



## *May 23, 2024 Balaclava Fun Fair Home & School Fundraiser Basket Silent Auction*

This year, for the Fun Fair, we are planning a Silent Auction with a difference!!!

Our goal is to have each classroom provide a themed Basket for the auction. Each classroom will be assigned a theme and items will be collected from **Monday April 22 - Friday April 29**. H&S is asking parents to donate an appropriate item for the basket.

We kindly request that each Balaclava family consider donating a suitable item to their child's classroom themed basket. Some suggestions for your child's basket can be found on the attached sheet. Below is a list of all the basket themes for your information. We look to each family for their support in making this a fun family evening and a successful fundraiser.

<b>Basket Theme</b>	<b>Class</b>
Family Movie Night	JSA - Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Hone
Sweet & Salty Treats	NJSB - Mr. Tudor and Mrs. Miranda
Splish Splash Outdoor Water Fun	1/2A - Ms. Gilbank
Crafters Dream	1/2B - Mrs. Moase
Game Night	1/2C - Mrs. Barrett
Pet Lovers	2/3A - Mrs. Button
BBQ Enthusiast	3A - Mrs. Cassidy
Peace & Mindfulness	4A - Ms. Wynne
Sport Fanatic	4/5A - Ms. Spada
Spa Time	5/6A - Ms. Keyte
That's Some Shine Car Detailing	5/6B - Mrs. Hrycenko
Coffee and Tea Lovers	7/8A - Mrs. DeLong
Gardeners Delights	7/8B - Mr. Ansty
Golfers Paradise	7/8C - Mrs. Cuddy

***Thank you for your continued support of all the H&S Fundraising efforts.***

## **Q&A**

### **Q: What is a Silent Auction?**

A: An auction is like a sale--you will have a chance to buy items that have been donated by parents, teachers, and local companies. You have a chance of buying the item by making a bid, that is, you offer an amount of money that you would be willing to pay. Another person may come by and want the same item so he/she may offer more money, making a higher bid. At the end of the auction, the person with the highest bid goes home with the item.

### **Q: What will the fundraising monies be used for?**

A: H&S will use the money raised from this venture to assist with updating the technology in the classrooms such as smartboards, projectors, learning aids etc.

### **Q: How does the Auction work?**

A: On Thursday May 23, the auction opens at 4:45pm at the school. Auction items will be displayed on tables. There will be a bid sheet next to each item. When you see an item you want, write your name and phone number down on the bid sheet and how much money you are bidding. Each silent auction bid must be written on a blank line available on the bid sheet. If someone else has already made a bid, you may add your name to the list and make a HIGHER bid. You will need to check the bid sheets frequently and increase your bid for the items that you want. Each item has a minimum starting bid and bids must be made in whole dollar amounts. Bidding is open from 4:45-7:30pm. Starting at 6:45pm., the silent auction will close in sections every 15 min. and no further bids can be made. Five minutes prior to the closing, an announcement will be made. The bid sheets will be collected as we prepare for checkout. You will need to return to the auction desk to see if you were the highest bidder. The highest bidder will pay at the cashier (cheque, cash or CheddarUp, NO CREDIT CARDS) and collect their item. **YOU MUST PAY FOR AND COLLECT YOUR ITEM BEFORE 8PM. PLEASE DO NOT GO HOME BEFORE YOU HAVE PAID FOR AND COLLECTED YOUR ITEM. We ask that children do NOT make bids!**

### **Q: What are some ideas for each theme?**

A: Have fun picking out what you would want to see in the baskets. There is a list of suggestions for each basket that you can use. Your kid(s) could also help with ideas!! If none of these work for you – a gift card is always a good option!

### **Q: How will the parents know which basket came from their child's classroom?**

A: H&S will label all baskets with the teacher's name, grade and theme listed.

### **Q: Who do I contact should I have any further questions?**

A: H&S recognize there may be clarifying questions. Please contact the lead organizer, Amy Douma at [balaclava.funfair@gmail.com](mailto:balaclava.funfair@gmail.com) or call/text 289-880-0604.