

## Introducing:

### SPRING INTO SUMMER!

Many of you will remember Spring Fling, our annual after-school festival to celebrate the end of the school year and raise funds to support Dovercourt activities. It's long been the SAC's biggest event of the year, and a great time for students, their families, and our entire school community.

The pandemic meant we couldn't host Spring Fling in 2020 or 2021. Last year, we had a modified event, with a pizza party, games, and talent show. But we're eager to bring back the big show!

So this year, our festival is returning. On **Friday, June 16th**, we'll be taking over the schoolyard with a fresh new energy and a fresh new name: **Spring Into Summer!**

We're starting a special SAC committee to organize the event, and we want your help.

#### What we need:

- **Volunteers:** An event of this scale takes heaps of work. We need your ideas now—what activities should we include? What should we do for food? What else can we do to make it great? And we will soon need your help with planning and logistics. Email us to get involved!
- **Sponsors and donations:** Do you own a local business, or work for a big one? Would you consider sponsoring food or activities, or contributing a raffle prize, or donating your services? We'd love your support!

If you'd like to get involved in any capacity, please email our team at [dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com).

With your help, we'll be able to make **Spring Into Summer** the best end-of-year celebration ever!



## What Goes On at SAC Meetings?

If you are reading this newsletter, you're a member of our Dovercourt school community—and, therefore, you're invited to join us at our monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings. If you've never attended a SAC meeting, here is our pitch for why you should:

#### Join us at a SAC meeting to:

- Discuss and vote on SAC initiatives and activities;
- Help plan our events;
- Understand what the school needs;
- Get updates into school activities from Principal Caitland Ellis and other staff;
- Make great connections with other parents and caregivers in the Dovercourt community.

(Psst: Attending meeting does not mean you'll be on the hook to do anything. You can come just to learn!)

(Psst again: The next meeting takes place Wednesday, February 15th—you can find details on the back of this page!)



## Have Your Say: After-School Activities

What after-school activities would you like to see offered at Dovercourt? The SAC wants to know your interests and priorities for optional after-school programs for our students. These programs would be run by third parties, for a fee.



What paid, optional after-school activities might be of interest to your families? Please take a moment to complete our short Google Forms survey, available via this QR code.

Your answers will help shape what extracurricular programs we're able to bring to our school.



Survey deadline: February 1st, 2023

## NUMBER OF THE MONTH: \$4,900+

We raised at least this much to support school programs at the Dance-a-Thon on November 25th. (We're still tallying a few donations.) Way to go, Dancing Dragons!



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## Holiday Food Drive Update: Dovercourt Delivered!

You might remember that before the holidays, our Dovercourt staff and SAC led a food drive to help our neighbours at the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre.

We asked for your help, and did you ever deliver! All told, Dovercourt donated:

- More than 400 food and personal care items;
- \$1,500 in online cash donations, via our CanadaHelps.org page;
- \$60 in grocery gift cards; and
- Cheese and oranges from the school snack program that would have otherwise gone to waste over the holidays (thanks to Karen for the smart thinking!)

A special shout-out goes to Ms. Braz and her Grade 3 students, who led the food drive within the school, and delivered our donations to Oasis, where staff gave a tour and explained their work.

This campaign shows what can happen when staff, students and the SAC come together to help people in our community. Well done, everyone!



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## We Have A Poop Problem

A friendly reminder to dog-owners and the people who love them: TDSB policy states that dogs are not allowed on school property. School staff have been finding a lot more dog poop and pee in the yard of late, which creates more work for our caretakers, and makes recesses much grosser for our students. Please keep your furry friend out of the yard!



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## Save the Date: February 15

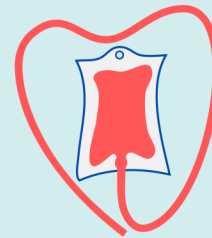
The next Dovercourt SAC meeting is February 15th, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30pm, in the Dovercourt PS staff room. Free childcare is available. Please join us!

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## HEADS-UP: SAVE YOUR SHOES AND BOOTS!

SAC is organizing a Shoe Swap this spring! If your children have outgrown their shoes and/or boots, but they're still in good condition, please put them aside for others in our school community. Watch for details about the donation process, and the date of the swap, in the weeks to come.



## Neighbourhood School Blood Drive

February is Heart Month at Dovercourt!

For the entire month of February, our school is working in partnership with neighbouring schools and Canadian Blood Services to launch our first ever Neighbourhood School Blood Drive!

We are asking parents, guardians, family and friends of our Dovercourt students to donate blood and give a gift of love to someone in need. Join our campaign!

You can book an appointment for any time or location that works for you and simply use our campaign code —DOVE0107737—when you make the booking. Or follow the prompts on our campaign page (at the QR code below).

Never donated before? Want to go with others? We have reserved some spots specifically for our school community to attend together. Join the campaign online and you can reserve a donation spot on Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:40pm to 6:50pm at the College Donor Centre (67 College St).

### Still have questions?

- To ask about your eligibility or the donation process, visit the Canadian Blood Services website at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca), or call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283).
- Email us any questions you might have about the campaign at [dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com).
- To learn about the campaign, or to schedule an appointment to donate, visit our campaign page via this QR code.

