

Churchill Alternative School Council News

CASC Update

We have had several well attended meetings and continue to invite all Churchill parents out to our monthly meetings! Be sure to check out Churchill's website for current information and join our Facebook page online.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 27 - 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Mark your calendars and come on out and enjoy one of our School's favorite traditions! Bring your family, bring your friends – spread the word at work or at play. Have some fun and help out our School! Donation boxes are in the front lobby and we would love any gently used toys or books for the sale. We are still in need of volunteers so please contact these co-ordinators if you want to lend a hand:

Bake Table – Cynthia Henwood at cynthia_henwood@rogers.com or 759-4770

Kids Beeswax Candle Dipping – Petra Bokowski at petra@bokowski.de

Kids Crafts – Ulana Leduchowski at leduc1812@hotmail.com or 729-7047

Face Painting – Donna Welden at dwelden@istar.ca or 722-1166

Churchill Café - Liz Goodman at markandliz@sympatico.ca or 729-6261

Used Books/Videos/CDs/DVDs – Maribeth Crysler at mari-beth@wabikon.com or 722-6332

Kids Shopping – Cathy Rogers at carogers@sympatico.ca or 725-5615

Education Committee

The goal of the Education Committee is to help support learning for students, staff, and families. Our first activity this year was an evening "Family Literacy Cafe" for parents. The committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month - please come out to share ideas and help plan our activities.

ASAC

The Alternative School Advisory Committee (ASAC) advises the OCDSB on alternative school issues and allows alternative schools to come together to share ideas. Frank Wiley is the superintendent for the alternative program, and Rob Campbell is the trustee advisor. Please visit www.asac-ottawa.org for more information about ASAC and how to get involved.

Committee Representatives for 2010-2011

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Staff Rep: Russell McLelland

Join the Churchill Alternative School Facebook Page

Be sure to become a member of the Churchill Alternative School Facebook page and keep up to date on happenings at the school!

Churchill Bookmarks

Here is a sampling of what Churchill parents are reading...
(by chance, a month for non-fiction!)

Rebecca (mom of Liam and Lily): An Extraordinary Evil by Barbara Coloroso

Paula (mom of Lauren and Aaron): Character is the Key by Sarah Dimerman and Connected Parenting by Jennifer Kolari

Brad (dad of Evan and Anna): Blood, Tears and Folly by Len Deighton

Read a good book lately? If you would like to let us know what you are reading....please e mail Janet at janetandbrad@sympatico.ca. We would love to hear from you

Literacy Café

On Tuesday October 26th, the Education Committee hosted a Family Literacy Cafe. Thanks to those who participated, and to Becky and Petra for running the felting workshop, and to Jane Venus of the Ottawa Public Library for talking to us about family literacy. Please check out this link to see some pointers to a few of the resources that were shared: <http://www.churchillnews.ca/blog/resources-and-ideas-family-literacy-cafe>

Petra has organized a display of some of the felting from the workshop in the Churchill lobby display case

Look at the adorable pumpkins that the attendees felted!



Tasty Tidbits

Get your soup pots fired up for the Annual Craft Fair on November 27th contact Liz Goodman if you would like to donate a soup! This is a wonderful time of year for soups and this one is tasty and quick!

Thai Pumpkin Coconut Soup

4 Cups Stock (vegetarian or chicken)
1 796ml Can Pureed Pumpkin
1 14-ounce Can Coconut Milk
1 Bunch of Fresh Cilantro

Directions

1. Heat stock & pureed pumpkin
2. Simmer for 5 minutes
3. Add coconut milk – and reduce heat. Be sure not to boil after the addition of the coconut milk as it will curdle
4. Add finely chopped cilantro to the soup or pulse the cilantro in the soup with a handheld blender
5. Serve!