oct 21	Movie Night
Oct 27-28	Pumpkin Carving Competition

## Fire and Lockdown Drills



Last week, we ran 2 fire drills and a third one will take place in the coming weeks. This is done to meet board expectations for fire safety preparation. We will also have a Lockdown and evacuation drill later this fall. Dates will be shared with parents prior to the Lockdown and evacuation drills.

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## What is School Council?



School councils provide advice to the principal and school board. Every school must have a school council, and members include parents, the principal, a teacher, a non-teaching staff member and a community representative. The majority of members must be parents, and the chair must be a parent. Principals do not vote on school council decisions.

School councils are responsible for:

- Sharing information with parents and the community, and seeking their input on matters the council is discussing.
- Providing advice to the principal and school board on issues that will affect the school.
- Organizing social events for the school community and fundraising events.

Council meetings are open to everyone in the community, so you do not have to be a member to attend. It is a great way to keep up with what is happening in the school. You can also contact the school council if you have questions about how to get involved at the school or if you are looking for information from a parent perspective.

Source: <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/faq/what-is-a-school-council/>

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## Why Get Involved with School Council?

1. Volunteering at Robert Baldwin will give you an opportunity to meet other parents and teachers at the school.
2. You find out what's happening at the school.
3. You'll have opportunities to make positive changes to the school and provide meaningful input to how the school is run.

You are your child's greatest role model and by becoming involved in their school, you show your child that you value their education and that their school is important to you.

When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.

Studies have shown that regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education

Source: A New Wave of Evidence, 2002 <http://www.sedl.org/connections/resources/evidence.pdf>