HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION END OF YEAR REPORT 2016/2017:

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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 2016/2017:**With this in mind, we support a wide variety of school activities across the school year. Here is a summary of activities that we were involved with during the school year 2016/2017:* GNMES Community events and family fun
	1. **Corn boil** – H&S provides rolls and water for the annual start of year Corn Boil
	2. **Howl Fest** – the annual GNMES Halloween festival- organized by H&S, this is a hugely successful annual celebration!
	3. GNMES 3rd Annual **Christmas Tree lighting** – H&S funds and serves hot chocolate and cookies after the tree lighting event.
	4. **Movie nights** – A movie night, leading into the December vacation, were organized and run by H&S – “Secret Life of Pets” (December)
* School improvements
	1. H&S made donations to assist in the purchase of **seating (Risers)**, to be used for concerts and events.
	2. H&S is involved in the fundraising for the new **Track and Field** at GNMES
* Health and Wellness
	1. Athletics and Play
		1. **Ice-skating** – funded by H&S - provides Grade 3 children to learn/improve their ice-skating skills
		2. **Downhill Sking** – funded by H&S - Grade 4 students go to Crabbe Mountain in March
* Appreciation and recognition – a chance to show our appreciation of GNMES staff and our Graduating Grade 5 students:
	1. **Staff Appreciation Week** – funded by H&S - H&S organize a week of treats for the wonderful community of teachers, administrative staff, custodians, bus drivers at GNMES – from cookies and coffee to a hot lunch. a chance to give back to–
	2. **Grade 5 trip to Greenhill Lake** – funded by H&S – our graduating Grade 5 students spend a day at Greenhill Lake during the last week of the school year, celebrating the end of the school year, and getting ready for their Graduation later in the week.
	3. **Coyote Kid Home and School Award** – funded by H&S – this pair of awards is presented to a boy and a girl who contributes 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.
	1. **Field trips supported by H&S:**
		1. Grade 1; Kingswood trip
		2. Grade 3 (Fr) - Kings Landing and Sugar Bush
		3. Grade 3 (Fr) - NB Provinicial Museum and Irving nature park, St John
		4. Grade 2: Mactaquac Dam and Nature Park
		5. Grade 2 visit to Art Gallery
		6. Grade 4 (Fr) picnic at the river
	2. **School events, supported by H&S:**
		1. Fredericton Playhouse – Grade 1
		2. Chess tournament registration
		3. Craig Cardiff – 2 concerts at GNMES
		4. Stephen Lewis
		5. Popsicles for K-2 Field Day(& their Grade 5 mentors)
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| **FUNDRAISING:** To allow H&S to support activities within the school, we have fundraising activities that run across the year.1. HowlFest - October
2. Movie Night - December
3. Popcorn sales – ongoing during the school year
4. Raffle tickets – Grades 3-5 Spring Concert
5. Steeped Tea Fundraiser – May/June 2017
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| **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:**Meetings are generally meet once a month. Minutes from the 2016/2017 meetings are available at (note meetings in December and February were cancelled due to storms):<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 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/ |