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Hello St. Patrick's families,

Parent Council is excited to share some of our upcoming events, fundraising plans, and goals! We are currently fundraising to build an **outdoor learning space**, in the courtyard (inside the U-shaped space) with picnic tables, garden boxes and shade to help facilitate outdoor classes and an appreciation for all living things. Western Landscape Services, a local landscaping company owned by parent Jessica McGurn, has offered to help us with this endeavor. Design plans and estimated cost of this initiative are currently being finalized, which is where our fundraising comes in!

This year we will be selling **poinsettias** and **Christmas trees** again, as well as a spring fundraiser. You will see more information on this coming in November. We appreciate how busy life with children can get and truly value all the help and support in these fundraising efforts. If you would like to make a direct contribution to this goal, you can **donate directly** to parent council with earmark for our outdoor learning space. Please contact the school if you are interested in a direct donation.

As well, we know that St. Patrick's families are also business owners in our community. If there are other ways that you would like to give back (through donation/discount on building/garden supplies, picnic tables, through volunteering your time, etc.) we would very much be interested in hearing from you! Please contact the school and how you would like to contribute.

Our goal is to fundraise during the fall/winter season and **start work in the spring of 2024.**

Other upcoming dates to keep on your calendar:

Halloween Party: Thursday, October 26, 5:30 - 7:00pm, in the gym

This **event is free** and hot dogs will be served. Parents are welcome to bring peanut/nut free desserts to share (spooky cupcakes/cookies/etc.). Games will be played in the gym, hosted by grade 7/8 students, with tickets as prizes that children can redeem for candy/drinks at the concession stand. Parent council will supply the candy, but **you can also donate peanut/nut free candy to the school in advance for the concession stand. We ask for any donations be dropped off no later than Tuesday, October 24th so that we can purchase any outstanding amount needed.** Any remaining candy will be divided up among the classes for Halloween games on October 31st. A local photographer, Sun and Bloom Photography, has offered their services to capture family

photos during the party. A small \$2 donation is welcome (but not necessary) with funds going towards our outdoor learning space!

November 2023: Christmas Trees and poinsettias orders will be sent out

Christmas Dinner: Thursday, December 21st, lunch time

Parent council will again be hosting a Christmas lunch for all of our students and staff with turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and buns with butter. School cash online will be set up with donations that parents can make towards this initiative, however, ALL students will receive lunch that day. Please send a plate, knife and fork with your child, a reminder email will be sent closer to the time.

Our next parent council meeting is **Wednesday, November 8th at 6pm in the school.**
All are welcome!

Thank you for making this school community such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

Parent Council 2023/2024