

CASC NEWS

CASC Meeting Highlights

The **October 21** meeting was very busy and well attended. CASC positions for 2010-11 were elected. Various committees have had meetings over the past month and committee chairs presented their plans for the year to CASC. The principal, Megan Egerton, gave her report as did Heather Gilman as the teacher representative. The budget for the year was presented by the Treasurer. It was decided that any outstanding items would be moved to the **next meeting on November 9, 2010 at 7 pm** in the Staff Room at Churchill Alternative School.

For more detailed information and minutes of the meeting please go to www.churchillnews.ca.

Elected Positions:

Co-Chairs Pam Christie-Dilworth – dilchrist@rogers.com
David Fortier – david@pipanimation.com
Treasurers Wendy Boland – wendowski22@rogers.com
Donna Welden – dwelden@istar.ca
Secretaries Sara Pudon – sara.purdon@gmail.com
Janet Sheehan – janetandbrad@sympatico.ca
Connie Downes

Volunteer committees:

Active & Safe Routes

Wallace Beaton - wbeaton2@sympatico.ca

Michael Richardson - mcr@sandelman.ca

Staff Rep: Heather Crysdale

Arts Committee

Donna Weldon - dwelden@istar.ca

Petra Bokowski - petra@bokowski.de

Staff Rep: Sharon Hickey-Sano

Communication

Sara Purdon - sara.purdon@gmail.com

Janet Sheehan -

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Community Events

Pam Dilworth-Christie -

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Dave Fortier - david@pipanimation.com

Education Committee

Dan MacKinnon - dmackinnon1@gmail.com

Staff Rep: TBA

Fundraising Committee

Colin Sparks - Colin.Sparks@pch.gc.ca

Staff Rep: Megan Egerton

Lice Check

TBA

Staff Rep: Megan Egerton

Playground & Outdoor Classroom Committee

Maria Hunter - maria.hunter@ocdsb.ca

Staff Rep: TBA

Sports Committee

TBA

Staff Rep: Russell McLelland

Family Literacy Café

Parents, please join us for a "**Fall Family Literacy Café**" on Tuesday October 26 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Churchill Alternative School.

We will be having a "stories and felting" workshop where we will be learning interesting techniques for sharing stories through arts and crafts. We will also be discussing family literacy, and planning our next "Churchill Family Literacy Night."

Pay what you can donation of \$5.00 suggested

Please email Becky Cronin beckymike@rogers.com to sign up for the workshop.

Active & Safe Routes to School Committee

Changes to Safe Driving & Drop-Off Plan: Some of you will have noticed some new no-stopping restrictions around the school. The most significant changes are on Ravenhill between Edison & Melbourne. They were requested by the committee and the principal to further reduce two-way

traffic on this narrow street and the number of children dashing across it mid-block as well as to cut the number of cars blocking the staff parking lot and a private driveway. As always, these changes are designed to increase safety for all children attending our school. Your cooperation and understanding is very much appreciated. For a copy of the updated plan to: www.churchillnews.ca/story/driving-plan.

School Travel Plan: Remember that travel survey you filled out last spring? They are part of our work to create a School Travel Plan that not only encourages active and safe routes to our school but helps to make those routes better. Our draft action plan is nearly complete and we will circulate for feedback shortly. Stay tuned!

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox run was a great success. Students from Grade 1 to 6 participated in the run held at Dovercourt Recreation Center on October 1. The weather was beautiful and fun was had by all in the name of a good cause. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made this a successful event. The total money raised is still being tallied and we will let you know the grand total in the next newsletter.

Churchill Bookmarks

Since October is **Family Literacy Month** we thought we would ask students what they are reading or having read to them. Here is what we discovered!

Isabella Crysler (Grade 4) recommends **Savvy** by Ingrid Law
Eamon Charles (SK) **The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall
Evan Tavner (Grade 4) recommends **Amulet** by Kazu Kibuishi
Emma Christie (Grade 6) **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins, **Gone**, by Micheal Grant
Gabriel Clark (Grade 4) **The Red Pyramid** by Rick Riordan
Julianna and Fiona Haugen (Grade 3) **Geronimo Stilton** series
Lewis Charles (JK) **How to Catch a Star** by Oliver Jeffers, **Cat Balloon** by Palo Morgan

Interested in a book club for your child? Try the Carlingwood Branch of the Ottawa Public Library **Books for Fun** program Ages 7-8 or **The Page Turners** for Ages 9-12. Call 613-725-2449 Ext 25 or go to www.bibliottawalibrary.ca

Tasty Tidbits

Each month we are going to feature a Churchill community recipe – send us your favorite!
Pumpkin Bread - Recipe provided by Amelia & Brendan's Mom

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. Nutmeg
- 3 cups sugar
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups of fresh pumpkin --> 16 ounces if using canned pumpkin
- 2/3 cup water --> if pumpkin is canned
- 1/2 cup water --> if pumpkin is fresh or frozen
- 1 cup vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine flour, soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar in large mixing bowl. Add eggs, water, oil and pumpkin. Stir until blended. Mix well. Pour into two 9x5" loaf pans. Bake 1 hour. Cool slightly and take out of pans to let cool on a rack. This tastes best if you wrap,

refrigerate and wait a day to eat it. It keeps well in the refrigerator and can be frozen. Makes 2 loaves.

Volunteer Roundup – list of volunteer opportunities in the school

Volunteer at the Churchill Library!! - The Library is looking for volunteers on Mondays or Wednesdays!!! Help shelve books, assist children when they come in for library period, help teachers find books or work in circulation. Spend an hour or half a day. Times are flexible and free training is offered! Call Bob at 613-724-4880 or email at gurduloo@sympatico.ca.

Craft Fair - November 27th – There are MANY volunteer opportunities both before, during and after the craft fair. Please contact Maureen @ kmclarke@primus.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

Tie-Dye Shirt Day! - November 5th - Please contact Melanie @ melanie.burston@sympatico.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

House Keeping

NOTICE TO PARENTS: When completing cheques to send into the school, please review the appropriate forms to ensure you are making the cheques payable to the appropriate funds ie: Churchill Alternative School vs CASC vs Milk Fund. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, thanks!