

EPC Student Council - Year-end Summary

We have had a great group of students participating in Student Council this year and their positive attitudes and solid work ethic have made this year quite a success!

Theme Days

Throughout the year, Student Council has encouraged students and staff to participate in various theme days throughout the school year including more recently “Spring Fever Day” (April 11th), “Decade Day” (April 28th), “Dress to Impress Day” (May 12th - this week!), and “Rapper, Rocker, Cowboy Day” (June 2nd).

Battle of the Bands - Door Prizes

On May 18th, Student Council members will be giving away “door prizes” in periodic draws during the “Battle of the Bands” event at the school in the afternoon. Every student who brings a food item to donate to the Food Bank will receive a draw ticket and various prizes will be given out throughout the event.

Care Closet(s)

Student Council has decided to create a “Care Closet” for all EPC students to access in the library starting in September. The original idea came from a teacher on social media (see article <https://www.wearteachers.com/care-closet/>). The Care Closet will contain various items including deodorant, feminine hygiene products, hair ties/bands, socks, toothbrushes/toothpaste, basic school supplies (e.g. pens, pencils, erasers, etc.), granola bars, juice boxes, water bottles, etc. We will be purchasing the “Care Closet” cabinet and supplies sometime in May/early June.

Future plans include creating EPC Student Council-sponsored “Care Closets” also at both LTIS and WHPS (pending school Admin approval) sometime next year. Students at these schools would then have a very positive impression of EPC as a caring community of individuals who cannot wait for them to become official EPC students in the future.

Dances

Student Council had two very successful dances this year – one to raise money for the Ukrainian refugees (donated to the Red Cross ~ \$1500) and the other to raise some money for more Student Council supplies and activities. Students and staff who attended had a fantastic time! We have recently purchased two more sets of lights to light up the dance floor even more for future dances.

Other Events

With collected fees and other event proceeds, we have been able to provide all students with home-made cookies and hot chocolate; Student Council members rolled up their sleeves and were busy baking to make this event happen before December holidays! Also, Student Council members distributed candy/chocolate bar/juice gift bags to many students on St. Patrick's Day.

Terry Fox Run Barbeque and Dance

Back in September, Student Council gave out hot dogs, buns, juices, and bottled water to everyone participating in the Terry Fox Run. Plans are to set aside some of our current funds to prepare for the Terry Fox Run barbeque next year. We will also use some of this money to purchase concession items and decorations for the first school dance of 2023-2024 which will be held in the evening of the Terry Fox Run. Half or all of the concession/admission proceeds from the "Dance for Terry" Dance in September, 2023 will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.

Student Council Jerseys

We are currently looking into getting re-usable jerseys designed for Student Council members to wear at events to make them clearly visible. The idea of "Together, we make a difference" is going to be emphasized on the jersey design in both visuals and text.

Other Possible Purchases

If funds allow, there are plans to purchase one or two wheeled carts to use as "Treat Trolleys" to give out treats to students around the school at lunch hours. It is also possible that remaining funds may be used to purchase some additional folding tables which students can use for various activities throughout the school year (e.g. Science Fair, Robotics event, etc.).

We have had a wonderful year and we are looking forward to making even more of a difference in students' lives next year.