



From your Co-Chairs:



On behalf of this year's School Advisory Council (SAC), we wish the whole Dovercourt community a very happy 2023!

We had an amazing Fall and want to thank our teaching staff, administration, and custodians for all their work and for keeping our kids safe and sound. We also thank all SAC members and volunteers who made our Open House, Winter Clothing and Hallowe'en Costume Swaps, and Dance-a-Thon great successes. It's been wonderful to see our community come together. We are all eagerly looking forward to our upcoming activities in Winter and Spring.

One of our biggest goals this year is to get more parents and guardians involved with SAC. We need your input as we shape the vision of what we all want SAC to be and do. We invite you to visit Dovercourt Public School SAC (www.dovercourtsac.com) to learn more about our activities. Please consider completing our volunteer form, and feel free to stop by a SAC meeting. Everyone is welcome — whether you plan on becoming actively involved or just want to learn more about the inner workings of our school. And always feel free to reach out with any suggestions, concerns, or questions. You can reach us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting many of you in the months to come!

On behalf of the SAC,
Alejandra González Jiménez
and Elaine Hua
SAC Co-Chairs, 2022-2023



What is the SAC?

Perhaps you are new to the Dovercourt PS community. Perhaps you're not, but have always wondered: what the heck does the SAC do, anyway? Whatever the case, here are some facts about our SAC:

- **What SAC means:** "SAC" stands for School Advisory Council (you may know it by its former name, the Parents' Council).
- **Who we are:** The SAC is made up of parent and guardians from the Dovercourt community. We are all volunteers. Anyone can join!
- **Why we exist:** We engage with the school on a variety of issues and activities relating to student achievement, enrichment, curriculum goals and priorities, school budget priorities, school safety, renovation plans, after school activities, and criteria for selection of new principals.
- **What we do:** We raise money, organize events and provide guidance to support our school.
- **How you can help:** There are many ways to get involved! Come to one of our monthly meetings (the next is January), volunteer for one of our events, donate to our fundraisers, or email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com to see how you might help.

SAC Leadership

We elected the following 2022-2023 Dovercourt SAC leadership roles at our October 12, 2022 meeting:

- **Co-Chairs:** Elaine Hua and Alejandra González Jiménez
- **Secretary:** Nuno Silva (Alternate: Hilary Hall)
- **Treasurer:** Ben Peto (Alternate: **OPEN**)
- **Communications:** Deborah Aarts
- **Events Team:** Hilary Hall and Stephanie Nause
- **Community Outreach & Ward Rep:** **OPEN**
- **Community Rep:** **OPEN**
- **Enrichment:** Melanie Kramer
- **Greening/Eco Team:** Vivian Fleet and Deborah Walsh

If you are interested in any of the open positions, or would like more details about getting involved, please reach out! (We are currently in need of volunteers for upcoming events!)

NUMBER OF THE MONTH:
\$470

That's how much money our Welcome Back Open House raffle raised for our school. Hooray!



Holiday Food Drive



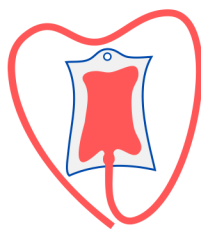
Did you know that one in six households in Toronto now experiences food insecurity?

This holiday season, Dovercourt SAC and staff are leading a food drive to help our neighbours at the **Oasis Dufferin Community Centre** as they provide vital food, counselling and support services in our community. Here's how you can help:

- **Donate items:** Bring non-perishable food and care items to the donation box in front of the office before December 21st. Wondering what to donate? Oasis offers the following suggestions for high-demand items:
 - **Food:** Canned stews, soups, fruit, vegetables and beans; Soup packages; Whole grain pasta; Brown rice; Baby food.
 - **Personal care:** Deodorant; Body wash and soap; Hair care products; Menstrual products; Toothpaste; Diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6).
- **Donate grocery gift cards:** Drop unused cards for major grocery stores in the donation box.
- **Donate cash:** Via our Dovercourt PS fundraiser for Oasis at canadahelps.org (linked at this QR code). Tax receipts are available!



Call for Volunteers: Blood Drive



We are planning a possible Dovercourt Blood Drive, to take place in February, in partnership with Canadian Blood Services. If you would like to help plan or organize, please email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

Save the Date: January 18th

The next Dovercourt SAC meeting is January 18th, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30pm, in the Dovercourt PS staff room. Free childcare is available. Please join us to learn, connect and share ideas for our school!

Pizza Lunches: The Return!

After a long two-year hiatus, pizza lunches are coming back to Dovercourt Public School! We will be commencing pizza lunches in the new year.

If you're new to Dovercourt, or need a reminder: the pizza lunch program allows participating students to purchase a hot slice (or two) for their lunches once a week. This is an optional program that helps us raise funds for initiatives that benefit all students and enhance the Ontario Curriculum, such as the popular Scientist in the School program.

Pizza lunch schedule for Winter 2023:

- Friday, January 20th
- Friday, January 27th
- Friday, February 3rd
- Friday, February 10th
- Thursday, February 16th
- Friday, February 24th
- Friday, March 3rd
- Friday, March 10th

We will be offering cheese slices at a cost of \$2.50 each. If you wish to purchase pizza for your child(ren), we require pre-payment for all eight lunches by **December 23th, 2022**.

All payments are to be made online only, via School Cash Online. No late orders will be accepted, and we cannot provide refunds if your child is absent for a pizza lunch.

If you've never used School Cash Online: It's the TDSB's platform for online payment of fees related to school activities. You can find more information about School Cash Online, and instructions for setting up an account, by visiting www.schoolcashionline.com.

All pizza slices being offered comply with The Ontario Ministry of Education's Memorandum No. 150: School Food and Beverage Policy.



SHOUT-OUTS: WELCOME BACK OPEN HOUSE!

Our SAC's Welcome Back Open House on October 20th was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who attended, and to the following sponsors: **311 Realty Group, Cafe Paradise, Homeplicity Realty Group, Rogers and Sun Shine Variety.**

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

