



Save The Date!

- **Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30:** Pizza Days
- **Nov. 9th:** 6:30-8:00: School Council Meeting in library. All welcome!
- **Nov. 7th:** Donation drop off for Holiday Gift Store begins!
- **Nov. 7th:** Hot Lunch & Milk Program with ESNS begins.
- **Nov. 14 – 17th:** Scholastic "Bookaneer" Book Fair!
- **Nov. 18th:** PD Day
- **Dec. 7, 14, 21:** Pizza Days
- **Dec. 5:** Holiday Gift Store preview for students
- **Dec. 6 & 7:** Holiday Gift Store open for shopping!
- **Dec. 14:** No School Council Meeting this month. Have a Happy Holiday!

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Meet your School Parent Council

We are always excited to meet and greet new faces at our School Council meetings. Many hands make for light work – so the more the merrier!

Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected School Council for the 2015-16 school year: **Chairperson:** Sue VanWyngaarden, **Past Chair:** Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, **Treasurer:** Thabi Francis, **Secretary:** Donna Allen-Rutherford, **Volunteer Coordinator:** Lisa Christy, **Fundraising Coordinator:** Andria Schwab and **Voting Members:** Sheri Green, Becca Hardy, Victoria Grinwis, Tracy McGrath, Melissa Whetham, Lisa Wingrove, Shashonnah Shea.

Thanks go out to our **Community Representative:** Barb Hewitson, from our YMCA Daycare; our dedicated **Teacher Representatives:** Miss. Roth and Mr. Ognibene; as well as our always supportive, strong leadership provided by Mr. MacKay and Mrs. Humphrys.

We Need You!

Moffat Creek School Council would not be as active as it is in the school without the effort and dedication of parents like YOU! School Council is always in need of parent volunteers who are willing and able to give of their time and talents to lend a helping hand and continue to build and foster a fun, caring and safe environment for our kids.

If you are interested in any way of being a volunteer with School Council please contact us at moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com.

Being a part of School Council doesn't mean that you have to be a part of our regular monthly meetings – although, we would love to see you, and hear from you, there!

School Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 in the school library. You can visit our school website at mof.wrdsb.ca/ to read meeting minutes and see our proposed budget for the school year.

Weekly Pizza Wednesday's & Our New Hot Lunch and Milk Program

Our popular weekly pizza Wednesday's are back! Ordering is easier than ever this year on School Day. Monthly orders can be made for students each month with payment ONLINE ONLY please. No cash will be accepted at school for online orders.

Cash orders are also being collected from classrooms each Wednesday morning. Orders on the day of must be received by 9:00am. Parents, please ensure that your student knows if they have pizza money in their backpacks so that no orders are missed in the morning. This is imperative as we are no longer extra pizza to sell during the nutrition break at the pizza table.

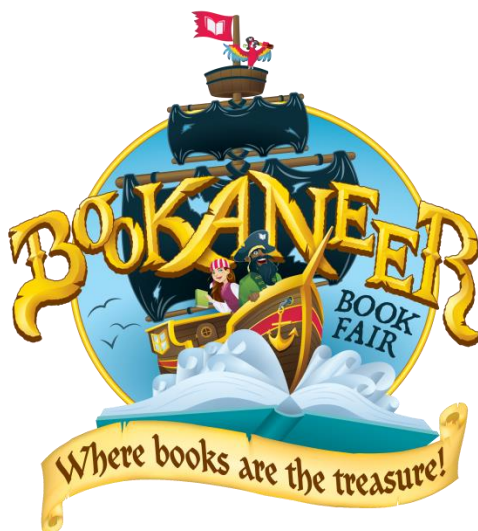
School Council is proud to announce our new Hot Lunch and Milk Program that will be run through Elementary School Nutrition Services (ESNS) beginning on November 7th. Lunches from Boston Pizza, Pita Pit & Subway will be offered on Mondays and Fridays, while milk will be offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Snacks of popcorn, cookies and monthly Menchie's frozen yogurt will also be available.

ALL orders need to be placed through the ESNS website: www.esns.ca

Information will be coming home on School Day soon, and posted on our school website, Facebook page and Twitter feeds!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 14 – 17TH



Arrgh you ready for our Fall Book Fair coming to Moffat Creek November 14-17th?

Come to our book fair and get excited about reading with swashbuckling new titles from Scholastic and other popular publishers!

We are taking off on a daring journey into open books and want YOU to be a part of it. No matter what your age, come with your families seeking adventure at the Bookaneer Book Fair. Ye will surely find adventure here! Look for details coming home on School Day and in your students' planners!

Not able to make it into the school to shop at the book fair? No problem – online shopping will be available for you.

We are in need of volunteers to help run the fair through the week at the school, please let us know if you are able!



5th Annual Holiday Gift Store

December 5th-7th



Plans are in full swing for our 5th **Annual Holiday Gift Store**, which has become a much loved and anticipated annual event over the years! The store is intended just for our children, who can shop for their families and friends in our exclusive shop. **ALL** items, big or small, are priced at \$2.00 and gift wrapping is provided free of charge, thanks to a small army of volunteer parent gift wrappers!

Need a gift for someone 'just because', for a birthday, Christmas or holiday celebration? We will have the perfect item for that special someone!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need your gently used or new donations – items that you no longer use that others will surely treasure! An unopened bottle of perfume, jewelry, vases, neckties, toys, kitchen items, jewelry boxes, golf balls, home décor, stuffed animals, games, candles, ball caps, scarves...we are looking for items suitable for moms, dads, sisters, brothers, friends, teens and grandparents!

Tables to receive your generous donations will be set up in the main school foyer for the whole month of November, beginning on Monday, November 7th. Please drop donations off to the school any time during the regular school hours. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE. Thank you for your generous contributions to this very special event for our Moffat children!**

Donations of gift wrap, gift tags, tape, gift bags, tissue paper, boxes, small grocery bags and small garbage bags would also be greatly appreciated.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

On Monday, December 5th all students will have a chance to preview the Holiday Gift Store with their class. On Tuesday, December 6th all students will have a chance to purchase ONE item from the Gift Store. On Wednesday, December 7th, students are able to do unlimited shopping during their class time slot and 'shop 'til they drop'!

MANY volunteers are needed to make this event a memorable one for our kids. If you can help at any time between December 2nd, or 5-7th to help wrap presents, help a child find that perfect gift, or help with set up or clean up please let us know! We will be sending out volunteer sign-up sheets at the end of November where you can indicate dates and times you may be available. Or feel free to contact us at moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com

Happy Shopping & Happy Holidays!

MOFFAT CREEK WETLAND LEARNING GROUNDS

Phase 1 Complete...and 2 more Phases to go!



On October 6, 2016 we celebrated the grand opening of our new Wetland Adventure Learning Ground at Moffat Creek! We were happy to welcome many guests, students, staff and dignitaries who came to join in the occasion with us. Much thanks to Miss. Roth's Gr. 3 class, who made wonderful posters to acknowledge the generous efforts and donations of our community and project partners!

With Phase 1 of our Wetland Learning Ground complete, our School Council is moving forward with 2 more exciting phases that have already been designed – these for the Full Day Kindergarten area and the Primary play field.

Wetland Discovery: Although our youngest children do not have the freedom to explore beyond their fenced play yard, they are just as inquisitive, so we will bring elements of the Wetland to them. A water wall, fallen logs, and ornamental grass hide and seek, all with a meadow planting backdrop, will provide many play and learning opportunities. A variety of trees will provide much needed shade but also subject matter for science and numeracy skills.

Wetland Theatre: What child doesn't want to be a star?! Children, particularly primary grade children, will have the chance to slide down the hill and run down the tree-lined path to their very own stage set amidst butterfly meadow plantings, the perfect inspiration for play acting and dance. Come enjoy the show on our armour stone theatre seating.

School Council will be focusing fundraising efforts towards the building of these 2 play spaces over the next couple of years. With some targeted fundraising efforts this year, it is possible that some construction in our FDK area could begin Summer 2017!!!

How can you help?

We are looking for people to join our Wetland Committee. Those who have taken the lead over the past 4 years are no longer available to provide leadership for the continuing phases, so this is a gap that we need to fill as soon as possible.

In addition, we are looking for individuals that are willing to seek out and write grant applications for the project. The first phase of this project was completed at least five years earlier than it would have been without grants that we applied for and received. Although the budgets for the next two phases are not as high as the first phase completed, we can accomplish more in a timelier manner with the assistance of grants available for the taking.

If you would like to donate to our fundraising campaign (tax receipts available for donations of more than \$20), or if you know of a company that would like to become a corporate sponsor, please contact us at moffatcreekcouncil@gmail.com or phone the school at (519) 620-1661.

Thank you for your continued support!