



BALACLAVA



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A warm welcome to new and returning families!! We trust you had a great summer and are looking forward to another fantastic year at BalACLAVA. Enclosed you will find:

- 1) Home and School Information Sheet (this sheet)
- 2) How to access the Food Ordering system
- 3) Home and School initiatives for 2019/2020
- 4) Scheduled Food Days – October 2019 to Jan 2020

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 already perfect to join our team of amazing volunteers! We are always happy to have new members to help us meet our objectives. It is never too early or too late to join! Even if you have been at BalACLAVA for years or just beginning your school journey we encourage you to get involved & we look forward to fresh ideas and energy from the new faces who join our team!

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

In an attempt accommodate more schedules all our meeting are scheduled for Wednesdays starting at 6:30p. Meeting dates will be posted on our website and Facebook page, as well as updated on the shared Google Calendar.

THE FIRST HOME & SCHOOL meeting of the year will be on September 25th at 7:00 PM in the school's Library.

CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU CAN COMMIT?

Don't worry! 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:

We realize that we still might not be able to accommodate everyone's schedules; however you can still have a voice in the Home and School initiatives and determine the best use for our fundraising dollars. For example, our voting system is done online, so that all members can have a chance to vote on our initiatives, whether they can attend a meeting or not.

While all parents and/or guardians are welcome to offer suggestions or comment on on-going issues or requests for funding, only those who have paid the Membership fee (\$20.00) will be able to vote.

- 1) **Lend your time:** Simply check off any of the categories 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 25th at 6:30 PM.



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Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year!

Like last year, we have kept our food ordering system online. The site is simple to use and very user-friendly. Please use the link listed below – on any web browser - to enter your food orders, and complete the other required forms.

We expect that this system will make your life simpler, by allowing you to quickly complete the orders and avoid potential errors that can occur when you are filling out a paper form.

LINK for H&S Orders:

<https://balaclavahomeandschool.mycheddarup.com>

It is important that ALL orders and payments are received no later than September 23rd, 2019. This will allow us time to extract the data and get information to the coordinators to ensure your children can receive their orders.

We would like to let you know that there are price increases for Booster Juice and Subs. This is due to price increases from our suppliers.

The site will be re-opened to accept orders in January for delivery in February to May 2020.
Yearbook orders will be accepted in April/May 2020.

Please join us at our first H&S meeting for this school year on **September 25th at 7:00 PM in the school's Library.**

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact your H&S executive at:

balaclavahands@gmail.com

To get regular updates, please follow us on Facebook-
facebook.com/BalaclavaPublicSchoolParentForum



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Planned Activities and Events for 2019/2020

Here are some of the proposed events for the current school year. Please be advised that these are subject to change and others may be added.

- 1. Fall Feast** – this is typically a family oriented Pasta dinner
DATE: November 15, 2019
- 2. Boston Pizza Family Fundraiser** – bring your family to BP in Waterdown for dinner and you will be helping H&S raise funds for our initiatives.
DATE: TBD. Will be announced at a later time.
- 3. Family Math Night** – a fun filled event where you and your child(ren) can experience the FUN side of Math.
DATE: TBD – possibly in October 2019.
- 4. Christmas Production** – this is our annual Christmas Play that involves students from Grades 4 – 8.
DATE: December 2019
- 5. Author's Day** – a celebrated Canadian writer is invited to engage with our students and provide workshops/readings.
DATE: TBD – early 2020
- 6. Spring Social** – A family event, format to be confirmed.
DATE: Early Spring 2020
- 7. Bowling Night(s)** – format and dates to be determined.
- 8. Movie Night(s)** - format and dates to be determined.



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Food Days Reference: Oct 2019 – Jan 2020

Pizza:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Subs:

October 3, 17, 31

November 14, 28

December 12

January 9, 23

Booster (NB1)/Soup (NB2):

October 10, 24

November 7, 21

December 5, 19

January 16, 30

Additional Food Days:

Pasta Day – October 18, 2019

Chili Day – November 22, 2019

Taco Friday – January 10, 2020

Food Day Coordinators:

Pizza: Kim Mummery

Booster: Heather Pickles

Subs: Michele Quinn

Soup: TBD

All food coordinators can be contacted at fooddaysbhs@gmail.com