



Edmonton Classical Academy School Council Newsletter

Welcome Back, ECA Families!

We're so excited to welcome everyone back for another school year, and an extra warm welcome to all of the new families joining our ECA community this year!

School Council has lots planned for the year, and we hope you'll join us! Whether it's coming to a meeting, volunteering for an event, helping with a project, or simply coming out to one of our community events, there are lots of ways to get involved and meet other ECA families.

First things first — bookmark our [Linktree](#)!

It has all of the important links you'll need throughout the year, so save it somewhere handy and check back often.

A few dates to put on your calendar:

- **September 17 at 6:00 p.m. — School Council Meeting**
Come see what Council is all about! Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to have lots of new and returning parents join us.
- **September 19 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. — Community Potluck** 🥘
A great chance to get together, meet other families and kick off the school year as a community. RSVP [here](#), sign up [here](#) if you are able to help!
- **October 3 — Mother-Son Kickball** ⚾
Always a fun afternoon — more details will be coming soon!

*For all updated information on the ECA School Council & Fundraising Society, school events, meeting notes, volunteer opportunities and more, please visit our **new website** at <https://www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com>*

If there is anything you would like added to this newsletter or you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, please email communications@ecaegschoolcouncil.com



School Council

Our school community is stronger when parents get involved. Volunteering with the **Edmonton Classical Academy School Council** or **ECA Eastgate Fundraising Society** is a meaningful way to support our students, contribute to school initiatives, and help shape the ECA experience. Whether it's sharing your ideas, lending your time, helping with events, or supporting fundraising efforts, there are many ways to participate.

The **School Council** brings parents, faculty, staff, and the school community together to support the academic, physical, and emotional well-being of ECA students. The Council provides advice and support to the school, strengthens the connection between families and ECA, and helps foster a community where students can grow in knowledge, virtue, and the habits of responsible citizenship.

The **ECA Eastgate Fundraising Society** works alongside the School Council with a focus on securing the financial resources that enrich the student experience. Through fundraising initiatives and partnerships with families and the broader community, the Society helps fund tools, programs, activities, and opportunities both inside the classroom and beyond.

We'd love to have you join us. **School Council and Fundraising Society meetings** are held on the **third Thursday of every month at 6 PM**, beginning **September 17 at Edmonton Classical Academy**. Come learn more about what's happening at ECA, share your ideas, and find a way to get involved that works for you.

School Council Communications

We want to make it easy for ECA families to stay informed, get involved, and know what's happening throughout the school year. School Council will be communicating through three main channels: our **monthly newsletter, website, and Telegram groups**.

Monthly Newsletter

Our School Council newsletter will be sent out once a month and will give families an overview of major upcoming initiatives, events, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and other important School Council news. It's the best way to get a quick snapshot of what's coming up and how you can participate.



School Council Website

The [website](#) will be our central hub for everything School Council and Fundraising Society related. You'll find current information about events, fundraisers, initiatives, meetings, volunteer opportunities, and more. Information will be updated throughout the year, so if you're looking for details about something happening in our school community, **the website should be your first stop.**

Telegram

Telegram is where our parent community can stay connected day-to-day. The school-wide channel will be used for **parent information, timely reminders, and announcements**, while our individual groups give families a place to connect and have conversations specific to their children and needs.

Families are encouraged to join their child's **general grade group** as well as their specific **class/cohort group (A or B)**. There are also dedicated school-wide groups for **uniform buy/sell and discussion, busing and transportation, and carpooling**.

School-Wide Telegram Groups

Uniform Buy/Sell & Discussion

<https://t.me/+c4fBjGNxj9ViYjA5>

Bus & Transportation

<https://t.me/+ZP49AgfzQNo2ZDhh>

Carpooling

<https://t.me/+wN5ajHDu3EQwOTYx>

KINDERGARTEN

General: <https://t.me/+NMb7120EQz8wMTYx>

Kinder A: https://t.me/+mZEYG_P8-rg2OTYx

Kinder B: <https://t.me/+3JhzGQ6fZ-RhMTUx>

GRADE 1

General: <https://t.me/+a6LvPpsfG2hjM2Ex>

1A: <https://t.me/+42ZaGmweVUhjNDZh>

1B: <https://t.me/+p0CEI10l6EQ0MmRh>

GRADE 2

General: <https://t.me/+hdzA12tFCYs5YTNh>

2A: <https://t.me/+T28uhq2Dy-QyMzVh>



2B: https://t.me/+D8b-O_TaW80xZjlh

GRADE 3

General: <https://t.me/+VbLj6RZSu7czYzAx>

3A: <https://t.me/+L1L0THHEWPdiYmY5>

3B: <https://t.me/+9FipZCibYPVknZRh>

GRADE 4

General: <https://t.me/+fRYxQhY9F5VIMzAx>

4A: <https://t.me/+fkX1DN89pmNhMTM5>

4B: <https://t.me/+GhZwORwvQaczZmM5>

GRADE 5

General: <https://t.me/+ufXWI52hO84OWNh>

5A: <https://t.me/+Ol2kl-DJNeVkn2U5>

5B: <https://t.me/+2QqJ-AfTr8FIOTkx>

GRADE 6

General: <https://t.me/+Qk4Gu6vmqk83MTgx>

6A: <https://t.me/+6f5ng0m7bHliODMx>

6B: <https://t.me/+eHCTxz-9ebNjN2Mx>

GRADE 7

General: <https://t.me/+84XOO4KTZVEwNzhh>

7A: <https://t.me/+pDIwprH-JkNhNjAx>

7B: <https://t.me/+uc0O9TTxxrNiY2U5>

GRADE 8

General: https://t.me/+1Cbh_MH7x5Q5YTFh

8A: <https://t.me/+8u83Oo7NnfRkNjgx>

8B: <https://t.me/+JObF1ZsYERExODIx>

GRADE 9

General: <https://t.me/+IDEFFLRSDMVkOWQ5>

9A: <https://t.me/+6NcDgRdv4YA0MTcx>

9B: <https://t.me/+dduHQsshZ0JmNzBh>

GRADE 10

General: <https://t.me/+CIGx24moragyY2Fh>



Think of it this way: **the newsletter keeps you informed, the website keeps everything organized, and Telegram keeps our parent community connected.**

Upcoming Event: Gala!

School Council is excited to begin planning for our upcoming Gala! While the official date is still being finalized, we are looking for volunteers interested in helping with planning, sponsorships, donations, decorating, logistics, and event coordination.

If you would like to be involved in helping make this event a success, please reach out to our Gala Chair, Jasmine at Jasminbaldwin1@gmail.com.

More details to come!

Committees That Need Support

Communications: Share updates and keep families informed and connected.

[Laura Milroy](#)

Festivals Committee: Help plan and run fun seasonal school festivals (2 every year - Winter and Spring).

Maria Laura Giordani, [Anya Yahnishchak](#)

Playground Committee: Planning and fundraising efforts for a future playground.

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Playpod Committee: Position Open

We are currently seeking a Playground Committee Chair to lead and coordinate efforts related to our playground initiative. This role will work closely with the Fundraising Society, Grants Committee, and the Gala Committee to support planning, alignment, and execution of fundraising efforts tied to this important project. If you are interested in helping shape this initiative and collaborating across committees, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact [Kelsa Unruh](#) for more information



Library Committee: Help with organizing library initiatives.

[Rhamona Barber](#)

Events Committee: Help plan extra events outside of the festivals (Mother-Son Kickball, Father-Daughter Dance, and more!)

[Meagan Jakubec](#)

Teachers & School Support Committee: Coordinate appreciation efforts and classroom support.

[Faith Bodnarek](#), Colyssa Stoik

School Concerts Committee: Support with school concerts.

[Oksana Shyshyna](#)

Grant Writing Committee: Help identify and apply for funding opportunities.

[Jeff Jakubec](#)

Movie & Games Committee: Help organize and run movie nights and fun family game events.

[Simran Chawla](#)

Whether you can volunteer once a month or once a year, there's a spot for you!

1-hour helpers: Hot lunch or PlayPod support.

Creative planners: Join Events or Festivals Committees.

Organizers welcome: We're seeking a chair for the **Minor Repairs, Playground and Playpod Committees**

Parents of Grade 4 & 9: We are looking for this year's graduation ceremony committees for the grade 4 & grade 9 graduations.

Please reach out to Kelsa Unruh at scchair@ecaegschoolcouncil.com if you are interested in supporting our school through one of the above initiatives.

Active Fundraisers

Skip the Depot - Bottle Donation Pick-up

Turn your empties into school support — from your doorstep! Download the Skip the Depot app or visit skipthedepot.com, create an account, and select **Edmonton Classical Academy School Council** as your charity. Your refundable bottles are picked up and credited directly to the school — no trip required!



Mabels Labels - Year Round Label Fundraiser

Keep your kids' items out of lost-and-found while giving back to the school! Visit mabelslabels.ca and choose **Edmonton Classical Academy School Council** from the fundraising list before checkout. A portion of every order goes directly to ECA initiatives. Perfect for water bottles, uniforms, and gear!

Healthy Hunger

We have a wonderful year of exciting Healthy Hunger lunches planned. To see the full list of Healthy Hunger lunches, click [HERE](#). To participate, please visit **HEALTHY HUNGER** to create an account and place your lunch orders for your kiddos.

If you are able to volunteer to help distribute the lunches please sign up [HERE](#)

General Donations

Can't volunteer or participate in fundraisers right now? You can still help! While we're not able to issue tax receipts at this time, **every dollar directly supports school initiatives** such as classroom enhancements, library growth, and playground planning.

Ways to Give:

- e-Transfer: treasurer@ecaegschoolcouncil.com
- Online: [Zeffy](#)
- Cash or cheque: payable to *ECA Fundraising Society* via school office

Thank you for helping us continue to build a vibrant, well-supported school community!

Stay Connected

Email: communications@ecaegschoolcouncil.com

[Telegram](#): Join our parent community chat for updates and reminders.

Website: <https://www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com/>