

Dear Le Phare Families,

We hope your winter break was filled with joy and relaxation. Maybe you were as happy as we were to send the kids back to the classroom.

#1 - Our first Bottle Drive

- Monday, January 15 to Sunday, January 21, 2024.
- Collect your bottles in sturdy boxes and your cans in plastic bags. Even better if you count the cans and mark the bag.
- Ask your family, friends, and neighbours to donate theirs too.
- If you have any questions please [email us!](#)

Drop Off Locations:

WHERE: Le Phare ES, 1965 Naskapi Drive

WHEN: Monday January 15 to Friday January 19

TIME: 8:30 to 2:30 pm or 3:15-4:00 pm

HOW: Outside bus hours, so you can park in the bus lane and enter through the front main door. Check in at the office. Walk down to the right, Pod 1, where there is a small alcove with benches (near an exit door).

WHERE: Elmsmere Road (Email SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca to receive the full address.)

DATE: Monday January 15 to Thursday January 18

TIME: Any reasonable time (Let's avoid midnight!)

HOW: Leave on the porch

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#2 - Do you have questions and ideas?

Often families ask us during a play date, or at the bus stop, "Hey, what's happening at school?" We value your input, and we encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions and concerns to help us better serve our school community.

- A) The results of our Family Survey are posted [on our website](#).
- B) Our monthly meetings resume on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet**. Meetings are a chance to get involved in school matters, share ideas, and stay up to date. To attend, email us at SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca.
- C) You can find previous Meeting Agendas and Minutes on our [website](#).

D) You can [join our “Friends of Council” email list](#) to receive occasional updates.

#3 - Who wants to be a helper?

So many families are generous with their time. Your involvement is invaluable and we cannot do it without you! If you are interested in volunteering, please [email us](#).

Currently, we need help with: handing out student lunches for an hour once in a while; seeking corporate donations/grants; and helping with events and fundraisers. You don't have to attend meetings if you don't want to!

To volunteer in the school during the day, you need a vulnerable sector police check. You can find all the details on our [website](#). (It's easier than it used to be, and the check is free if you contact [ONFE](#).)

#4 - Upcoming fun

Movie Night! Friday, February 9, 2024

Popcorn sales! Hosted by our very own industrious Grade 2s.

Snowshoeing! Council bought a set in 2020. Ask your kids if they've tried them.

Talent Show! Stay tuned.

Field Trips! We're trying to help the school with this. Ask your teachers!

As we kick off 2024, let's continue working together to create an enriching experience for our kids. Go team.

Your jubilant January friends,
Le Phare School Council