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Owen School Council

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Hello Parents and Students!

Welcome to the first newsletter from your School Council. We are taking this opportunity to summarize some of the highlights of the month and notify you about upcoming activities or any plans for the days to come.

Communication is key in ensuring the well-being of the school community.

Reach out to us at owenpsparentcouncil@gmail.com



On November 29 we held our first **Social Coffee Hour** with parents and caregivers. The turnout was fantastic, and we encourage everyone to join in for future dates! Participants enjoyed warm conversations, shared ideas, and raised important concerns and questions.

Mark your calendars for the next Coffee Social Hour which will take place on **Thursday, December 18**. Join us for complimentary coffee, tea, and treats courtesy of the School Council.



Gift Card Drive

As we approach the end of the year, we encourage our community to give back by donating gift cards to families in need.

The school has requested gift cards to various retailers with diverse offerings especially for the household and family, including Walmart, Winners, Amazon, Shoppers, Food Basic , Dollar Store etc.

These cards will be distributed to families identified by the school and social worker.

School Council Meeting

On November 27, 2025, we held an Owen School Council meeting, where various topics were discussed, ranging from safety and nutrition to upcoming school events. For detailed minutes, please visit [École Owen Public School](#).

Help us pick a Movie!

For those who are not aware, we will be hosting a Movie Night in February, 2026. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for families and children to participate in a school function and will also serve as a fundraising strategy to support various projects, including improvements to our outdoor space, buses for various school activities just to mention a few.

A poll will be issued between students and the movie with higher points will be selected for streaming. Please keep in mind that we are trying to accommodate all grades from JK-Gr5.

The three options are: Zootopia (1), Inside Out, and Emoji Movie



Owen Outdoor Enhancements

We are excited to share that the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has approved a major redesign of our school outdoor space, an improvement project valued at over \$500,000.

TDSB is covering most of the costs, but we still need to raise \$86,000 as a school community.

Your support will help bring this amazing outdoor learning and play space to life for all students!

What Your Donations Will Support

- Outdoor Classroom with Armourstone Seat Walls – \$20,000
- Storage Container – \$10,000
- Wooden Tables – \$9,000
- Stump Seats – \$6,000
- Benches – \$6,000
- Artificial Turf – \$35,000

Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to creating a vibrant, functional, and inspiring space for our children!

Recognition Opportunities

To honour our supporters, individuals who donate a minimum of \$1,000 and businesses who donate a minimum of \$2,000 will have their names displayed on a permanent plaque installed on the school wall.

This is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and show your support for our students and community.

How to Donate

For more info on donation methods and recognition packages, please contact **Soodabeh Fathi** - soodifathi@gmail.com



REMINDERS

- *Owen Spiritwear available for online ordering at SchoolCashOnline*
- *December 11 2025 is the Grade 1-5 Concert*
- *Last Day of School is Dec 19*

Resources for Families

For families who are looking for additional resources regarding children and education, you can refer to the below links.

The [December edition](#) of the Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter and December engagement sessions for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are now available online.

All upcoming sessions can be found on the [Parent Engagement Sessions site](#).

Let's Talk about Lunch!

Pizza Day proceeds support your School Council!
Participating students receive one or two cheese pizza slices, with a 100% fruit juice box on applicable Thursdays.

Online ordering for pizza days after Jan 2026 will be available on SchoolCashOnline in the new year.



The Lunch Lady

Lunch Lady offers premade meals for the children 2x weekly on Monday and Friday. Not only does this give parents and caregivers a break, they provide a wide range of healthy and balanced meals!

Food restrictions, allergies and requirements are accommodated including Halal options. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the Parent Council budget.

Get to Know Your 2025-2026 School Council Team:

Co-Chairs: Manjola Tabaku and Wing Lee
Co-Treasurers: Siavash Fathian and Kike Mosuro
Co-Secretaries: Azadeh Tanha and Dhebi Hay

For a list of all General Members, please visit: <https://www.owenparents.com/>

Fundraising

We are reaching out for donations at any value.

Please go to our **SchoolCashOnline** site, click "Make a Donation", select "Owen PS" as the school and "School Council" as the Initiative - any small amounts of giving help. **All together we make a difference.**

Where do donations go? Refer to the lists below and beside for more information about what donations support.

Paid for by the Board

- Textbooks
- Paper
- Workbooks
- Desks, Tables & Chairs
- Math Manipulatives
- Technical Education Supplements
- Music Instruments

Paid for by School Council

- Scientists in School
- X Movement
- Playground Improvements
- Equipment
- Field Trips
- Grade 5 Graduation
- Library Books
- Owen wear
- Classroom Enhancements
- Teacher Allocated Funds
- Teacher Appreciation
- STEM Materials
- Special Education Materials
- Physical Education Materials
- Art, Drama & Music Supplies
- Outdoor Enhancements