HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION END OF YEAR REPORT 2017/2018:

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| **WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:**  The Home & School Association is composed of parents, guardians and grandparents of our students, and friends and supporters within the wider Fredericton community. The Home & School mission is to help GNMES to provide students with a quality and meaningful educational experience, and to grant children opportunities they might not otherwise have. We believe that learning happens inside and outside the classroom and that our children gain confidence when they see people taking an interest in what is important to them. |
| **ACTIVITIES WE WERE INVOLVED WITH 2017/2018:**  GNMES Community events and family fun   * + **Corn boil** – H&S provides rolls and water for the annual start of year Corn Boil   + **Howl Fest** – annual GNMES Halloween Family Fun Night – our biggest event of the year   + GNMES 4rd Annual **Christmas Tree lighting** – H&S organizes hot chocolate and cookies after the tree lighting event.   + **Movie nights** – Two movie nights - “Despicable Me 3” and “Emoji Movie”   School improvements   * + H&S is involved in the fundraising for the new **Track and Field** at GNMES   Health and Wellness   * + Athletics and Play     - **Ice-skating** - Grade 3 – a chance to learn/improve ice-skating skills     - **Downhill Skiing** - Grade 4 – introduction to skiing - Crabbe Mountain   Appreciation and recognition of our GNMES staff and students:   * + **Staff Appreciation Week** – a chance to give back to our wonderful community of teachers, administrative staff, custodians, bus drivers at GNMES – from cookies and coffee to a hot lunch   + **Grade 5 celebration trip to Greenhill Lake** – during the last week of school, a celebration of the end of the school year, in advance of Graduation from elementary school later in the week.   + **Coyote Kid Home and School Award** –an award presented to two students who have contributed to the culture of the school and regularly shows their greatness.   Education – H&S supports field trips and school events which aim to enrich our students’ experiences, focusing on literature, science and history;   * **Grades 3-5** - Spring concert “The Lion King” – post concert treats * **Grades K-2** - (and their Grade 5 mentors) end of year Field Day – treats and other supplies * **Grade 2** - end of year trip to Mactaquac and the Beaver Pond – transportation costs * **Grade 3** - end of year trip to the NB Provincial Museum and Irving Nature Park) – transportation * **Grade 3** - Agriculture in the Classroom course at the Ville – contribution to cost * **Grade 5** - end of year celebration at Green Hill Lake; post-graduation celebration at the school * **All Grades** - attended performance of “Herman’s Tale” by Theatre New Brunswick (TNB) * **All Grades** - two concerts by Roland Bibeau – teaching French through singing |
| **FUNDRAISING:**  To allow H&S to support activities within the school, we have fundraising activities that run across the year.   * HowlFest, Pizza Delight fundraiser; Movie Nights; Popcorn sales; Vegetable Boxes |
| **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:**  Meetings are generally meet once a month. Minutes from the 2017/2018 meetings (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, March, June) are available at:  <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/GNMES/Pages/HomeandSchool.aspx>  Meeting attendance is not required to be involved. We issue requests for volunteers for our events over the course of the year, sign up for single events as you can. Please email [gibsonneillhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gibsonneillhomeandschool@gmail.com) to be included on our list.  “Like” our FaceBook page for regular event and meeting updates  https://www.facebook.com/Gibson-Neill-Home-School-Association-285402174885338/ |