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Souvenir Elementary Home and School

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Summer is around the corner and we had a great year. Souvenir Home and School Committee hope you have a wonderful, safe, and fun summer break and we'll see you all again in August to start the 2018-2019 school year.

Since our last newsletter.....

In April we were able to thank the professional administrative assistants for their dedication and hard work. Home and School surprised them with a gift and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Thank you ladies, you are truly appreciated!



Home and School helped fund the puppet show in April and helped the kind nurses with the vaccines.

June 8th we had a Movie Night. The weather was perfect, the movie was funny and everyone enjoyed a night with family and friends, A LOT of pop-corn and treats. Thank you Cineplex and the kind volunteer who donated the popcorn. All leftover non-perishable snacks and juices were donated to the Peace Pantry.





Did you know?

Home and School fundraises regularly to help pay for unplanned expenses and activities, but what we also do is help fund the Peace Pantry that is used all year long, as well, we supply the funds to purchase the Rocket tickets given out through-out the year as rewards to students. Home and School also gives the library a budget to purchase rewards for "star" classes, funds the skating rink outside, and helps class rooms purchase "special" equipment that falls out of their budget. At the end of the year H & S also helps the Graduation Committee with funds for each student.

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Lastly we had our Fun Day – Fun Days. Due to the bad weather we had to split the activities over 2 days. Thursday June 14th the students were treated to hot dogs and slushies. Friday, we had great weather to enjoy bouncy castles and cotton candy. Thank you staff and administration for allowing us to split the days and disturb their schedules.



Meet Our Committee......

Our elections were held in May, please let me present the Executive members of the Home and School Committee for the 2018-1019 School Year. The committee doesn't only consist of the executive members, but it includes all the dedicated volunteers.

President: Effie Kontakos Vice President: Gary Ersan

Treasurer & Co-Treasurer: Natasha Gamsaragan & Peter Ferentinos Fundraising: Susana Huber & Andrea J. Petschner

Membership: Tracy Reynolds

Secretaries: Carmela Anobile & Beverly Canelho

Newsletter: Andrea J. Petschner

Volunteer: Rachel Primiani, Franca Folino, & Connie Fabrizio

Co-signers: Susana Huber & Liza Michailidis

The Year in Summary.....

We had a great year, we kicked off the year with a bake sale and corn roast. H & S helped with school pictures, a Halloween activity, Book Fair, holiday raffle, toy and food drive and holiday raffle. We started 2018 with teacher appreciation week, purchased books for the students, payed for transportation, helped fund administrative assistant's gifts, and many more activities through-out the year. Don't forget Pizza day and TCBY!



We Need You!



Every year the committee members change as students araduate and new students begin. Meetings are once a month and you can dedicate as much time as your schedule allows. Join the executive team, volunteer for regular activities such as pizza day, or volunteer for different activities as the year goes on. Don't forget all volunteers must fill out the judicial form to be allowed to volunteer in the school, please do so ASAP. Contact us.

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Next School Year.....

All volunteers must fill out a Judicial Form to be able to volunteer at the school. If you plan to volunteer for a specific activity, routine fundraising, or chaperoning for field trips, please fill out the form before September 17th 2018 and submit it to the office. This is necessary for the safety of our students, and it is best to do it in a timely manner at the beginning of the year to insure you will be accepted to enter the school when need be, and it helps the administrative assistants and volunteers avoid an influx right before a big outing. You can find all information about volunteering as well as the form on the Souvenir website.

Our first fundraiser of the 2018-2019 school year will be the bake sale at "Meet the Teacher Night". Please donate baked goods if you can, if not we'll be there with coffee and snacks, bring change and your appetite, all contributions go to fund activities for the students.



We will welcome our students back to the new school year with our traditional corn roast.



Class pictures are scheduled for September 13th 2018.

We also hope to organize another "FunFest". For those new to the school, this is an outdoor, after school activity in June with bouncy castles, food, rides, games, and a whole lot more, for the whole Souvenir community. This takes time, planning, dedication, and a LOT of volunteers. If this is something that interests you please come see us at "Meet the Teacher night" and SIGN UP! In order to plan this we need over 100 volunteers and we need to start preparing in September.

Stay tuned.....



Mission Statement:

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. is an independent, incorporated, not for profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general wellbeing of children and youth.

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents.

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Our Volunteers.....

All these activities and fundraisers were only possible due to dedication of all our volunteers. A lot of work is done from our monthly meetings to the execution of the actual event. Pizza Day and TCBY requires dedicated volunteers through-out the year. Large events like movie night and Fun Day requires a lot of preparation and many volunteers to help out on the day. As well, through-out the year the accounts are in order, the newsletters, reports, and minutes are written, and extra volunteers are contacted. So there is a lot that goes on in the background so, on behalf of everyone, a big thank you to all the volunteers that insure a smooth running of all Home and School activities.



Our Graduates.....



You took your first steps of your education here at Souvenir Elementary School and now you are off to high school. Take a moment to look back on your achievements and realize what you've accomplished. Each step you made has been a building block for your life, building blocks to help you with your next steps. Remember your Souvenir Elementary School family fondly as we will remember you. We are so proud of you Class of 2018. All the best for your future.

Thank you all, have a safe and fun summer.



Important Announcement: Next Meeting

The Souvenir Home and School first meeting of the 2018-1019 school year will be held Wednesday September 19th 2018 at 7:00PM.



It'll be a welcome <u>back</u> and welcome <u>to</u> Souvenir Wine and Cheese Meeting. Hope to see new faces!

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