

GARDEN CREEK HOME & SCHOOL

Year End Newsletter

The mandate of Garden Creek's Home and School (H&S) Committee is to support school spirit activities and organize fundraising efforts for our school.

This year was the first time 100% of the H&S fundraisers were virtual. It was a learning curve for everyone and though we missed seeing everyone in person we still did a great job! Thank you to all the volunteers and our creeker community for continuing to support our school!

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY

Christmas Bazaar: This was our 49th Annual Bazaar and though we were not able to have all of our fun in-person activities, the fundraising was still a great success! Between the Theme Baskets and the Silent Auction we raised just over \$7,000!

Chapters Night: Another online fundraiser meant missing our lovely choir, but we still raised approximately \$750!

Scott's Nursery -Christmas: This year we offered 5 different products from Scott's Nursery and it we raised even more than last year! Scott's told us we sold the most of any school this year, raising approximately \$2,400!

Spring Raffle: Another successful online fundraiser, we raised over \$2,700!

Acorn Fundraiser: With over 155 items purchased this beautiful spring art fundraiser brought in over \$1,200!

Mabels Labels: This year we've made approximately \$130!

Scott's Nursery (Spring): TBA



GARDEN CREEK GARDEN CLUB

This year the H&S loaned the Garden Creek Garden Club \$4000 which has since been paid back. With this money they were able to once again kickstart this successful gardening project at our school. From indoor gardening and seed propagation, to outdoor maple syrup tapping and production, the GCGC has had another very successful (and educational!) year at the Creek. We look forward to watching this project continue to grow and offer further enrichment opportunities to our Creekers!

FROM THE PSSC

Highlights of the year included:

- Supporting communication between teachers and parents through the investment of PSSC funds in SeeSaw
- Collaborating with Administration to coordinate a parent engagement survey to solicit feedback from parents on a variety of important questions.
- Collaborating with Home and School on a project to find a solution to the wet school fields.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

At the beginning of the year H&S gave \$2000 to Mme. Plourde so each class could have their own outdoor equipment & toys for the students to play with in their outdoor zones.

This year H&S organized a Bazaar Fun Week for students which included themed days, ornament making, colouring activities, cookies & hot chocolate, a movie, a visit from Santa and more!

H&S got benches donated to the outdoor classroom.

Hot lunch was brought back! Initially not allowed at the beginning of the year, it was brought back once a week with hope to go back to twice a week this coming school year!

Every year in June the Grade 5 classes go on a graduation field trip. This is usually sponsored by the H&S and this year cost \$744

UPCOMING PROJECTS

BASKETBALL COURT

This summer while the students are home the basketball court is getting a makeover! It is being repaved and expanded by 8ft making it 31 X 38. The basket ball nets are being reset and it will get some fresh paint! This will cost \$10,580.00 plus HST not including the line painting.

LILY PAD PROJECT

No more muddy field!

A while in the making, Phase 1 of the Lily Pad Project is finally moving forward! In order for the soccer field to be dry, a drainage system has to be put in. The first step in this project is getting the land surveyed and having an engineering design drawn up. This will be done over the summer and will cost \$4000 + HST.

Stay tuned for more fundraising initiatives in the new school year as completing the drainage system could cost upwards of \$100,000.

SCHOOL SPIRIT SPENDING

Every year the H&S spends some of our budget on activities that increase school spirit and show our thanks to teachers & staff!

For the last few years the H&S has given \$100 to each teacher at the beginning of the year for student enrichment supplies.

In February during Teachers Appreciation Week the H&S purchased lunch for every member of staff from Fadi's.

Administrative Assistant Day was April 21st and the H&S bought flowers and gifts for our two wonderful school Administrators - without whom we wouldn't be able to run all our online fundraisers!