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The PPO Blog is back to bring you all that is exciting and new with the PPO!

First up: did you know we have a few new executives? Tanya Allen (a.k.a. co-chair) has graciously volunteered her free time (and sanity!) to lead the PPO into the 2019-2020 school year. Also new on board is Jennifer Beauvais (a.k.a. treasurer) who will be keeping a close eye on the budget and PPO coffers!

Thanks to our supportive St. Edmund community, our 1st Halloween Family Movie Night was a hair-raising success! All of our praise goes to Emma Guezen, Krissy Baldo, and all the volunteers of the movie night committee. Check out the photos on Facebook for pictures of the spine-chilling snack station.

Dagwood's/Pizza Plus lunches have started smoothly; thanks to a well-organised group of volunteers headed by Gillian Lemessurier. It's easily the PPO's most popular fundraiser, and we're hoping that the parents are enjoying them as much as the kids are!

The PPO/H&S will be holding its 2nd annual Dix Mille Villages community shopping fundraiser on Sunday, November 24th. You can shop for meaningful gifts, connect to the global village, AND contribute to the school! 15% of all sales made between 9h00 to 12h00 will be donated back to St. Edmund. The PPO elves will be on-site to greet you with free hot chocolate, coffee, and home baked goods.

It's last call for the Lost & Found! A group of PPO volunteers will be combing through the remaining items and donating the entire contents of the Lost & Found on November 26th. So scurry and hurry to claim your items... Or better yet, drop by the Lost & Found yourself during the upcoming parent-teacher interviews!



It's only 3 months into the school year, but the PPO has been splurging on the staff and kids at St. Edmund!

The PPO/H&S started off the school year by giving out popsicles to each and every student at the Welcome Back Spirit Rally in September. To balance out the sugary treats, we followed up by handing out fresh apples to all the students at the Terry Fox run. Hopefully, the apples kept the dentist away!

All the Kindergarteners received an educational workshop about owls given by the Ecomuseum Zoo, courtesy of the PPO/H&S. We hear that a few feathered friends got to visit and be honorary St. Edmund students for the day... Apparently, they thought St. Edmund was "owl good"!



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Did you know the PPO/H&S provides a monetary allotment of \$250 to each teacher at St. Edmund to help supplement their budget for special projects and classroom incentives? This year, the PPO/H&S has also generously increased the allotment given to the Resource Department to \$600 to reflect the changes and increase in staffing. Hopefully, this will assist our three special educators in obtaining new material and supplies to develop the reading and writing skills of those who need it most.

Thanks to the PPO/H&S, several class sets of books were purchased by Miss Pina and Miss Diane Murray. “Junie B. Jones: A Toothless Wonder”, “Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing”, and “The One and Only Ivan” are now part of the St. Edmund storybook collection. That’s one book for each kid... plus, future classes will get to enjoy these stories in the years to come!

With the help of PPO/H&S funding, Miss Carroll also updated her gym supplies and purchased new equipment for all the grades/cycles, including: soccer balls, basketballs, and school pinnies.

Miss Jennifer will be using some of her allotment to purchase a “Makey Makey” and some new percussion instruments. You’ll have to wait and see if these new additions will make an appearance at the upcoming music shows!



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What a success the St. Edmund apparel fundraiser was thanks to all of you! The PPO/H&S will be sending home the hoodies and T-shirts with your children early December. Just a gentle reminder to please label your child’s clothing. Our volunteers are already having nightmares about having to sort through identical hoodies and T-shirts in the Lost & Found. Use a sharpie or continue to support the school with the PPO/H&S Mabel’s Labels fundraiser ... just click on the link below: https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/.

The Cycle 1 & 2 music shows are just around the corner! Keep an eye on your Inbox for an email request from the PPO for volunteers to help with the stage set-up and takedown.

The PPO/H&S will once again be funding Junglesport for the entire school in January. Hopefully, this will help tame the madness out of our students from the holiday break so they can focus on what is being taught in class in the New Year.

Staff Appreciation Week is also just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to shower our dedicated St. Edmund Staff with gratitude and recognition for all the hard work that they do. If you are interested in volunteering, please email tamara.plessamonte@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays Everyone!