

Hello Le Phare families and welcome to September!

Anyone else manage to fit in one last beach day?

This is the first message of the year from your Le Phare School Council.

WAIT, WHAT'S SCHOOL COUNCIL?

We're parents and guardians, just like you. We engage with the school community, plan school events, liaise with the school staff and try to make the school even better for all the kids and families at Le Phare. We raise some money and try to create fun experiences. We aren't school employees - we're just volunteers. We do our best!

Anyone at Le Phare is welcome to join us. It's easy. You can sign up as a 'Member' and then you can meet other parents, advise the school, and get involved however much or however little you'd like. Your kids will think you're a celebrity.

- Check out our [poster](#) that shows what we do.
- And you can learn more by exploring our [website](#).
- Did you know we have a [photo gallery](#)?!
- In recent years, most of [our meetings](#) have been virtual, usually on Tuesday nights, and they aren't mandatory.
- For more info feel free to email us at SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca.

NEW TO LE PHARE? WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW WHEN WE WERE NEW:

1- There are pods. The pods are just the sections of the school (like "wings"). They aren't alien invaders.

2- The Art Gallery is a section of the school, not the National Gallery of Canada. If your teacher hosts an activity in the Art Gallery, you don't have to go downtown.

3- Le Phare has two meal times, aka nutrition breaks. This means two lunches, not one lunch and two snacks. Your kids will catch on easily; maybe before you do.

4- Ms. Lindy is your office hero. Befriend her! We also appreciate our several lovely bus drivers, very friendly crossing guard, helpful team of custodians, and the fun lunch monitors who help run our school. Say hi to them!

5- Our first big Council event is usually our famous Monster Mash. This is our spooky Halloween evening dance party. Yes there are costumes. Yes there are treats. Yes it is completely wild! Yes it's a highlight memory for your kids! If you can help this year, please [email us](#). Older siblings are welcome to help too!

WHAT'S UP IN SEPTEMBER:

#1 Our first Council meeting will be virtual, on Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm via Google Meet.

You can [email us](#) to receive the meeting invitation. We'll hear Principal Robinson's plans for the year, formalize this year's Council group, and start planning some fun events.

Anyone can join Council, or just stop by to listen. There are formal **executive positions** (Co/Chair, Co/Treasurer, Co/Secretary). There are also simpler **Membership positions**. This just means you'd attend some meetings, help with some activities, and help make decisions (like how to spend money we raise).

We're a welcoming group! There's more info about [how we try to make it easy](#) on our website.

#2

Your kids will lose their stuff

No point in denying it. If you do nothing else, write their name on EVERYTHING.

Solution! [Mabel's Labels](#). You get a set of customized labels and we raise money for the school. Just choose Le Phare as the “[fundraiser](#)” you want to support.

Here are 3 parent-proven labels:

- These [special clothing labels](#) stick to the silky tags inside jackets and don't unstick in the washer.
- The [personal stamp](#) is fun and a lifesaver. You just walk around your house stamping everything. That's mine. Stamp! That's mine too. Stamp! Yep, also mine. STAMP!
- The teacher [gift pack](#) is cute and not pricey. How thoughtful! Or a [starter pack](#) for yourself.

#3

Stay tuned for lunches

You can buy special lunches for your kids! Soon. Not yet! But soon.

The lunch program is organized by School Council but run through an online vendor called LunchBox. You will soon be able to place orders online with LunchBox for Pizza Pizza or Subway. Then volunteers will deliver to your kids.

We can't run this program without **a few volunteers**. Even once per month would save us. (Sometimes grandparents like to help too.) [Email us](#) if you can help deliver lunches for less than an hour any Thursday.

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That's it for now! We wish you a smooth re-entry into reality. Hooray for teachers who help our kids transition... it's... *A Thing*.

Your sun-soaked friends,  
Le Phare School Council

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