Dear Le Phare families,

We've reached a new year (even if it feels suspiciously like the old year). We hope you are safe, healthy and taking good care. Despite a tricky start to 2022, we have SO MUCH GOOD NEWS.

## VIRTUAL PIZZA PARTY AND COMEDY SHOW!

**WHAT**: Hosted by the parents of your School Council, with special guest improv musician and comedian <u>Nate Schaffer</u> who will make us laugh with family-friendly tunes. Nate is pro entertainer - he shan't be missed!

**WHEN**: Virtual! On Fri, Jan 21 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. (Yes that's the PA Day, to ease up on the screen time.) The fun starts at 6pm with scavenger hunts and then we'll be entertained by Nate! Let's come together and have some fun - goodness knows we could all benefit from some LAUGHTER.

**REGISTER**: Sign up on <u>Council's Auctria web site</u> for the event. Then you'll receive the meeting link. Register before Thurs, Jan 20th.

## ORDER PIZZA:

- When you register, you can order a Nonna's pizza kit <u>on the Auctria website</u>, to build your own extra large pizza.
- Support local and support our students! Le Phare gets 30% of pizza kit purchases. Delivery costs will be covered by School Council straight to your door.
- Your order must be placed by Mon, Jan 17th.
- Or, just make/buy your own pizza and join the fun!

## **DECEMBER SUCCESS**

**We won money!** School Council was lucky to win <u>Awesome Ottawa's</u> December grant of \$1,000, no strings attached. <u>Check out the photo of Council's Co-Chair</u>! For our Awesome project, we'll partner with our friend and neighbour Carson Grove Elementary. The students at each school will buy gifts for the other school, in a creative exchange of good vibes and school spirit.

**Toys!** Thanks to Tanya's incredible efforts and a partnership with a Le Phare parent's <u>physio</u> <u>clinic</u>, we were able to donate a TRUCK FULL of toys to Fire Station 51 in support of Ottawa families. To see the great photos <u>click here</u>.

**Holiday hampers!** With your generous support, <u>we were able to donate \$1,000</u> in "holiday hamper" gift cards for neighbourhood families at Le Phare and Carson. We know these cards are just what's needed for a little boost, and we're so grateful to be able to help.

**Child's pose!** Thank you for joining our virtual yoga night in December. It was a nice way to share an experience among our school community.

## COMING UP:

**Snowshoe Stompathon:** What's that? We're not sure yet. But last year Council bought class sets of snowshoes for Le Phare and they are super fun! (Photos here!) This year, Mr. Solomon may be able to help with a "Stompathon" to get the kids outside and foster school spirit.

**Booster Juice vouchers:** Some of you may remember these easy discount coupons. Although they were on pause since 2020, they're back! These make PERFECT Valentines for kids, friends, family and neighbours. Stay tuned...

**Council Meetings:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15th. We have cancelled January's meeting, given the virtual situation and the pressure on parents and staff. But never hesitate to email us with comments or questions <u>SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca</u>

**Other ideas or activities?** All ideas and participants are welcome, in whatever way suits you. If a simple contribution is up your alley, buying gift cards from <u>Fundscrip</u> is an easy way to help - you get gift cards at full value, and Le Phare gets a kickback. Tell the grandparents!

Stay well, and don't forget to be kind and patient with our teachers and community - everyone needs to be sheltered in bubble wrap right now.

Your pizza partying friends,

Le Phare School Council

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