

RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL *School Council Newsletter*



DECEMBER

2023



SC Chairs' Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we are so excited for the **Winter Wishes Gift Shoppe**. Students will visit the shoppe during school with their class and will have an opportunity to buy gifts for their family members for any upcoming holidays or special dates, or even just because. We always strive to keep our events inclusive and there will be a wide array of items and gift wrap options so every child can enjoy the spirit of giving this winter regardless of what they celebrate! Send your child to school with a shopping list and some pocket change on their assigned shopping day. Your child's teacher should be in touch with more information. After the winter holidays, we will be getting ready for a number of great initiatives and events so stay tuned for more on what 2024 brings! As the **centennial year for RPS**, we are excited to help celebrate 100 years of our wonderful little school and will have some great ways to mark the occasion. Coming up in February is our **Family Day Dance** which was a huge success last year and we can't wait to bring it back this year. Whatever you do, whatever you celebrate over the holidays, we hope your family has a safe and enjoyable break.

– *Meagan & Trish*
2023-2024 Chair & Vice-Chair

Sit in on a Meeting!

You don't have to hold a position on council to find out what's going on at your child's school. Any parent can join our meetings to watch or participate!

Our next meeting will be hybrid virtual/in person. Contact us or check the facebook group for the meeting link.

Next Meeting:
January 23rd
6:30 pm at RPS (or virtual)

Important Dates

December 7	Winter Term Milk & Lunch Orders Open
December 13- December 14	Winter Wishes Gift Shoppe
December 18	Milk & Lunch Order Deadline
December 25- January 8	HOLIDAYS (No School)
January 23	School Council Meeting

Milk and Lunch Program

The Milk Program will resume in January in conjunction with our Lunch Program. Now students can add milk to their sub or pizza day orders. **School Cash Online** is open for orders, closing **December 18th**.

Questions or comments?
Email rpslunch@gmail.com



We'd love to hear your ideas!

Share your questions and comments:
sc-richmondps@ocdsb.ca

Introducing the RPS Snack Bowl

Here's a relatively new initiative the School Council has been working on over the last year that we want to share with our parent and caregiver community. We began this initiative as a way to help address food insecurity within our school but we have learned that this program is so much more than that. By always having access to healthy snacks, we can ensure no student in our school ever has difficulty getting through their day because they are hungry, whatever the reasons behind it. Students have said having access to the snack bowl makes the school feel more welcoming, and more like their home. Here's some facts about our healthy snack station!

- SC volunteer Jen Blackburn oversees this program
- The bowl is refilled daily
- Jen shops for the bowl 1-2 times each week to keep it stocked
- Jen fills the snack station with 500+ snacks a month (cereal, apples, bananas and oranges)
- About \$20-\$50 a week was spent in November to keep the bowl stocked and tummies full!



Empty your pockets, check the couch, dig in to that jar of coins... round up your spare change to send with your child for the **Winter Wishes Gift Shoppe!**

Sending your child with change instead of bills is fun for the children and makes it much easier for the volunteers.

Thanks for your help!



RPS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

THE WINTER WISHES
GIFT SHOPPE



A delicious fundraiser for RPS Council!
Until the end of December, use code **RICHMOND2023** at checkout for **10% off your order plus 15% back to RPS!**

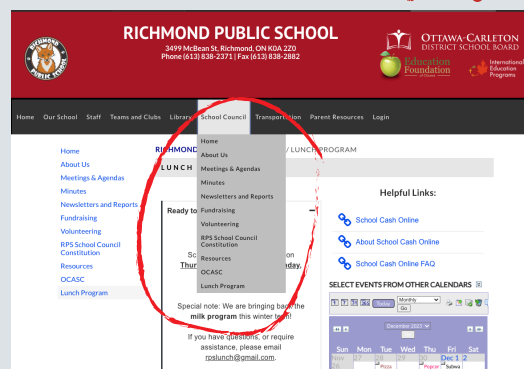
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Don't forget our School Council Webpage!

Our webpage is a sub-page of the RPS website. Check out the School Council tab for more information on:

- Our Team
- Meetings & Agendas
- Minutes, Newsletters & Reports
- Volunteering
- Fundraisers
- Our SC Constitution
- Lunch Program
- OCASC
- Other Resources



https://richmondps.ocdsb.ca/school_council_

Childcare for SC Meetings

Accessibility is something we are constantly striving to improve.

We are aware that access to childcare can make attending a meeting difficult for some families. Would childcare during meetings make SC meetings more accessible for your family? We'd love to hear your thoughts.

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We ♥ your feedback!

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THE WINTER WISHES

GIFT SHOPPE



\$2 PER GIFT

DECEMBER 13TH-14TH

AT RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL

LOTS OF WRAP OPTIONS

VOLUNTEERS
Needed

DONATIONS
New & Used
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

WANTED:
GIFT WRAP
& BAGS

Students will have the opportunity to shop and purchase and wrap gifts for family members for any occasion that's special to them!

Volunteers are needed to sort and set up, take cash, wrap gifts, restock and clean up. If you're able to help, please email richmondpsvolunteers@gmail.com

