#  Riverview East Home and School

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*It’s that time of year again where we reflect on our achievements as a Home and School team. In September, we started out our year with a Cookie and Coffee day. Welcoming the staff back for another school year.*

*We are always looking for ways to celebrate our students but also our volunteers. An initiative was presented to celebrate Volunteers on the monthly basis. Each month the local selects someone from the log book of Volunteers in the school. A letter and gift card is mailed to the Volunteer thanking them for their time spent at our school with our children. It’s a small token of Thanks for a big impact.*

*In October, we held our 3rd Annual bottle drive. This time of year, there seems to be lots of interest in collecting bottles. A member contacted a local bottle collection company and now parents/guardians can take their bottles directly to the bottle collection company all year long. They can donate all the profits to their Home and School and the monies will be added to our account. Our team managed to raise $450.00 so far, this year.*

*Our big fundraiser was in November. This was the 5th year for this fundraiser. We sold pies from Apple Valley Foods in Nova Scotia. It was a great success exceeding our profits from last year. It was an extremely enjoyable day seeing everyone out and supporting our school. The school held an assembly and we presented prizes to the students. The class that had the most participation received a Pizza Party and the top 3 sellers from each age group received prizes for their hard work. We made $13,000 and handed out 5500 pies.*

*One additional event in November that the Home and School executives always look forward to is hosting a luncheon in honor our Veterans.*

*At Christmas, the school held a craft day and our Home and School gave each teacher $50 to help fund a special craft for each child to take home. In December, we had a gym teacher approach us with the need for new equipment for the gym. We were more than happy to buy all the equipment that she needed.*

### *The Home and School treated the entire school to a production from TNB called “The Damsel in Distress Who Saved Herself” in January. It was a great crowd pleaser.*

*In February, Home and School held a Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Each day our staff was treated to a hot beverage and treats. We offered a healthy and a sweet treat each day. On Friday, the Home and School executives held a sit-down luncheon with soup, salads and desserts supplied by the executives for the entire staff and bus drivers, around 100 staff attended.*

*The Home and School sets up two Trees of Appreciation. The students wrote a special note to their favorite staff member on apples post its and then stick them to the trees. At the end of the week the apples were split up and given to the staff. This is always a big hit with the kids. We love our staff at the school. This year in hopes of spreading more appreciation to the staff the school sent Apples home with the students so that parents could get involved.*

 *In April, our Board will host Andrew Middleton from Atlantic Youth. He will be presenting to the Middle School students at RES his presentation “CONNECTED” dealing with social media. Then in the evening Andrew will facilitate a parent learning session on “YOUTH TRENDS”.*

*With just a couple months left of school and time seems to be passing so quickly. The Home and School supplied a $1500 donation for more instruments for our Music program. When the soccer fields dry out the school will hold a Field day and the Home and School plans on holding a free BBQ for all the kids at the school.*

*We want to support our young adults when they are done the public-school system and move onto bigger things. We offer $500 bursaries for 2 graduating students. One directive is that the student had to have a parent or guardian that was active on the local Home and School.*

*We will also celebrate in June with our Grade eights as they are off to high school next year. The Home and School will supply dinner from Swiss Chalet for each student at their Banquet. We buy each graduate a year book so they will take memories from our Middle school as they proceed into high school. We also donate $500 to their class trip to Montreal.*

*We are so grateful for all the support we receive from our parents, the school administration and the staff. We think that Riverview East School rocks.*

***Riverview is a great “Place to Grow”***

*Best Regards,*

Sandra Broad-Tompkins

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Treasurer