



BALACLAVA

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



These pages contain some important information about Home and School. We are sharing some highlights of our activities and the opportunities available to you to provide assistance. Enclosed you will find:

- 1) Home and School Information Sheet
- 2) Volunteer Information
- 3) Home and School initiatives for 2018/2019
- 4) How to access the Food Ordering system
- 5) Other important information

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.

Due to the great support of the Balaclava community, past initiatives have provided our school with resources and experiences it could not otherwise afford. This includes subsidies for supplies, field trips and performers as well as guest speakers, the purchase of technology, fitness equipment, musical instruments, spirit days and so much more!!

There is no better advocate for your child than you! For that reason you are the perfect fit for our team of amazing volunteers! We are always happy to have new members to help us meet our objectives. We encourage you to get involved & we look forward to fresh ideas and energy from the new members who join our team!

We invite all parents/guardians to attend one of the upcoming H&S meetings to learn more about planned expenditures for the coming year or to bring forward initiatives that could be considered for the benefit of all students.

In an attempt to determine which time accommodates more schedules this year we are changing our meeting times to evening meetings until December. We will then reassess and determine if we should re-introduce morning meetings. Meetings will be posted on our website, Facebook page as well as updated on the shared google calendar.

THE FIRST HOME & SCHOOL meeting of the year will be on September 26th at 6:30 PM.

CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU CAN COMMIT:

Don't! Your commitment can be as big or small as you like. We welcome help from anyone willing to lend a hand, wherever/whenever they can.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED:

While we may not be able to accommodate everyone's schedules – to attend meetings; you can still have a voice in the Home and School to help determine the best use of our fundraising dollars. Our voting system has moved online. This allows all members an opportunity to vote on our initiatives, whether they can attend a meeting or not. Some options for involvement:

- 1) **Lend your time:** Simply check off any of the category's you think you might be interested in helping out with on the Balaclava Home & School Volunteer sign up form, which is a part of our online system.
- 2) **Lend your Voice:** Join us for our monthly meetings, the first meeting of which will be on September 26th at 6:30 PM.

AREAS SUPPORTED BY HOME AND SCHOOL:

Each year the Balaclava H&S raises thousands of dollars to support enhanced learning, technology, programs and initiatives in our school. We continually search for new ways to be effective and are pleased with the enhancements we have provided over the years. Some of the areas we support are:

Food, Spirit & Earth Days	Field Trips & Extra Curricular busses	Award Engraving	Yearbook
Gym & Playground Eqpt	Author Days & Special Guests	Performing Arts & Holiday Production	The Science & History Fair
Art Supplies & Music Pgm	Math, Science & Reading Programs	Technology in the school	Robotics Club

This year Balaclava Home & School Association is pleased to offer food options from the following vendors:

Pizza from **Subs from** **Pitas from** **Smoothies from** **Bobcat Milk**
Pizza Pizza **Subway** **Pita Pit** **Booster Juice** **Program**

Our ordering will be done in two phases this year – Oct 2018 to Jan 2019 and Feb 2019 to May 2019. Orders will be collected in September and January respectively. Prepayment for food orders must be made in September (for October to January orders) and January (for Feb to May orders). Extra food is not AVAILABLE for cash sales. If your child is absent on a paid food day, we are unable to provide reimbursement. However, subs will be kept refrigerated until the next day. Also, due to the volume of field trips and extra activities at the end of the year, we do not offer scheduled food days in June.

To ensure accuracy please complete an order for **each child** in your family. Should a problem occur with your order you will be contacted so that any issues may be resolved before your order is placed. **Please be sure to complete your orders online by Monday September 24, 2018.**

WANT MORE INFORMATION:

See below for a list of the 2018-2019 H&S Executive. You may also reach us at our main email: balaclavahands@gmail.com

President	Vidya Dath	presidentbalaclavahs@gmail.com
Fund Raising Chair	Ellie Millard	elliejmillard@gmail.com
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Secretary	Heather Rickard	herrickard77@gmail.com

GOOGLE CALENDAR:

Home and School has created an online Google Calendar to help you keep track of all the dates that are relevant to H&S activities, including food days. Those who provide us with an email address will receive e-mail instructions on how to subscribe.

WEBSITE:

Home and School's website is now accessible and will be kept updated with pertinent information and relevant links. The website is: <http://www.balaclavahomeandschool.com>

NOTE: Paper forms are available to those who are unable to access the online ordering system. Please contact Deb Nelligan, at the school office, to obtain a copy of the forms.



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