

# Student Council News

The Mount Albert PS Student Council has started. We have over 30 student members in Grades 7 and 8 and are supported by 4 teachers. The purpose of Student Council is to promote leadership among Intermediate students, build community within our school, do outreach into the Mount Albert community, and create opportunities for students to share their voice.

## Meetings & Committees

- We have had 2 general meetings so far and created the following committees:
  - Eco-Committee
  - Equity Committee
  - Sports Committee
  - Community Spirit Committee (Covering: Special Events, Outreach, and Fundraising)
  - Mental Health and Well-Being Committee
  - Communications Team

## Current Initiatives

- **Diabetes Awareness Month:** Putting together a bulletin board in the front of the school and reading daily announcements to raise awareness in the school. We will be having a “Blue Shirt Day” on November 26th
- **Food Drive** from November 22nd - December 3rd in support of the Mount Albert Food Pantry. We are looking to make this into a classroom competition but need CoVid friendly ideas.
- **Sponsoring a Senior:** We would like to sponsor seniors in the community for the holidays. We would like each class to prepare a gift basket/bag for a senior. **We are looking for support in partnering with community organizations or groups.**
- **Holiday Heroes Toy Drive:** We will be launching this very soon alongside our Food Drive. Toys need to be new and unwrapped. This runs from November 15th to December 17th.

## Upcoming Initiatives

- **Winter Spirit Week:** In the planning stages but will be done the week before winter break. Each day might be a different theme and we are hoping to do some craft activities with Grades 4 and 5.
- **Outdoor Intramurals:** Looking at putting together some opportunities for students to play organized outdoor sports together (in cohorts)
- **Mindfulness Mondays, Thank You Thursdays, and Funny Fridays:** We will be reading announcements focused on mindfulness and mental health tips on Mondays. On Thursdays we will read “thank you notes” from staff and students to recognize one another, and on Fridays we will read jokes from our Community Class students.