

## Souvenir Elementary Home and School

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Summer is here and we had another wonderful great year. The 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 2019-2020 school year.

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### Since our Last Newsletter

In April we were able to thank the professional administrative assistants, Marie-Lynne and Pia for their tireless dedication and hard work. Home and School surprised them with a gifts and a beautiful plant. Thank you ladies, you are truly appreciated!



Thank you for the kind volunteers that helped with the Grade 4 vaccines.

Thank you all for the generous donations of games and the volunteers that distributed them. The kids will certainly enjoy them!

The Home and School Committee purchased new couches for the library. The younger students can enjoy a nice book on a comfortable couch with their reading buddies. We hope next year to purchase more furniture for the older students.



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### Next Meeting.



Our next meeting will be help **September 17th 2019**. Come join us, meet other parents, ad give us new and

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## More Important News

The Home and School committee purchased new fans for each class. These floor fans are safe, efficient, and quiet. They help cool off the students on hot days at the end and beginning of each year.



### FunFest

This June we rebooted our annual FunFest. It was a wonderful day, the first nice day we had all year! Thank you to the dedicated committee who worked tirelessly for months to get this off the ground. Thank you to all the teachers, administrative staff, and volunteers who helped make this Funfest a fun day to remember. And finally thank you to all our sponsors for their gifts, reduced prices, and support.



### Slushie Day

The Home and School Committee hosted a slushie day on Thursday to help celebrate summer and the last week of school!



### 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 well-being 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.

## More Important News

### The School Garden

Mme Catherine's class with the help of some seniors planted a garden in the school yard planter boxes. Home and School supplied the funds to purchase the earth and plants and encouraged our future landscapers.



### Meet Our Committee.....

Our elections were held in May, please let me present the Executive members of the Home and School Committee for the 2019-2020 School Year. The committee doesn't only consist of the executive members, but it includes all the dedicated volunteers.

President:	Gary Ersan
Vice President:	Liza Michailidis
Treasurer & Co-Treasurer:	Natasha Gamsaragan , Despina Vafiadis
Fundraising:	Andrea J. Petschner, Natasha Gamsaragan Liza Michailidis
Membership:	Shani Taylor
Secretary:	Martine Williams
Newsletter:	Andrea J. Petschner
Volunteer:	Rachel Primiani, Franca Folino
Co-signers:	Andrea Petschner, Liza Michailidis

### The Year in Summary.....

We had another wonderful year, we kicked off the year with a bake sale and corn roast. H & S helped with school pictures, a Halloween activity, chocolate fundraiser, and a Book Fair as well as a toy and food drive. We started 2019 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. As well, we purchased fans for the whole school to help out on the hot days. Don't forget Pizza day, TCBY, Mabels's Lables and Fundscrip! All together we raised over \$35000. All this goes back to the students.



## Fundscrip

Every year we have a link to Fundscrip. This is a Canadian fundraiser that allows you to purchase gift cards throughout the year. Each purchase automatically includes a donation to Souvenir Home and School. It is not out of your pocket, and you can shop where you would normally shop. Please check out this link for further information...

<http://www.fundscrip.com/how-it-works>.

How to purchase your Fundscrip.

**Step1** - follow this link

<https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=M6VU9W>

**Step 2** – Create an account

**Step 3** - Shop

Every purchase gives a small amount, more purchases add up. Tell your friends and family. Use these gift cards for holiday gifts too. It's a fun and easy way to raise funds.

## More Important News

### **Our Volunteers.....**

All these activities and fundraisers were only possible due to dedication of all our volunteers. A lot of work is done through-out the year, sometimes we see our volunteers distributing pizza or tying skates, but a lot of work is also done in the background like purchasing equipment, and organizing the events. This year we had Funfest also which required hours of volunteer work to get it off the ground, and many, many more to run it that day. As well, through-out the year the accounts are in order, the newsletters, reports, and minutes are written, and extra volunteers are contacted. On behalf of everyone, a big thank you to all the volunteers that insure a smooth running of all Home and School activities. As well a farewell to those who are graduating this year – your contributions will be remembered and you'll be missed.

### **Administration and Staff.....**

All of Home and School committee activities are done with the support and help of the Souvenir staff. The administrative assistants field countless calls and help the committee communicate with everyone, the teachers are always patient with our requests and interruptions and give us a helping hand when needed. Administration and staff supports us and helps us. It's a wonderful synergy when we all work together. Thank you Souvenir School employees for everything you do.

### **Next School Year.....**

We will kick off the 2019-2020 school year with our traditional corn roast. Come volunteer, this is a great way for parents to see their kids in action, meet other parents, and have some corn!



Class pictures are scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.

All pizza and frozen treats fundraisers will be done online starting in September. All the information you'll need will be sent to you with easy to use instructions.



### **Mabel's Labels**

The Souvenir Home and School Committee started a new fundraiser - Mabel's Labels! Mabel's Labels can be customized to your child's likes. Part of the profits go automatically to the Souvenir Home and School Committee. Just follow these easy steps.

- Step 1.** Go to: [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)
- Step 2.** If I is your first time, click on "AGREE" .
- Step 3.** From the drop-down menu chose "SOUVENIR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (LAVAL)"
- Step 4.** CLICK HERE TO BUY"
- Step 5.** Shop!

## More Important News

### Our Athletes.....

In April, three of our students participated in Defi Sportif Altergo. Over 8000 athletes from different countries participate at all levels. Fay Olivia participated in Shotput and racing and won gold in her category. Robert ran 50m and shotput and won a gold and bronze respectively. Emmanuel-Raphaels won Gold in Shotput. Congratulations to our Athletes!



### Our Graduates.....

You started your education here at Souvenir Elementary School and now you are taking your next step to high school. We encourage you in whatever you choose to do in the future. Look ahead and dream of all the possibilities your future may hold and may all your dreams come true. Remember your Souvenir Elementary School family fondly as we will remember you. We are so proud of you Class of 2019. All the best for your future.



**Thank you all, have a safe and fun summer.**



## What to expect Next Year:

### September:

- Corn Roast
- Pictures
- Movie Night
- Welcome Back Home and School Committee Meeting with Wine and Cheese

### October:

- Chocolate Fundraiser

### November:

- Book Fair