

Sunnylea Update #2 - September, 2023

Parent Council Our parent council dates this year are as follows. September 27, October 11, November 8, January 10, February 7, April 10, May 8, June 12 Please see attached sefl-nomination form. Please complete and return to your child's teacher by September 12. Voting will take place on meet the teacher night, September 14th.

Start of Year Important Dates:

September 11 - start of the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser September 14 - Meet the Teacher - 5:30 to 6:30 September 19 - School assembly - All Choices Matter - with Dwayne Morgan September 22 - Terry Fox Run 10:30 <u>Donate</u> September 27 - Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 - in person September 29 - Orange Shirt Day, Evans/Camilleri to Forest Valley October 3 - Photo Day October 6 - PA day

Meet the Teacher: September 14 - 5:30 to 6:30

3:30 to 4:30 - Ms. Breau/Vali's class only.

<u>5:30 to 6:15</u> - homeroom classes open to drop in at any time in this window for a quick hello and look around the room, computer lab open for information about our Social Emotional Learning program, Library and French Rooms open

5:30 to 6:30 - snacks available outside by the climber, parent council voting in the gym

We are going with a different format this year. There will be <u>no formal presentations</u> and parents are welcome to **come at any time within the slotted window above** and flow indoors,outdoors, and around the building. This really is an opportunity for you to meet and greet your child's teacher. Your child will be your tour guide to show you their classroom. Please be aware that one week into school, your child won't be showing you a desk full of completed work. Your teacher will be available to chat and will have handouts available with important information for you about your child's learning this year. *If the room is really busy, consider visiting the gym, library or computer lab, and then returning at a later time to the classroom.* Please also **stop by the gym** to learn about volunteer opportunities and to vote for the roster of parent council members. Please head outside by the climber for some light refreshments and a chance to socialize with other parents. At 6:15, classroom visits will wrap up and all are invited to continue to enjoy each other's company outside.

If your child is in daycare, we'd appreciate you collecting them by 5:30. By 5:15, they will be relocated into the music room downstairs or gym until you are able to pick them up in order to allow teachers to set up.



Pick Up and Drop Off

The climber is closed/off limits before school and until 3:40 after school.

In the primary end, please **stand back** to allow safe entry and dismissal. In the morning, your child can join the line. **Please stand back, for the safety of all children. The teachers need space to be able to track the students**.

After school, please do not collect your child from the line as they are moving to their dismissal spot. We want to ensure that every child is dismissed hand-to-hand to the designated adult. **Please make sure that your caregivers also understand this.**

Cross Country

I'm happy to announce that Sunnylea will be participating in Cross Country this year. This is open to all grades 1 to 5 students. Practices will be held before school on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays starting the second week of school.

A hard copy of the form was sent home on Wednesday. It's not too late to join.

Permission Click Forms

Please look for an email with a link to your permission click forms from the TDSB directly. Typically this comes early in the school year. Do one for all children. Media release, walking excursions, medical, athletics, physical education form are all included in this. Note that the media release section has two parts - part one is for events inside the school - such as end-of-term slideshows, while part two is for OUTSIDE of the school organization. **Grade 5s** have the opportunity to have a computer assigned to their child from the TDSB. This computer stays with them until they are in grade 9 and is a key part of their learning. The permission form for the computers for grade 5 should have come out to you over the weekend.

Parent Concern Protocol

Please be aware of the process for parent concerns. https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns

Library Parent Volunteers

If you are available to commit to helping shelve books after the morning bell for about 15 minutes (you pick the day), please contact our librarian, Mme Foley @ <u>amanda.foley@tdsb.on.ca</u>

Fresh From the Farm

Sunnylea Parent Council is happy to announce our first fundraiser of the year. We have partnered up with **Fresh from the Farm-Healthy Fundraising for Ontario Schools**.



Fresh from the Farm provides a healthy fundraising alternative to schools by selling fresh Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables. This promotes a healthy school environment while providing an opportunity for our community to raise money for our school. For our fundraising efforts, Sunnylea keeps 40 % of total sales, while 50% is returned to our local Ontario's farmers and 10% is retained by *Fresh from the Farm* to support the program's operational costs. There are two wonderful 'bundles' of Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to choose from.

- **14lb Vegetable Bundle**: 5 lb potatoes, 3 lb carrots, 3 lb yellow onions, 3 lb sweet potatoes for **\$22.00**
- 8lb Apple Bundle: 8 lb Ambrosia apples for \$24.00

A SchoolCash Online request has been sent out this morning - Please look for it! **Deadline to order is October 6**th **2023**

You will receive an email pick up your order from the school gym between November 6^{th} to December 7^{th} – more details to come

Let's raise money for Sunnylea, eat healthy and support local farmers of Ontario!

Pizza Lunch is back!!

Sunnylea Parent Council is excited to offer Pizza Lunch again! For the 2023/2024 school year there will be 17 Pizza lunch days .

Please see updated dates:

October 13th, 27th	January 12, 26th	April 5th, 26th
November 10th,24th	February 9th, 23rd	May 10th, 24th
December 1st , 15th	March 8th, 22nd	June 14th

Consistent with years prior there are unfortunately no refunds for missed dates as this is an important fundraiser for the school.

The cost of pizza for the year (17 lunches) is

1 slice - \$85	2 slices - \$115	3 slices - \$142
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We aim to ensure that pizza lunch is inclusive of all interested children. We are happy to offer gluten-free and dairy-free options (2 slices per lunch for \$142).

* If the cost of pizza lunch is prohibitive, please contact Ms Stafford in full confidence, and we will do our best to ensure your child is included*

A School Cash Online request will be sent to your email on **Tuesday September 5th** - please look out for it. ****Please ensure you place a separate order per child****

If you have not signed up for Cash Online, please do so here:] https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/.

Pizza Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with pizza lunch. Two volunteers are required per class for



each lunch. Volunteers must have police checks on record with the school (please talk to Ms.Battersby in the office if you need one). The time commitment is approximately 30 minutes (11:30 - Noon). Please **be sure to choose the correct teacher tab at the bottom of the sheet** and use this link **t** * **Sunnylea Pizza Volunteer Sign Up Sheet 23/24*** sign up.

Class Parent

Please email your child's teacher if you are interested in being the Class Parent.