



Meet your SAC:

STEPHANIE NAUSE

Starting this month, we're showcasing some of the amazing volunteers who make up our SAC, so you can better get to know us—and the work we do!

We're starting with *Stephanie Nause*, who co-leads SAC events, such as the Welcome Back Open House, the Dance-a-Thon, and the upcoming Spring into Summer festival.

Here, *Stephanie* shares a bit about herself and her work with the SAC:

What's your connection to Dovercourt?

My son is in SK in Ms. Pizzonia's class.



When did you get involved with SAC, and why did you join?

This is my second year on SAC. I joined to get to know some of the other parents and to be involved in my son's school community. I grew up with a Mum who volunteered in my school and I always wanted to do the same for my kids.

What do you enjoy about volunteering with SAC?

The sense of community and helping to support Dovercourt Public School. My son had just started school here when I joined. I'm invested in making it a great experience for him and his classmates.

Why should others get involved with SAC?

It's a great way to support your child's education and make a positive impact on the school community.

Fun fact about me:

My dream job as a kid was to be a kindergarten teacher—mostly because I wanted a class pet rabbit!

Join *Stephanie* at the virtual Spring into Summer planning meeting on March 7—details on the back of this page—or email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com to get involved!

Fundraising: Our dollars at work



You have probably noticed that SAC raises money throughout the year, through initiatives like our Dance-a-Thon and silent auctions.

You may have wondered: What is it all for? The answer is: A wide range of things!

We raise money to support the school's needs for enrichment, events, and other activities that make the experiences of our students special and fun.

Here's how it works: Teachers and school staff request funding. SAC debates and votes on requests at our monthly meetings. SAC releases the funds, and students benefit!

Here's a sample of a few things our fundraising efforts supported in the fall and early winter:

- Skate sharpening fees for an Intermediate skating trip;
- Materials for a Kindergarten project to make gingerbread decorations;
- A Kindergarten Hallowe'en theme day.

Would you like to have a say into what we fund? Any parent or guardian can vote! Come join us at an upcoming SAC meeting. (The next one is March 8 at 6:00 pm.)

Update: After-school activities

Earlier this winter, SAC ran a survey to ask for your interests in optional, paid after-school programs we might offer at the school. These programs would be run by third parties, for a fee.

The results are in, and we're happy to share the activities with the strongest interest:

- Martial arts
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities
- Yoga and meditation
- Chess



We're currently exploring some options for after-school activities in these areas for the spring. Stay tuned!

NUMBER OF THE MONTH: 60



Did you know that each pint of donated blood can help to save three lives? As our first-ever Neighbourhood School Blood Drive comes to a close, we're nearing our target of 20 donations. That's 60 potential people helped. Way to go!

Pizza lunches:

More dates, more volunteers needed!

The return of pizza lunches at Dovercourt has been a great success, and we're excited they will continue after March Break, on the following dates:

- Friday, April 14
- Friday, April 28
- Friday, May 5
- Friday, May 19
- Friday, June 9
- Friday, June 23



The pizza lunch program is run by the school, led by Ms. Pizzonia. SAC supports the program by arranging for parent and guardian volunteers to serve pizza. Please sign up for a volunteer slot using our sign-up form at the QR code above, or at dovercourtsac.com.

As a reminder, all pizza orders must be made **by March 24** and paid for via SchoolCashOnline. Orders cannot be made after that time, as the school must pre-order all pizza for all dates at once. Thank you!

Speaking of volunteers:

Spring into Summer needs you!



**SIS MEETING
ZOOM LINK**

Our Spring into Summer (formerly Spring Fling) event committee is hard at work planning a fabulous event of art, food, talent and fun on June 16. We need your ideas and your help!

Join our next virtual planning meeting on March 7 at 7:00 pm. Join using the Zoom link at this QR code, or email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

Speaking of Spring into Summer:

Would you or your business like to donate items to our Spring into Summer fundraising silent auction? Email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com to get involved.

Next SAC meeting: March 8

The next Dovercourt SAC meeting is March 8th, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, in the Dovercourt PS staff room. Free childcare is available. Please join us!



HEADS-UP: SWAPPING SHOES... AND SKATES?

SAC is still planning to organize a Shoe Swap this spring. Watch for more information soon! But in the meantime, we're also thinking of organizing a skate swap at Dovercourt for the 2023-2024 school season. Would you like to help organize this? If so, please contact us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.



Tutoring options

SAC is sharing information from the TDSB about tutoring options that may be available to Dovercourt students. TDSB tutoring options include: School-based tutoring, System-wide tutoring, and Community-based tutoring.

- **School-based Tutoring** is not currently available at Dovercourt. We will advise you if this changes.
- **System-wide Tutoring** support is available in English and French, and is available virtually.
- In addition, TDSB has partnered with a variety of organizations to provide several options for **Community-based tutoring**.

Further information about options is available in this Tutoring Fact Sheet for parents, guardians, and caregivers:

TUTORING FACT SHEET



Government of Ontario One-Time Funding—sometimes known as the "catch-up payment"—is also available. The deadline to apply for this money is March 31st. You are eligible to apply if you live in Ontario and are a parent or guardian to a student from kindergarten to Grade 12. Details are available here: ontario.ca/page/catch-up-payments