



Alta Vista School Council

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Excellence...
Together!



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Delivering New Experiences To AVPS!

October is almost through and with it brings some brand new experiences heading your kids way - **over \$7000 in enrichment activities, experiences, and opportunities** across all grade levels!

Initiatives include:

- Funds to support Intermediate Cooking Club, Junior and Intermediate Art Clubs, and painting new pickleball courts on the north side
- Presentations by Scientists in Schools, STEAMPunks Discovery, and two puppet shows
- Buses for Junior and Intermediate Cross Country meets, two entrance fees for Intermediate Ultimate Frisbee tournament, and Rocks & Rings rental for curling
- New bluetooth speaker for the gym, tables for events, and a puppet theatre for Kindergarten classrooms

Additionally, the Council voted to approve updating our constitution. Changes included adjustments to adopt more gender neutral terminology, retooling the Council structure to better reflect our membership base, and updates to policies, such as attendance, etc. A link to the newly updated constitution can be found [here](#).

Help Us Make a Bigger Impact at AVPS!

Our School Council is proud to fund so many of the “extras” that make our school amazing – from classroom resources and technology to outdoor improvements, guest speakers, and community events.

Now, you can make a **tax-deductible donation** through the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board that goes *directly to our school!*

Here’s how you can help:

✔ Choose where your donation goes:

Grounds Renewal Fund – Help us transform our outdoor spaces into safe, engaging, age-appropriate areas for play and learning. Our school has a large yard, but it’s not being used to its full potential – your support will help us create spaces our kids truly love.

School Council Fund – Support school-wide needs, like upgrading large toys in the Kindergarten classrooms, bringing in enrichment groups for primary classes, and funding activities that enhance learning, community, and life skills for intermediate classes.

💡 Double your impact:

Many employers offer donation-matching programs – check with your HR department to see if your company will match your contribution.

Federal employees can also give through the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) by choosing our school as the recipient.

To donate, visit our school website [here](#) and click the “Donate” button at the top of the page, then select Alta Vista Public School from the drop-down list.

Remember: If you’d like your gift to go to one of the funds above, please include “Grounds Renewal” or “School Council Fund” in the “Write a private message to us” field.

👉 Need more details? Email sc-altavistaps@ocdsb.ca and we would love to discuss this further with you!

Get In On The Action

Our volunteer base is growing, but we still need more hands! Whether you want to join a meeting, volunteer at an event, or help shape big projects like our school grounds renewal, there's a place for you at AVPS this fall.

Get Involved this November!

- **Join our next Council meeting** – Nov 19th at 7pm, via Google Meet, all are welcome!
- **Chili Night** – Save a night of cooking dinner and join us for a hot bowl of chili after your Parent Teacher Interview and the AV Book Fair on Thursday, November 27, 4:30-7pm. All proceeds go to support your kids.
 - **Date:** Thursday, November 27
 - **Event Time:** 4:30-7pm
 - **Place:** AV kitchen and small gym
 - **Prices (cash only):**
 - Bowl of chili and bun \$5 (Halal and non-Halal meat, and veggie options)
 - Drinks \$1
 - If you would like to volunteer at this event or contribute a pot of chili or toppings, please sign up [here](#).
- **Volunteer at events** – Want to help but prefer a supporting role? We are currently looking for volunteers to support our Family Movie Nights and our Pizza Program – email sc-altavistaps@ocdsb.ca to learn how you can help!
- **Spring Fair** - We're seeking a lead for our Spring Fair silent auction, who will work with a team of volunteers to deliver this memorable event. Not ready to lead? Join the group of volunteers soliciting donations and learn how the silent auction comes together.

- **Food Programs** – Come help run one of the most beloved fundraisers we have - our food programs. We're looking for someone to take the reins on the Friday Subway program and looking for input on how to grow our food programs.

👉 Interested? Email sc-altavistaps@ocdsb.ca to learn more and get in on the action!

Mark Your Calendars!

Event	Date
PD Day	Friday, November 7, 2025
November Council meeting (Virtual)	Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Family Movie Night	Friday, November 21, 2025
Book Fair	November 26-28, 2025
Book Fair Family & Chili Night	Thursday, November 27, 2025
PD Day	Friday, November 28, 2025
Gifts of Giving	Friday, December 12, 2025
December Council Meeting & Social (In Person)	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Winter Break	December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026

How can you connect with us?



Email: sc-altavistaps@ocdsb.ca



Website: <https://altavistacouncil.com/>



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