

School Council and School's Reports and Updates

February/March 2023

Blossom Park School Council's Report

- **Maple Syrup Fundraiser**

- A message including details about the fundraiser was shared with both families and teachers/staff. Families will pay only through School Cash Online.
- Eleven families and five teachers/staff participated. Many thanks to all of them for their support.
- The total number of bottles ordered is 28.
- Maple syrup bottles will be ready for pick-up in early April.

- **Winter Carnival**

Our council coordinated with Tim Hortons and secured a donation of a cambro of 70 cups of hot chocolate and two 50-pack boxes of Timbits for the school's winter carnival.

- **Scientists in School workshops**

- We are coordinating with the teachers and Scientists in School to have 6 virtual workshops delivered to our students. The council will pay for 3 workshops (\$705); Scientists in School will donate the other 3 workshops.
- The participating classes are: R1A (one workshop)
R12A (one workshop)
KJSB (two workshops)
KJSA (two workshops)

- **The Pizza Program**

A decision has been made to keep the pizza program running during Ramadan. New forms were distributed during the first week after March break covering the last day in March and all of April.

- **\$500 Parent Engagement Funding**

- We have received the PIP \$500 grant for this year. The grant is intended to assist with parent communication and other parent engagement efforts. The School

Council members must approve all the expenditures for activities funded with this money.

- The cheque has not been deposited in our account yet; it'll be deposited during the first week of April.

- **[March Financial Report](#)**

School's Report: Principal's Activities Debrief

- Ottawa Public Health Nurse provided another presentation to the grade 5/6 MFI class on February 21. The engaging healthy transitions topic was focused on communication.
- Artshine for select primary students (6-week program offered on Fridays)
 - Thank you to the Education Foundation for subsidizing this program for our primary students.
- The Winter Carnival was a great success. Intermediate students demonstrated great leadership skills and all students were engaged in fun winter activities. Thank you to the School Council for securing the donation of a portion of the hot chocolate from Tim Hortons.
- Rideauwood provided an impactful presentation to grade 7 and 8 students on March 6. The MADD presentation was focused on making safe choices when facing peer pressure.
- Local author, Timm Holmes, worked with grades 1-5 students on March 7th. Every student created their own story during the Start a Story workshop with Mr Holmes.
- Humane Society provided an interactive virtual presentation to the M5/6A class on March 20th.
- The Intermediate Basketball team represented BPPS with great sportsmanship at the tournament on March 21st. Thank you to Mr Porter and Mr Langille for coaching the team.

Upcoming Engaging Activities at BPPS

- Bulletin board competition amongst classes in April. The theme is Spring.
- Food Bank Fundraiser in April. Ms Shohdy will provide more details when they are available
- Girls on the Run will start again in the Spring (April 3-June 5)
- Pathways to Exploration (Formerly Enrichment Mini Courses) offered to selected Grade 8 students May 1-5, 2023 (Ottawa University or Carleton University)