

**E.K. Home and School Association**  
**YEAR IN REVIEW (2019-2020)**

**As a school community, our fundraising efforts and dollars raised, enriched our students in the following ways by providing:**

- \$50 to each Teacher at the start of the school year to purchase any needed items for their classroom
- \$500 towards the purchase of Daily Physical Activity (DPA) equipment sets for all grade levels
- \$1000 towards the Gr. 5 celebration (Cake + Loaf Gift/Voucher Mailing \$11/student)
- \$972 towards the purchase of Headphones (noise reduction) for EK Classrooms
- \$500 towards the purchase of Team Jerseys for EK Students
- \$1153 towards the purchase of Volley Ball Nets for the EK Gymnasium
- \$500 towards the purchase of the Parent Resource Library
- \$3729 towards the purchase of iPads/Tech Tub for EK Classrooms
- \$1500 allotted to FDK level learning (\$300/class)
- \$1500 allotted to Primary level learning (TBD)
- \$1630 allotted to Junior level learning (BikeSafe Program Subsidy at \$10/student)

**EK Fundraising Programs**

**Pizza and Milk Program**

- Monthly pizza days were popular again last year.
- Each class continued to receive a platter of fresh fruit and vegetables to enjoy with their pizza order.
- Subsidized funds were raised to provide extra lunches to students, with all remaining monies donated.
- Our milk program also continued three days a week.

**Nutrition Program**

- We received funding through Tastebuds to provide a Nutrition Program from October to June (ending in March due COVID Closure).
- All students had access to a healthy snack twice a week.

**Lunch Lady**

- Prepared lunches were available for parents to purchase once a week.
- Any funds raised went back into subsidized lunches with any remaining funds donated.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Fright Night (October 2019)**
  - Home and School's annual Hallowe'en fundraiser was an amazing success, raising over \$10,000 to support the school. Parents turned E.K. into a spooky wonderland where families enjoyed game rooms, a haunted house, auctions, raffles, food, and many treats.
- **Scholastic Book Fair (November 2019)**
  - Home and School held its annual Fall Book Fair, successful again last year, with a portion of the sales going back to the school to support literacy.
- **Celebrating EK's Grade 5s**
  - \$1000 had been allocated in the 2019-2020 school year budget for the Gr. 5s bus transportation for their school trip and/or celebration
  - This allocation was provided to EK to use towards a gift and mailing costs for the Gr. 5s.
  - Each Gr. 5 student received a delicious gift bag from Cake + Loaf bakery, a voucher to collect their gift was mailed to each student.
  - We wish all of the Gr. 5s great success at Ryerson and beyond!

## COVID-19 Closure – Event Cancellations

- **Scholastic Book Fair (April 2020)**
  - Home and School holds an annual Spring Book Fair where a portion of the sales goes back to the school to support literacy.
- **Book Swap (May 2020)**
  - Home and School holds an annual Book Swap, where students have a chance to purchase donated books for just 25¢. All funds are donated to the school library.
- **Teacher Appreciation (June 2020)**
  - Home and School organizes this special day, parents provide lots of treats and goodies to thank the staff and teachers of E.K. for everything they do to support our children.
- **Coin Drive for Max's Big Ride (June 2020)**
  - EK's annual coin drive and freezie sale supporting Max's Big Ride
- Although the annual event at EK could not take place, Max's Big Ride continued:
  - **The 6th Annual Max's Big Ride "At Home" (June 1-7, 2020)** where many EK families took part in one way or another to support Max's Big Ride again this past year – amazing support!
  - Riding the same 600km distance from Hamilton to Ottawa on the cargo bike, but on a stationary trainer in their front yard using a laptop and the virtual cycling app Zwift.
  - They stayed home and stayed safe and adapted to continue the fight against Duchenne muscular dystrophy. See the website for more information: <https://www.maxsbigrade.com/>

## EK Fundraising Donations

Through our EK community's generous support, we made the following donations:

October 2019, Fright Night Fundraiser:

- **20% of EK's Fright Night 2019 Fundraiser proceeds (\$2031.40)** was donated to two schools: Lake Avenue School & Viscount Montgomery School (each school receiving \$1015.70)

April 2020, following the March COVID related school closure:

- **Food Packages were provided to support EK families** using leftover frozen pizza (pizza day), cheese portions (from milk program). All other perishable and non-perishable food in the fridges/storage (crackers, eggs, yogurt tubes, from the Nutrition Program), in addition to leftover cookies (from Fright Night)
- **Pizza and Milk Program Subsidies were donated** (approximately \$1600 in remaining subsidies)
  - \$1500 used to purchase grocery store gift cards (\$1500) to support EK families
  - \$100 donated to the Food4Kids Program supporting families in our EK community

June 2020, following the continued COVID related school closure:

- **Pizza/Milk/Cheese Program Subsidies Collected & Monies Collected for Cancelled Pizza Days**
  - \$446.31 remaining subsidies were donated
    - This is in addition to the \$1600 donated previously in April
  - \$8332.85, March-June 2020, Pizza Day refunds were donated
  - **\$8779.16 Total Donation WOW!**
    - **\$4389.58 donated to Hamilton Food Share** - HFS noted that this is equal to \$20,000 worth of food with their purchasing power/wholesale costs for food – amazing!
    - **\$4389.58 donated to Food4Kids Hamilton** - F4Ks noted, "This is INCREDIBLE news! Wow! We are so grateful!"
- **Fright Night Donations Continued**
  - 2.5 boxes were leftover after food donation packages had been provided to families in March/April, these additional boxes were donated to **Mission Services**
- **Lunch Lady Fundraising**
  - \$548.80 for Sept-Mar 2020 was raised, this was used to provide subsidized lunches to some of our EK families, with the year cut short, we had \$23.80 remaining and donated these funds to support the **Hamilton Boys & Girls Club** (a Lunch Lady initiative that was offered)

**Thank you to everyone who made last year a success!  
Without our volunteers, none of these things would be possible.**

If you are interested in getting involved this year, please email [ekhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:ekhomeandschool@gmail.com) to get on our distribution list.