

Dear Le Phare families, here are some updates from your School Council...

The School's Budget is very tight

We're not going to lie, these are hard conversations. Council is working with Principal Spearman to understand the deficit and help address it. Le Phare has enough money to operate, but with no new or special purchases and with costs being reduced. Our [Meeting Minutes](#) and a recent [Memo to Council](#) are posted on our website.

Our usual holiday charity donations:

Each December, we use our Community Fund to help families. Usually, we also run a toy drive for Ottawa's toy mountain. This year we'll skip the toy drive, and instead we invite you to donate to our school. Not because we don't love toys! But this is a unique year. If you can donate, here are two options:

#1 Holiday gift cards for Le Phare and Carson Grove families who need it most.

DONATE [ONLINE](#)

#2 Continuing to fund your priorities at our school.

DONATE [ONLINE](#)

Council will donate \$1,000 between these two causes, plus your contributions. You can [email us](#) if you'd like us to request a receipt from the OCDSB.

We hear you!

We got more replies to our family survey than ever! You can [view the summary](#) on our website.

- You want us to spend on STEM, Literacy, French, Arts, and Outdoor Learning.
- You prefer in-person events/fundraisers.
- You'd like to buy lunches, hooray!
- You need a stable Principal. (Us too.)

Fundraising update:

Since September, you've helped to raise over \$4,000. Thank you! Adding to the \$5,000 Council had available, this is almost \$10,000 of our \$35,000 goal. Well done!

Le Phare Elementary School

Our school needs your help. Various pressures since Covid-19 have created a funding gap.

How can I help?

- Donate online
- Attend events
- Volunteer time
- Donate in-kind


\$5,000
\$10,000
\$15,000
\$20,000
\$25,000
\$30,000
\$35,000



Email us:
SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca

Council is donating \$7,000 right now toward the school's costs. We also donated more than \$8,000 last year for French readers, Raz Kids, field trips/class visits, Luv2Groove classes, student lunches and more - all thanks to your generosity.

LE PHARE SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-23




FUNDS RAISED

- \$5,400 student lunches
- \$900 popcorn
- \$1,650 online donations
- \$1100 grants
- \$500 events

FUNDS SPENT

- \$1,000 donations to families
- \$780 grad gifts
- \$550 staff appreciation
- \$920 Luv2Groove program
- \$1750 field trips & class visits
- \$3,350 French readers & RazKids

More info on our website!



We've also applied for Grants and received sponsorships. Thanks to a parent's business [Performance Sports Therapy](#) for buying Phys-Ed equipment! And thanks to [Itai Olej](#) who sponsored the balloon artist at our Monster Mash. And thanks to Megan from [Great Googly Moogly Balloons!](#)



Our new Principal

Superintendent [Mary Jane Farrish](#) said the plan was to hire a new Principal for January. Council wrote a “[Principal Profile](#)” to help guide the hiring process. Thank you Principal Spearman for pausing your retirement to help us!

We’re super excited for winter

Seriously, we truly are. How about a talent show, a movie night, a snowshoe day, a popcorn sale, a raffle, and a partridge in a pear tree? Got a great idea? Got a corporate sponsor? Got a heart of gold? Please [email us!](#)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2024. (Is it really 2024 soon?!) We wish you a glorious, magical December with your family and friends.

Your glowy, snowy friends,
Le Phare School Council