

## **Home & School Report**

Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, September 27, 2018

The start of school has been a very busy time and transition for the Home & School Association. Here are some notes on the many activities and changes that have been happening:

**New Board Members:** New Co-Chairs Julie Trudel and Sally Burnett are very thankful to outgoing Co-Chair Luisa Carpio-Mak (now our Member at large) for assisting us at keeping track of everything HS does. Our new Communications Officer, Trinity Wittman has also been putting in so much time and effort into getting our Blog, and Facebook pages streamlined and our newsletters frequent and up to date.

**HS Sign Ups on Line:** In our attempt to go paperless and gather our data in one place, the online Sign ups have been organized for HS membership, volunteering and Pizza and Froyo.

**BooHoo WooHoo Breakfast:** Was a new HS initiative started this year to Welcome the Kindergarten families. Volunteers hosted two snack breakfast for the parents during the kindergarten integration mornings. It was appreciated by all attendees and we had many parents present willing to volunteer.

**Welcome Back CornRoast:** The second annual corn roast was another huge success. Luisa planned a flawless, waste free evening that was enjoyed by a large number of our families. There were interactive games for the kids and everyone ate well. It was a perfect kick off to welcome everyone back for the year.

**Pizza and Fro-Yo Sign Up has Commenced:** After much work on the part of the outgoing Co-chairs and our new Communications officer, HS has taken Pizza and Froyo sign up to an Online platform. Lunches will start in October.

**HS Membership:** We have had an excellent sign up this year having added an on-line link to HS membership sign up.

**Thoughtful Thursdays:** are Being Co-Coordinated by Luisa Carpio Mak and Kristin McNeill and will commence in October. The children are encouraged to bring donations for the foodbank once a month.

### **Upcoming Fall Activities include:**

- Basketball try outs in October. The activity takes place at NDG sports Center each week
- Open House in Mid-October
- Photo Days
- Halloween Day
- Grad Committee

**And our Christmas Line-up is as packed as usual with:**

- Recettes en Pot fundraiser
- Pancake Breakfast
- Kindergarten Breakfast with Santa
- Food Bank Drive
- Christmas Caroling...and more...

**Budget Cuts:** Finally, due to the new financial constraints faced by the school due to budget cuts, HS has been requested to assist in financing the Christmas and Spring Concert events as well as theater presentations that visit the school over the year. The HS Board is supportive of making these contributions and hope to vote to finance them at our next meeting. We have requested detailed budgets from organizers. New Fundraising initiatives may be required.  
Thank you.