

# Home and School Letter to School Community (June 2018)

Dear Balaclava Families,

The goal of the Home & School Association is to support the school and its programs with volunteers, financial support and advocacy. The Balaclava Home & School Association is comprised of a group of parents and guardians within our school community, who are interested in supporting the goals of the association. There is no metric for assessing the success of these goals, and what is accomplished is not easily distinguishable.

However, our contributions are most noticeable through the events we organize – social and learning experiences, and through sponsorship from the funds we raise to support an enhanced learning environment. The disbursement of funds is carefully considered and has to be agreed to by the H&S members. We try to allocate the funds in a manner that would impact as many students as possible and in a manner that provides benefit from an educational, well-being and/or life-skill enhancing standpoint.

Our Fundraising activities for this year included: *Extra Food Days, Spaghetti Dinner, Fundscrip, Poinsettia Sale, Trusted Pros (approx. \$9,000). Of course, we cannot forget Fun Fair!*

Some of the activities funded by H&S for Balaclava students:

Authors' Day  
Christmas Production  
Grade 8 Graduation  
Raz Kids (K – Gr. 3) \$1200  
Agendas (Gr 1 – 8) \$2500  
Subsidised Bussing for school trips \$3360  
Outdoor Learning Experience (Gr 7&8) \$1000  
Robotics \$700  
Kindergarten Sofas \$800  
Instrument Repairs \$500  
Grade 7/8 Trip \$1000

Other events funded and organized by H&S:

Bike Rodeo (Community Event)  
Construction of Storage Shed \$3000

As busy as H&S has been, we can accomplish more with your help. Please consider joining us next year and help with our fundraising activities. There is a list of our planned fundraising initiatives at the end of this letter. There are many ways parents can (and do) volunteer in support of their children's education and the life of the school. The H&S Executive would like to thank all those parents who have volunteered in classrooms, at events and on school excursions.

Warm Regards,

Balaclava H&S Executive

**Proposed 2018/2019 H&S Fundraisers:**

Fall Feast / Skating - October 2018

Black Tie Bingo – January 2019

Mothers' Day Tea – May 2019

**Proposed 2018/2019 H&S Community Initiatives:**

Bike Rodeo – May or June 2019

Screenagers screening – September 2018