

ADAM BECK SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first Adam Beck school council newsletter of 2018! Here you'll find updates about school council activities and upcoming events as well as volunteer opportunities.

Our next council meeting will be on February 22 @ 6:30 pm in the studio (Mr. Mason's room). Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided (in the library).

Please remember that you can always contact Jeny or Karen (your school council co-chairs) if you would like to have something added to the agenda of an upcoming council meeting. Email chairs@adambeckcouncil.ca or leave a message in the "Chair of Council" folder located in the school office.

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December in Review

December was a busy month for the Adam Beck community.

Holiday Party

The Adam Beck Holiday Party was a huge success this year and was such a lovely way to kick off the holiday season. Santa's special visit to Adam Beck provided countless smiles for our visitors and the wonderful music provided by our Dad Band had everyone humming their favourite holiday tunes. Our wonderful local vendors

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showcased their beautiful items that helped to give many a jumpstart on their holiday shopping.

Thank you so much to the amazing volunteers who came out to flip pancakes, work the arts and crafts table, supervise ball hockey, collect cans for the food drive, help with the Adopt-a-Family giving tree, and help with clean-up.

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Mason and the choir who ended the event with a festive sing along. It was so touching to see our fantastic school community come together.

Thank you to the Adam Beck community for kicking off our Adopt-a-Family program. We were also able to send over 250 food items to Centre 55's food bank. Your very generous donations were appreciated.

We are always looking for people to join our wonderful committee. If you are interested in joining for next year, please contact Lisa Armstrong at lisa_rahm@hotmail.com.

Staff Appreciation

On December 13, the staff enjoyed the best of parents' baking as part of our annual staff appreciation day. Thanks to all parents who contributed delicious treats for the day and to Krista Martin for leading the event.

Adopt a Family

THANK YOU Adam Beck Families for all your support with the "Adopt-a-Family Initiative." Once again the response was overwhelming! This year we took on three families and a senior. This was a big commitment and our school community went above and beyond. The thoughtfulness and generosity were heartwarming. All of the donations were very much needed and greatly appreciated.

School Council Recap

At our council meeting in November we invited a public health nurse to talk about lice treatment and prevention. If you missed the meeting but would like the info sheet the nurse shared with us, email chairs@adambeckcouncil.ca.

We also got a tour of the new school council website. Thank you to parent and school council secretary Cristina Toporas for crafting and maintaining this amazing resource. Check it out at adambeckcouncil.ca.

Check out Adam Beck School Council's website!

It can be hard to stay on top of so many communications from the school. The re-designed school council website, called [Adam Beck Parents](http://AdamBeckParents), strives to make it easy for you to find out what is going on.

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The website provides up-to-date information on all school events and initiatives. It has a fresh new look, updated content, and useful features.

Here's what you can find on Adam Beck Parents at adambeckcouncil.ca:

- **Calendar**: All school and school council-related events that are communicated by the school administration at the beginning and throughout the school year. You can download a specific event or the entire monthly calendar straight to your Outlook, Google or iCalendar.
- **Posts**: News from school council and the school administration, neatly organized.
- **Events**: Information on all school council fundraising events.
- **Initiatives**: Find out how funds raised are spent to benefit our children.
- **Fundraising**: Answers to the questions you have about school council fundraising.
- **Get involved**: Volunteers are critical to every event school council organizes. Learn how you can get involved and see the current volunteering opportunities.
- **School Council**: Find out who is on the council and see agendas of council meetings, minutes and council by-laws.
- **Contact us**: Have a question about Pizza Lunch, Movie Night or Read-a-Thon? All our committee email addresses can be found here.

Please email Cristina Toporas at web@adambeckcouncil.ca with questions, feedback and ideas.

Upcoming events and Committee Updates

Annual Read-a-thon

Read-a-Thon and Door Hanger Design Contest: Over 110 creative, artistic, and imaginative students created entries for the Door Hanger Design Contest this year! The grand winner has over 500 door hangers printed with their artwork and each student received one as a kick-off to the Read-a-Thon. Winners have been announced for each grade and they are displayed in the display cabinet next to the office. All design contest entries will be displayed by the library. Thanks to all who entered.

The Read-a-Thon started on Friday, February 2. All students will have received a paper copy of the reading log from their teacher. Happy reading for the month of February!

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February Movie Night

Our next movie night will be on **Friday, February 23**.

Thank you to realtor Laura Inward who sponsored our January movie night.

February Pizza Lunch

Our next Pizza Lunch is on **Wednesday, February 14**. If you haven't yet placed an order, would like to change an existing order, or would like to volunteer, please visit <http://munchalunch.com/schools/adambeck/> .

As usual, we are indebted to our generous volunteers who make this event possible, so please do consider helping out if you can. (The pizza committee will send a direct email to all volunteers, with instructions, closer to the 18th.) In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the committee at abpizzalunch@gmail.com.

Adam Beck Spirit Committee

Day with the Marlies – Sat. March 3, 4 pm @ Ricoh Coliseum

This fundraising event is at the **Ricoh Coliseum** (Toronto Marlies vs Rochester Americans). Tickets are only \$20 each and can be purchased online at <http://www.Munchalunch.com> (click "Fundraising Open" tab)!

Please note that **February 9** is the deadline for buying AB group tickets (for seats in the AB designated area). Everyone over the age of 2 years old, **including choir students**, is required to have a ticket for entry into Ricoh Coliseum and thus attendance of the Marlies hockey game and participation in the post-game Family Skate.

Event Highlights:

- Our amazing Mr. Mason will be leading the AB choir in singing the Canadian and American Anthems before the start of the game
- 40 students will be randomly selected to be in Fan Tunnel #3 (high five the Marlies as they walk from their dressing room to their bench before the start of the 3rd period)
- 2 students will be randomly selected to be 1st intermission Zamboni Riders (ages of 7–11)
- All AB ticket holders will be invited to a Post-Game Family Skate (max 250 people on the ice at once) from 7:00pm – 7:50pm

If you have any questions or require a paper order form, please contact Dianne Wong-Roland at spirit@adambeckcouncil.ca

Upcoming Spirit Day

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- Feb. 23 – Silly Hat Day

Rendez-Vous Café

The monthly Rendez-vous Café brings parents and caregivers together to socialize, drink coffee and tea, and eat treats, all while learning about a local business.

We've had a great line-up of sponsors from September through January and would like to thank them once again for making these monthly cafés possible.

- September – Amanda & Matt from **You Move Me**, "Canada's Favourite Local Movers" www.youmoveme.com
- October – Master Instructor (Kwan Jan Nim) Veronica De Santos from **DeSantos Premier Martial Arts** www.desantos.ca
- November – Nerissa Budreau from the **Budreau Group**; a local resident and Realtor with Real Estate Homeward www.budreaugroup.com
- December – Christie Chapin; former owner of Monkey Magoo's Party & Playhouse who is now in love with her online **Arbonne** health and wellness business specializing in skincare and nutrition christiechapin.arbonne.com
- January – **Ashley McInnis**, Royal LePage Estate Realty's #1 Top Team for December! <https://ashleymcinnis.com>

Our **next Rendez-vous Cafe** is happening on **Friday, February 23**. Come join us at 8: 45 – 9:30. Enter through the north end kindergarten entrance.

Our February sponsor is **Sandra Jackson**. Sandra offers psychotherapy services for adult individuals in Toronto's east-end. She is a registered social worker, psychotherapist and a lawyer who formerly practiced family law: www.jacksontherapylaw.com. See you there!

We are always looking for sponsors for the Rendez-vous Café. If you are interested or have an idea for a sponsor, please contact Lisa Flood at lisa.flood@sympatico.ca.

Night on the Beach

The Adam Beck School Council will be hosting its annual "**Night on the Beach**" fundraiser on **Friday, April 20, 2018**. This event has been a tremendous success over the past eleven years due the support of our amazing parent community! This much-anticipated night out will include wine and cheese, a live and silent auction, DJ and dancing as well as the opportunity to strengthen community ties within the Beach.

The funds that are raised from the evening will go entirely to support vital school programming. In past years, this has included the Visiting Artists Program, Math and Science Workshops, as well as Adam Beck's Physical Education, Information Technology and Library programs. We are also very proud to support numerous field trips as well as experiential learning opportunities.

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Stay tuned for details on tickets sales! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Starr via email at jennstarr36@hotmail.com.

STEM/STEAM Committee

STEM is a process of teaching that integrates four disciplines, Science Technology Engineering and Math, and promotes real-world experience, teamwork and the authentic appreciation of technology. Our committee, which consists of volunteer parents Francesca Rea, John Preece, Victoria Kay, Cheryl Green and Sonya Buyting, along with Mr. Yee, met last year to determine the needs of the school. So far we have been able to provide the students with two additional Lego Robots and accessories to the Dash robots purchased last year by school council.



Coming Soon: For the spring we have lined up a new series of workshops from two different agencies for ALL students. Scientists in the School, which is a series of workshops currently paid for by school council, will also continue to be offered throughout the year.

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Mayfair/Junefest

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For those new to our community, Mayfair is our final event held for students, siblings, friends and the community each year. It is an incredible fair held at our school. In the past we have had bouncies, obstacle courses, live entertainment, a bake sale, BBQ, cotton candy, face painting, dream baskets and so much more.

Back this year by popular demand: a taco/nacho bar!

We are always looking for fresh ideas. Please contact Michelle or Lisa with your questions or ideas: Michellegrahman@hotmail.com and Lisatelihome@gmail.com. Looking forward to a fantastic event!

Mabel's Labels

Perfect for backpacks, lunch containers, clothes, pencil cases and so much more, Mabel's Labels are the best way to keep your belongings out of the lost and found! To support Adam Beck through Mabel's Label's purchases, go to mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser and choose "Adam Beck School Council" from the drop down list. 20% of all purchases will come back to us to spend on council initiatives. For more information, email Julie.middleton@rogers.com.

Volunteering

We hold many big events that are critical to council's fundraising efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering for Night on the Beach, Mayfair/Junefest, pizza lunch or any other event, please reach out to chairs@adambeckcouncil.ca.