# Balaclava Home & School Newsletter October 30th, 2025

Hello Balaclava families,

We hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. Here are some important updates and reminders from your Home & School team.

#### Lost & Found Items - Final Call!

All Lost & Found items have now been photographed and posted on our website: https://sites.google.com/ofhsa.ca/balaclava/lost-found-clothing

All clothing pictured is a *last chance* for pickup before being donated. Every item has been checked for names/initials and displayed for each class at school.

Items will be held for two weeks and donated on Friday, **November 14th.** To arrange pickup in Carlisle, please email balaclavahands@gmail.com.

Please note: Items are no longer at the school to be viewed.

# Big Box of Cards & Candle Box Pick Up

Your orders are ready! We'll be set up outside Balaclava School's front doors on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, November 4 & Wednesday, November 5

AM Drop Off: 8:50 - 9:30 AM

PM Pick Up: 3:00 - 3:50 PM

If you're unable to make these times, please email balaclavahands@gmail.com to schedule an evening pickup from Amy's house.

Please note: Packages are too large to send home with students, and a signature is required at pick up.

#### **Next Home & School Meeting**

#### Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 PM

Interested in getting involved?

If you're not yet a member but would like to check it out, please RSVP to balaclavahands@gmail.com, and we'll email you the meeting location.

We'd love to see some new faces and hear your ideas.

## **Upcoming Fundraiser - FundScrip**

## Runs Monday, November 10 - Thursday, November 19

### What is FundScrip?

FundScrip is an easy way to support Balaclava Public School simply by buying **gift cards** for your everyday shopping. Each purchase earns a percentage back for our school—at no extra cost to you.

#### Example:

Buy a \$100 Sobeys gift card  $\rightarrow$  you receive the full \$100 value  $\rightarrow$  Balaclava receives 3% in fundraising dollars.

It's that simple, and those small percentages add up quickly to support programs and activities for our students.

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#### Gift card ideas:

- Gas
- Weekly groceries
- · Holiday and teacher gifts
- Dinners out

Please share this fundraiser with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbours—it's also a great way for businesses to give back during the holiday season.

## Note from Our Fun Fair Coordinator - We Need Your Help!

Hello Parents,

Our 2026 Fun Fair planning is in full swing, and we need your help to make this amazing event possible! The Fun Fair is one of our school's biggest community celebrations—and it can't happen without dedicated volunteers and coordinators.

Without enough volunteers and committee leaders, the Fun Fair will not be able to continue.

Are you the one we need? We're looking for volunteers to fill the following coordinator positions:

- Co-Event Coordinator
- Ticket Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Silent Auction Coordinators (4 or more people needed)
- Bake Sale Coordinator

• Snow Cone, Cotton Candy & Popcorn Coordinator

If you have specific questions or would like to get involved, please reach out directly to:

Kyrsten Feere – 2026 Fun Fair Coordinator

Email: Kyrsten@KyrstenFeere.com

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Thank you for helping us bring the Fun Fair to life!

— Kyrsten and the Fun Fair Team

Thank you for your continued support, Balaclava families. Your participation in these initiatives helps make a big difference for our students and school community.

Warm regards, Balaclava Home & School Executives

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