Hello James MacDonald Families, and Welcome to the 2018/19 School Year!

Greetings from the parent groups here at James MacDonald. We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and settled back into school life.

# **School Council and the Parent Groups**

We are fortunate to have a great School Council at James MacDonald School. We work together with the Principal and staff. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, and hope you will join us and support endeavours however you are able – by attending meetings, volunteering within the school, participating in fundraising initiatives, etc.

#### **School Council**

School Council is an HWDSB-mandated organization, and provides a forum through which parents can make recommendations to the school principal on any matter they see impacting accountability and academic excellence. It serves as a communication and information channel between the school and parent community.

## **COME OUT TO A MEETING!**

Our first School Council Meeting will be September 19 at 6:30pm in our Learning Commons (library). Childcare will be provided at every meeting; we just ask that you send a message beforehand if it's required, so we know how many children to expect.

Attendance is open to all parents, so come out and have a voice. Everyone is welcome to listen in and share ideas; however, if you wish to be a voting member, please come to our first meeting to fill in a form.

### **GET IN TOUCH WITH US!**

To get in touch with our Chairs, please feel free to reach out to the following: Lori Cherwaty at <a href="mailto:lori@cherwaty.com">lori@cherwaty.com</a> or Hannah Poon at <a href="mailto:hannah.poon@gmail.com">hannah.poon@gmail.com</a>

Please join our James MacDonald Facebook page.... https://www.facebook.com/groups/1422169294467384/

### **Lunch Programs** – Starting Soon!

Information regarding the lunch programs offered this year (The Lunch Lady, pizza, and milk) will be sent home with your child soon.

Pizza and milk programs are volunteer-run and need parent involvement to run smoothly throughout the year. If you would like to be involved with these programs, please get in touch with Lori or Hannah. Your help will be appreciated.

We realize this is a lot of information to ingest, and thank you for taking the time to make yourselves acquainted with the School Council and parent groups at James MacDonald.

If you have any questions or concerns, certainly don't hesitate to be in touch with either Lori or Hannah. We look forward to working with you, and for our children, this school year.

Thank you! Lori Cherwaty and Hannah Poon