

Welcome to a brand new school year!

I cannot believe that we are back into the swing of school and that summer has come and gone. I feel like I blinked and it was over! I'm not even sure what it was that I did this summer. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and got away from the smoke. If you have not yet walked the hallways of the school, take a moment and do so. It is so bright, colorful and welcoming. I am loving the new additions to the walls!

With school being back in full force, our School council has also started to plan for the year. I have been a member of the school council for 7 years; when I write that down I realize how fast time does pass. Within those 7 years I have been in a position for 5 of those. Currently I am your Council Chair, as I have been for the past 2 years. This will be my last year on school council as my youngest will be graduating grade 5 this year and moving onto middle school.

Our first school Council meeting will be Monday, September 17 at 7:00pm. Our first meeting involves elections for the positions of Chair, Co-chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We also try to place main council members for our sub committees. We welcome all parents to come to our meetings. There seems to be a misconception that you have to be in a position to be a part of school council. While we love for council members to join and take primary positions, what we ultimately need are members to bring new thoughts and ideas. We have our main positions and then we have sub committees such as; Family Fun Night, Shrove Tuesday, Staff Appreciation, etc. School Council is there to fundraise money (which is never the fun thing to do, but a huge necessity) to send our littles on educational field trips, to support the teachers and staff, and to provide books to classrooms, etc. We discuss what the family fun night should be, what the carnival should look like. We are not there to tell the teachers how to teach, to implement a curriculum, or to make changes within the structure of the school.

We have a meet the staff on Wednesday, September 12 from 8:15 to 9am. I will be there to answer any questions that you as parents may have in regards to school council. There will also be sign up sheets in the hallways to sign up for different committees.

I am looking forward to a new and exciting school year, and am hoping to see many of you in the hallways and at our council meetings.

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Council Chair