



Meet your SAC:

HILARY HALL

Get to know SAC volunteer *Hilary Hall*, who co-leads our events, such as the Welcome Back Open House, the Dance-a-Thon, and the upcoming Spring into Summer festival.

What's your connection to Dovercourt?

I am a parent of Eddie (in Mr. Wettlaufer's class, Gr. 4) and Arthur (in Ms. Nitti's class, Gr. 6).



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

I have been involved with SAC on and off since Arthur started in Junior Kindergarten. I joined because I wanted to understand more about the 'black box' that I was sending him into!

What do you enjoy about volunteering with SAC?

Over the years being a part of SAC has allowed me to meet and work with many other parents/guardians and our school staff; I've shared many laughs, been inspired by others in our fight for public education, and been part of some wonderful programs and events that have benefited our students. I've seen how SAC can respond to identified needs in the school and how it can support creative ideas to help create a great learning environment.

Why should others get involved with SAC?

This year we are working to create a stronger and even more vibrant school community as we build back anew after these COVID years. Come check out a meeting with our principal sometime. We'd love to work with you!

Fun fact about me:

I still remember the folk dance routine I did to 'Hands Up' in Grade 4.



Spring into Summer: We need you!

We're hard at work planning an amazing Spring into Summer event on June 16th, and we need you:

- **Help:** We're seeking volunteers to help set up, operate events, hand out food and clean up. Can you pitch in?
- **Donations:** We need individual and/or business donations of items and/or services (e.g. gift certificates) for our silent auction. Can you donate?
- **Yard games:** We're looking for kid-friendly large outdoor games (e.g. corn hole, giant Jenga) to set up in the west yard during the event. Can you lend us yours?

Email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com to get involved!

After-school enrichment activities: Registration is open for spring!

We're excited to bring two optional, paid after-school enrichment activities to Dovercourt this spring!

Brixology by Mad Science Extracurricular

Participating students will use LEGO to learn about and solve new engineering challenges each week

- **For:** Students grades 1 through 6
- **Time:** Tuesdays, 3:25 - 4:25 pm
- **Dates:** April 18th - June 6th (8 weeks)
- **Fee:** \$155 + HST per student
- [BRIXOLOGY DETAILS AND REGISTRATION](#)



Crayola World of Design by Imagine Arts Academy

Kids will use design thinking processes to solve real-world problems in these fun art-based sessions!

- **For:** Students grades 1 through 6
- **Time:** Wednesdays, 3:25 - 4:25 pm
- **Dates:** April 19th - June 7th (8 weeks)
- **Fee:** \$155 + HST per student
- [WORLD OF DESIGN DETAILS AND REGISTRATION](#)



Space is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register now!

NUMBER OF THE MONTH: 700



That's how many flower bulbs students and staff planted around the school yard last fall, with help from SAC and a TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment grant. Some plants have already poked out of the ground—watch for some beautiful blooms soon!



Pizza lunches: More dates, more volunteers needed!

Pizza lunches are returning to Dovercourt this spring, on the following dates:

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

We need volunteers to distribute pizza to students on each of these dates! To sign up for a one-hour slot, please visit our volunteer form at the QR code above.



Spring Food Drive: Please donate

Following the success of our Holiday Food Drive, Dovercourt SAC and staff are once again pitching in to help our neighbours at the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre, which provides vital food, counselling and support services in our community.

We've set up a Spring Food Drive donation box in front of the school office and are collecting items until **April 28th**. The following items are especially helpful:

- **Food:** Canned food (stew, soup, fruit, vegetables, beans), Soup packages,
- Pasta, Rice, Baby food.
- **Personal care:** Deodorant, Body wash
- and soap, Hair care, Menstrual products, Toothpaste, Diapers.



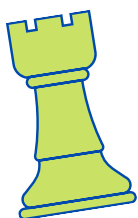
Our goal is to donate one item for every kid at Dovercourt. If you're able, please donate!

Did you know? Our library is open!

Come and explore Dovercourt's library every Monday from 3:30 - 4:45 pm. Meet your child's librarian, Ms. La Marca, who can help you find your favourite authors, discover new titles, and borrow books directly from our abundant collection.

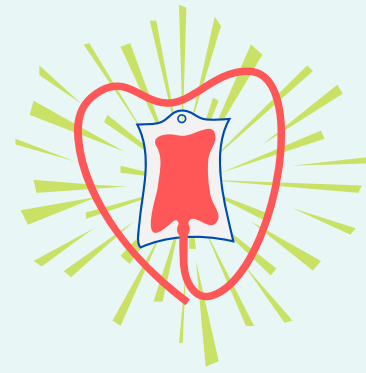
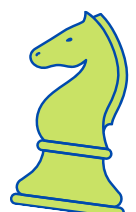
Next SAC meeting: April 19th

The next Dovercourt SAC meeting is Wednesday, April 19th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, in the Dovercourt PS staff room. Free childcare is available. Please join us!



SAC AT WORK: CHESS COMES TO DOVERCOURT

As you may have heard, Dovercourt students in 3/4 and 5/6 classes (about 160 kids in all) have started weekly chess lessons during class time. The program—which runs through the spring—is designed to help kids improve math skills while also learning how to play the game, and is supported by SAC fundraising efforts.



Neighbourhood School Blood Drive:

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Our first-ever Neighbourhood School Blood Drive was a success! We partnered with two local schools (Pauline Junior Public School and Regal Road Public School) for the month of February, with a goal of achieving 20 donations to Canadian Blood Services. We're delighted to report that we reached that goal!

Each pint of donated blood can help to save three lives, so our campaign benefited as many as 60 people. Wow!

We're especially excited that many Dovercourt students rolled up their sleeves to donate for the first time, including SAC member Vivian Fleet, who offers the following report:

"We went to donate blood for the first time because of the school campaign and it was such a fantastic experience! Everyone was so welcoming and helpful — especially because we brought our kids (ages three and five years old) and it was in the middle of a snow storm. The kids were totally spoiled with cookies and juice, and even got pretend bandages to match Mum and Dad's. Definitely going to make donating a regular practice from now on!"

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated for our first-ever campaign.

We're hoping to make the blood drive a February tradition. If you'd like to donate in the meantime—even if you've never done it before!—visit www.blood.ca.