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Welcome (back)!

To all new parents and students to Stittsville Public, welcome!!!

To all returning parents and students to SPS, welcome back!!! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are ready for the new school year!

The SPS parent council consists of volunteer parents and teachers working together:

- to enhance educational opportunities for all students
- to seek the opinions of the school's community on the operation of the school and the programs and services provided
- to provide advice to the principal and, as appropriate, to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and/or its senior staff on the development and implementation of policies, programs, and services affecting the school
- to be an effective voice for promoting the interests of the school and students
- to actively support the school in meeting the educational, social, and recreational needs of the students.

Please feel free to attend the first Parent Council meeting of the year **Tuesday September 20 at 7pm** in the school lobby. This first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. The budget will be discussed and elections will be held for executive positions. You are welcome to run for any position on the school council. See the **Want to join council?** section for more information.

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School Bus Info

To get all school bus information (you can even sign up to receive bus delay and cancellation notifications by email), go to <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/>



Want to join council?

Parent Council is a fantastic way to get to know the teachers, administrators, and other parents, to stay informed, and to have a voice on school issues. **Council meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school lobby.** Agendas, meeting minutes, fundraising information, and more are found on the Council website at www.spscouncil.com. If you have any questions, email stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com. Council is comprised of the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator
- Food Program Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Web Administrator
- OCASC Representative
- Safe and Caring Schools Representative
- Members at Large

Although there may be volunteers from last year willing to continue on in a given role, anyone is welcome to run in the elections! If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions or have any questions about these roles, you can contact stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com prior to the September meeting or identify yourself at the meeting.

If you are not able to take on an executive role but are still interested in being a member of Council, you can also become a Member at Large. Members at Large vote on budget allocations and participate in discussions on school policies, and thus, need to be able to commit to attending most Council meetings (you can miss up to three during the year).

But you don't need to become a member to attend Council meetings – all parents are welcome to come out to meetings any time!

See the Welcome (back)! section for the date of the first Parent Council meeting!!

Council's mandate

This year, we hope to continue moving forward on some of the initiatives we started last year, such as the outdoor classroom and participation in the Safe and Caring School Committee. We are also looking forward to starting some great new projects as well.

But we also want to hear from you. What do you think the priorities should be for Parent Council this year? Safety and well-being? Arts and culture? Technology? Spirit and morale?

An online parent survey has been sent out by email, to find out more about what is important to you and your child(ren) and the types of activities you would like to see Parent Council fund. The deadline to submit the completed survey is **Friday, September 19th**. If you did not receive the email survey and would like to provide your input, please email stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com.

Fundraising

We are so happy to kick this year off, and look forward to seeing all of you over the course of the year. We have SO MANY wonderful new - and returning - fundraisers for this year, and we're ready to jump on in!!

SAVE THE DATES!!

Mid – September : ORDER SPS SPIRIT WEAR
Friday, Sept. 30th: MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, Oct. 28th: HALLOWEEN DANCE

Order forms and information will come home with your children, so be sure to check backpacks. To keep up to date with all things Fundraising, see **What's Council up to?** on the first page.

We are ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help run our campaigns and events. Reach out in any way and we'll get back to you!