



STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Parent,

It is a pleasure to introduce you to an important organization that may be new to you this year--our Schiesher School Student Council. Each homeroom elects one representative and one alternate to be in the Council in grades 3-5. Student Council meetings are held at **8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings**. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th. Because we are an active and involved group, we will meet every week throughout most of the year. There is an early bus (the junior high bus) that any Student Council member may take on Thursday mornings. If your child is elected, the bus routes will be sent to you.

There are several purposes of Student Council:

- ◆ to develop self-esteem and leadership skills in all of our students
- ◆ to develop a working knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in our democratic society
- ◆ to develop a sense of pride and commitment to our school through curricular and spirit activities
- ◆ to encourage the involvement of our school in community service projects.

Some programs we have done in the past have included the following activities:

- school dress-up days
- activities to raise money for a charity chosen by our student body
- food drives for the Lisle Township Food Pantry
- winter clothing for the Lisle Sharing Connection
- a gift drive program for needy families in the Lisle area during the holidays
- fundraising sales with organizations willing to give our school a percentage of sales.

Each year Student Council gets input from all the homerooms and votes on all the activities we do. We always are open to try new ideas!

Being elected as a Student council member is a great honor. The students who are elected become the leaders of our school. One of the main responsibilities they have is attending meetings. From the first meeting in October through December, both the representatives and the alternates will be asked to attend. Beginning in January, only the representatives will attend the meetings. Alternates will be asked to attend special functions such as the election of Student Council officers or helping with our more involved projects.

Their main functions, though, will be to fill in for their homeroom representative who cannot attend a meeting or to help the representative when needed in any Student Council activity.

The representative will be asked to attend all meetings. If s/he cannot come to a meeting, s/he is responsible for calling the alternate since we need representation from all homerooms at all meetings. S/he needs to make weekly reports and announcements to his/her homeroom about any Student Council activities and also bring back any new ideas from other students to the Council. This is why the ability to speak in front of groups is so important. There will be times when s/he will have to stay in at recess to work on Student council projects. Because these students are the leaders and role models of the school, excellent behavior is expected throughout the year. In past years, any member who receives three warnings for unexcused absences or behavior problems has been removed from the position.

From the representatives, four will be elected as officers of Student Council. These students need to be able to speak in front of the whole school either at assemblies or over the P.A. system.

The enthusiasm, the creative ideas, the willingness to help, and the responsibility that Student Council members show every year is wonderful to see. It is not only a privilege to be in Student Council, but we all have a lot of fun doing our best for Schiesher School and our community.

If you have any questions concerning Student Council, please don't hesitate to contact the advisor, Mrs. Hicks at dhicks@lisle202.org or (630)493-8142 . I hope your child will try for a position on Student Council. Being a part of this group is a wonderful experience! I look forward to the excitement of watching the leaders of tomorrow blossom during the year!

Very sincerely,

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