

CAPA News

Churchill Academy Parents Association

September 2011

Springboard to a New Year

CAPA's first get together was a social at the Ship Victory Restaurant & Lounge on September 13. Thanks to the many parents, new and seasoned, that came to share their stories and help us brainstorm about how we can enhance our children's experience at Churchill. Some unique ideas were born!



Financials

Highlights from CAPA's annual report for 2010-2011 showed that fundraising efforts provided for a full slate of activities for students. They included a Welcome BBQ, Spirit Day and Science Fair prizes, ski trip transportation, December holiday events and year-end parties, amongst others.

Welcome BBQ

Starting the year off right on September 1st, our meet and greet was a hit with students, families and teachers. We acknowledge the generous support of Larry Hannam and Sobey's in Lower Sackville for their food contributions. Big thanks to the Fineberg family of chefs and the many parent volunteers that helped make the evening run so smoothly.



Norcard Campaign

We're partnering with the Norcard fundraising group this fall for an exciting catalogue campaign. It features holiday cards, calendars, jewelry and gourmet food items for sale over a three week time frame. With a tentative mid-



Source: www.norcard.ca. Please note that not all catalogues in this graphic are included in CAPA's campaign.

November delivery date, it just may help with your holiday shopping. There is even a student sales incentive component. CAPA will have the packages out to you during the week of September 26, so check backpacks!

Holiday Wreaths

CAPA will repeat its longest-running fundraiser again this year ~ beautiful fresh fir wreaths and garland, all locally-made. The deadline for orders will be November 25 with December 2 delivery. The order form is now on the website.



Calling All Musicians!



Our holiday concert is traditionally organized by Churchill's wonderfully talented

teachers. If you have musical or artistic flair and would like to share your time and expertise with some great kids by helping with a classroom production, please give the office a call. The holiday concert is famous for its performance variety. It's December 5 this year.

Trinkets & Treasures Christmas Sale

Tentatively slated for December 12 and 13, CAPA will host a lunch hour market-type of sale for



Churchill students. With donations from parents of new or 'gently-used' small items, students can do their Christmas shopping for family members right here at the school. Prices will be very reasonable. We'd like to involve the senior high students in wrapping so that the gifts are ready for the tree. Start saving your treasures!

LumberMart On Board

Following a May function in collaboration with CAPA, this enthusiastic Churchill corporate sponsor would like to partner with us for more BBQ events they hold. We'll be back to you with dates, so don't pack away your BBQ tongs just yet



Youth Group

Dr. Kiran Pure has led Churchill's youth group (grades 7 and up) for the past three years. She so kindly volunteers her time and brings students together several times throughout the year for a social activity. We'll keep you posted as dates are firmed up.

Hotdog Lunch Sales

Leftover hotdogs from the spring LumberMart BBQ were used for hotdog lunches. With extras from our Welcome BBQ, we will be able to offer hot dog lunches for sale over the year.



The proceeds will go to the Co-op program for senior high students.

Other Ideas Simmering on CAPA's Plate

- *Haunted House Student Tour*
- *Shop & Support Gift Cards*
- *Red Carpet Seating at the Holiday Concert*
- *Airport Student Tour*
- *50/50 Ticket Fundraiser*
- *Welcome/Year End Info Packages*

2012 Dinner & Auction

While it's been a mere five months since the May auction, we're already in gear for the evening of May 3, 2012. It's always a festive spring event ~ replete with a sumptuous buffet



dinner, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, balloon pops, and some impressive ticket prizes. Funds raised from this evening are earmarked for Churchill's operating expenses, so it's a key event for the school. Auction Chair Dave McNeil will soon be updating the auction forms on the website. It's never too early to start thinking about corporate sponsorship within your circle of family, friends and business acquaintances!

Merci et Au Revoir, Alison

Teacher Liaison to CAPA and acting Chair for the past two years, Alison Crowe has passed her hat to



Jason Warren for 2011-2012. Thank you Alison for your infectious enthusiasm, leadership and for the above-and-beyond roles you so aptly served with us.

Next Meeting

Join us next month on Tuesday, **October 25 @ 7 p.m.** at the Ship Victory Restaurant & Lounge, 400 Windmill Road in Dartmouth.

"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."
LILY TOMLIN

Please volunteer some time with us!

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