



BALACLAVA

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



A warm welcome to new and returning families!!

The BalACLAVA Home and School Association is a dedicated group of parents and guardians who supportively work together to enrich the educational experience of all students. Our goal is to support the school through various initiatives and to foster a sense of community where families and staff can come together to make BalACLAVA School the best it can be.

WHAT WE DO:

- **Fundraising:** We organize events and activities to raise funds that directly benefit our students. From field trips to classroom supplies, technology, and special programs, the money we raise helps enhance the learning environment.
- **BalACLAVA Fun Fair:** One of our favorite annual events is the BalACLAVA Fun Fair, where we come together for an evening filled with games, a barbecue, and a silent auction. This event is always a fantastic time for families to connect, have fun, and support the school in a big way!
- **Volunteering:** We offer numerous opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved, whether it's on food days, helping at events, or supporting our school initiatives.

There is no better advocate for your child than you! For that reason you are already perfect to join our team of amazing volunteers! We are always happy to have new members to help us meet our objectives. It is never too early or too late to join! Even if you have been at BalACLAVA for years or just beginning your school journey we encourage you to get involved and we look forward to fresh ideas and energy from the new faces who join our team!

We invite all parents/guardians to come out to one of the upcoming H&S meetings to learn more about planned expenditures for the coming year or to bring forth an initiative that could be considered for the benefit of all students.

In an attempt to accommodate more schedules we have changed our meeting schedules to evening meetings. Meetings will be posted on our Facebook page, Instagram account/story as well as updated on the shared Google Calendar (link on last page).

WORRIED ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU CAN COMMIT:

Don't! Your commitment can be as big or small as you like. We welcome help from anyone willing to lend a hand, wherever/whenever they can.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED:

We realize that we still might not be able to accommodate everyone's schedules; however you can still have a voice in the Home and School initiatives and determine the best use for our fundraising dollars. For example, our voting system is done via email/online, so that all members can have a chance to vote on our initiatives, whether they can attend a meeting or not.

- 1) **Lend your time:** Simply email us at balACLAVAhands@gmail.com with what area you would like to help out with. For example: Food Days, Fun Fair, Fun Script or other Fundraisers, or helping with recruiting by running H&S table at school events.
- 2) **Lend your Voice:** Join us for our monthly meetings: our First one will be Thursday October 10th at 7pm. Location TBD.

AREAS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT:

Each year the Balaclava H&S raises thousands of dollars to support enhanced learning, technology, programs and initiatives in our school. We continually search for new ways we can be most effective and are proud of the enhancements we have provided over the years. Some of the areas we proudly support are:

Food & Spirit and Earth Days	Field Trips & Extra Curricular Clubs	In School Cooking Classes	Projector & Smart Board Maintenance
Gym & Playground Equipment	Library & Reading Programs	Performing Arts & Holiday Production	In School Excursions Example: Planetarium & Jungle Gym experience
Art Supplies	Math & Science Programs	Sport Teams	Updating Technology in the classrooms - ipads, keyboards etc.

WANT MORE INFORMATION:

See below for a list of the current H&S Executives:

Presidents: Erin Duncan & Amy Douma

Treasurers: Erin Bell & Sarah Fujimoto

Secretary: Brittany Lyell

To reach any of the executive team please email balaclavahands@gmail.com

H&S UPDATES AVAILABLE ON:

Google Calendar -

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=balaclavahands%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FToronto>



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