

E.K. Home and School Association
YEAR IN REVIEW (2020-2021)

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

- \$100 to each Teacher at start of school year to purchase needed items for classroom
- \$1000 towards the Gr. 5 celebration (EPIC Books & Bitten Cupcake Gift/Voucher)
- **Teacher Appreciation (Oct 2020)** – Gift Cards Provided to Staff for a Coffee/Treat
- **Teacher Appreciation (June 2021)** – Gift Cards Provided to Staff for a Coffee/Treat

EK Fundraising Programs

Pizza and Milk Program

- Did not run due to COVID restrictions/pause to fundraising in place for 2020-2021

Nutrition Program

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

Mabel's Labels

- Need labels? You get labels, we raise funds!
- Ongoing throughout the year, 20% of all labels sales goes back to EK's Home and School Association to spend on EK's Students, Staff, and Classrooms!

Special Events

Scholastic Book Fair (March 2021)

- The Home and School Association held its annual Spring Book Fair, successful again, a portion of the sales went back to the school to support literacy.

Celebrating EK's Grade 5s (June 2021)

- \$1000 had been allocated in the 2020-2021 school year budget for the Gr. 5 bus transportation for their school trip and/or celebration.
- As the trip was cancelled, funds were instead used towards a gift for each Gr. 5 student.
- Each student received a \$10 Gift Card for EPIC Books + a Cupcake Voucher for Bitten on Locke, for redemption over the Summer.
- We wish our former Gr. 5 students great success at Ryerson and beyond!

EK Fundraising Donations

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

Giving Tree (Dec 2020)

- Earl Kitchener's Annual Tradition of "The Giving Tree" went virtual. As with prior years, we continued to support our Hamilton community by donating to charities of choice.
- The ongoing generosity of our EK Community shone bright, we came together during this difficult time and provided support to so many others in the Hamilton Community.
- There were 42 ornaments, each represented a donation, these hung on The Giving Tree at EK.
- There were 38 photos sent in of EK families and/or their donations, used to make The Giving Tree Photo Collage, a beautiful representation of the "Be Kind" way at EK!

Max's Big Ride (July 2021)

- Although the annual event at EK could not take place, Max's Big Ride continued with **the 7th Annual Max's Big Ride "At Home" (July 19-24, 2021)**
- Many EK families took part in one way or another to support Max's Big Ride again this past year – amazing support!
- Staying home to stay safe, they rode 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.
- The campaign raised over \$30,000 in total, EK families helped to raise funds by doing "The Big Challenge" and many dropped by to generously donate.
- Max's Family felt the love and support of the community and were thankful to all of the EK students, teachers, and families who supported them once again – amazing!
- See the website for more information: <https://www.maxsbigrade.com/>

COVID-19 Restrictions/Closure – Event Cancellations

Fright Night (October 2020)

- The Home and School Association's annual Halloween fundraiser raises funds to support the school. Parents turn EK into a spooky wonderland where families enjoy game rooms, a haunted house, auctions, raffles, food, and many treats.

Scholastic Book Fair (Nov 2020)

- The Home and School Association holds an annual Fall Book Fair where a portion of the sales go back to the school to support literacy.

Book Swap (May 2021)

- The Home and School Association holds an annual Book Swap, students have a chance to purchase donated books for just 25¢. All funds are donated to the school library.

Coin Drive for Max's Big Ride (June 2021)

- EK's annual coin drive and freeze sale supporting Max's Big Ride.

Teacher Appreciation (June 2021)

- The Home and School Association organizes this special day, parents provide treats and goodies to thank the Staff at EK for everything they do to support our children.

**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 to be added to our distribution list to find out about upcoming meetings and events!

