

# School Council Highlights

## DEAR FAMILIES OF ABRAHAM ERB

I'm excited to share our School Council updates with you! First off, our major Fall fundraisers (Book Fair and Opt-Out Program) were a huge success thanks to you! Between the two activities, we provided our school with over \$7,600 in classroom material and student activities. This is so incredible! Thank you so much to everyone who participated and volunteered to make both of those programs a huge success!

This Winter, we are happy to bring you a new lunch option (Pita Pit) and an opportunity to purchase school Spirit Wear. We are also planning a Family STEAM night on March 28. In the Spring, the Annual Family Fun Night is planned for May 30 this year.

Beyond fundraising and event planning, we also have two parent representatives participating in the school Boundary Study. They are working with Board staff to ensure your views are represented during discussions about changes to the assigned Grade 7 school that our kids will attend.

Check out the rest of this newsletter for more information on all of these things. As always, feel free to attend any of our meetings or email me with any questions or ideas!

Jennifer Kennedy

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT - MAY 30

### PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

This event is always the highlight of the year for our kids! BUT it takes lots of hands to make this event happen.

We need 10-12 lead coordinators and assistants for:

- Food / Drink
- Raffles and auctions
- Games, music, activities (several leads)
- Volunteer coordination
- Donations / fundraising

Please email Jennifer at the above email address if you can help!

**First meeting is Wed March 20 at 6:15pm in the school library.**

We need volunteers to make this happen again this year! We can not go ahead this year if we don't have enough people to volunteer to help run events.

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### New lunch option from The Pita Pit!

We are excited to bring you an additional lunch option for your students. This is a great example of how parent feedback can lead to new opportunities at our school. This "trial" lunch program will run for 7 weeks starting March 7. We will decide after that whether the program will be continued next year based on interest and feedback during the trial. Please let us know what you think!

**SAVE THE DATE – Details coming soon!**

### FAMILY STEAM NIGHT - March 28

Hands-on and interactive night to help parents and children engage with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)

## BOUNDARY STUDY - WATERLOO WEST

### Have you ....

- ✓ Checked out the boundary study website to make sure you are informed? ([Click here](#))
- ✓ Provided any feedback or questions via the Council email above or directly to the Boundary Study working group email at [boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.ca](mailto:boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.ca)?

**Impact to Abraham Erb students:** Trustees will be voting in March on the recommendation to change the Grade 7 school to Laurelwood (from Vista Hills) starting September 2019. Any current Grade 7 students at Vista Hills will stay there for Grade 8.

### GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE! School T-Shirts, Hats, Sweatshirts!

Online Store Deadline:  
**Friday March 8, 2019 11:59 pm**

<https://wwabeerb.itemorder.com/>



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WAS AMAZING!

This event is always a win/win! Students and staff get to buy great books and a portion of the profits come back to the School.

Based on our sales this year, we were able to give our teachers **\$3,650** in shopping credits to purchase classroom supplies and books.

A special thanks to all our volunteers who donated their time to run the Book Fair this year and to the many parents who bought books (including from the Teacher Wish Lists to donate directly to their child's class).



## Opt-Out Fundraiser was a huge success!

The School Council would like to thank our amazing parent community for your generous donations!!

Together, we raised over **\$4,000**

### Where does School Council money go?

Programs / Resources	
Scientists in the School - 21 classes	4,095
Classroom supplies from Scholastic	3,647
French immersion texts	2,310
STEAM Family Night	1,500
Ukuleles - Class set of 32	1,375
Math picture books	500
Kindergarten puzzles and games	435
Misc (teacher's appreciation etc.)	400
<b>2018/2019 Approved</b>	<b>14,262</b>



## No Child Without

### Medic Alert Foundation of Canada

*"One out of three Canadians have a condition that paramedics and emergency responders need to know about, including many children that live with a medical condition, allergy or special need that must be communicated during a medical emergency."*

You may be familiar with the Medic Alert bracer program but are you also aware that students can receive one **free MedicAlert** medical ID and a free MedicAlert service plan coverage between the age of 4 and up until their 14th birthday.

Parents and guardians should consider this program if their child lives with:

- ✓ A medical condition
- ✓ Allergies and requires the use of an epinephrine injector
- ✓ Asthma or uses an inhaler
- ✓ Autism or ADHD
- ✓ Medication they need to take

Please click this link: <https://www.medicalert.ca/no-child-without/ncw-enrollment-info> and follow the steps to obtain a bar code and pin code.

## Parenting with Passion Workshops

### KW Counselling Services

KW Counselling Services offers many courses and workshops geared for parents of children 6-12 years old. Topics include positive discipline, connecting with kids and handling anger. Check out the link below for their learning opportunities running this winter. Please contact them directly for any questions or for registration.

[Click here for Winter Programs](#)