



# APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

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## What are School Councils?

### Hello Applewood families!

We are at the beginning of a new school year and I would like to introduce you to your Applewood Heights School Council.

The purpose of a school council is to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents, through the active participation of parents.

### School Councils:

- act as a link between the school and the community
- provide an opportunity for parents and other members of the school community to contribute to improving student achievement and school performance
- help to build mutual understanding and interaction between a school and its community
- have an advisory role and can make recommendations to their principals and school boards on any matter
- maintain a broad focus on the range of issues of school-wide concern

### Who are the Members?

School councils consist of parents, the principal, a teacher, a non-teaching employee, a student, and a community representative.

### **WE NEED YOU!**

All Applewood Heights parents and guardians are welcome to attend school council meetings. You may opt to join the council or just attend meetings when you can. Through your participation you will:

- Become an important partner in the education system whose views are valued
- Contribute to the shared goal of improving student achievement
- Have a vehicle through which to express your opinions
- Keep informed about what is happening at your child's school, the school board and at the provincial level of education
- Have an opportunity to make a difference in your child's and other children's education

### We hope to see you there!

Jan Yousef, Co-Chair  
Penny Devine, Co-Chair

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### How to Contact the School Council

**Email:**  
ahss.council@peelsb.com

**Voice Mail:**  
905-279-6090, Ext. 773

**Website:**  
<http://applewoodheights.peelschools.org/Council/SchoolCouncilOnline-new.htm>



## 2009/10 School Council Meeting Schedule

The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the school Library.

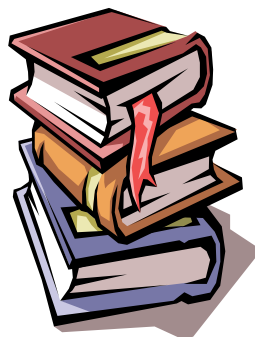
The members of the 2009-2010 school council will be decided at the September 17, 2009 meeting. If you would like to join the school council, but cannot attend on September 17 please contact Jan Yousef or Penny Devine, School Council Co-Chairs, prior to the meeting, at: Email: [ahss.council@peelsb.com](mailto:ahss.council@peelsb.com) or Voice-mail: 905-279-6090, Ext. 773.

### 2009/10 MEETINGS

Thursday, September 17, 2009  
Thursday, October 22, 2009  
Thursday, November 19, 2009  
Thursday, January 14, 2010  
Thursday, February 18, 2010  
Thursday, April 22, 2010  
Thursday, May 20, 2010

***EVERY  
VOICE  
COUNTS!***

## Where to get more information



Keep your eye on the information board in front of the school and the Applewood Heights School Council website: <http://applewoodheights.peelschools.org/Council/SchoolCouncilOnlinenew.htm>

For student information regarding careers, post-secondary programs, volunteerwork, etc., go to <http://www.applewoodguidance.ca>.



### Project Mosaic

You can receive school council information by email by completing the form separately included in this mailing, or send an email to [ahss.council@peelsb.com](mailto:ahss.council@peelsb.com) with the subject line "Add me to your list". Include your child's name, grade in September, and preferred email address.

For ideas on volunteer opportunities, check the volunteer job board at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) under 'Student Stuff'.

## 2008/2009 School Council

Parents: Penny Devine (Co-chair), Jan Yousef (Co-Chair), Anne Marie McKay (Secretary), Anita Srinivasan (Secretary), Debbie Austin (Newsletter), Ella Dicker (E-mail communications), Shaleen Ali, Diana Bittner, Nancy Bonus, Wendy Chant, Candie Dong, Marina Ghaznovi, Barry Harper, Tom Harris, Diana Johnson, Mayada Kalaji, Nancy Meyers, Lisa O'Brien, Nicole Sells, Judi Stephenson, Vida Stripinis, Martha Turnbull, Bill White.

School Staff: Ted Byers (Principal), Patrick Tannahill (Teacher)

Students: Gloria Hu, Shani Ocquaye

*Thank you to these dedicated parents, staff and students for their participation, input and ideas. We certainly had an engaged council this year and some lively discussions!*