



Garden Creek Home and School 2016-2017 – Year in Review

It has been another amazing year at the Creek!

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.

Here is a summary of how the H&S supported Garden Creek during the past year.

Christmas Bazaar: This was our 45th Annual Christmas Bazaar! It takes a tremendous amount of effort from the H&S Committee, school staff and the Creeker families to coordinate this event. This year's Christmas Bazaar raised approximately **\$18,000!**

Movie Nights: Three fun movie nights were organized: *Secret Life of Pets*, *Trolls* and *Moana*. The objective of movie nights is to bring the Garden Creek community together in a social setting. An annual movie license is purchased by the H&S, which is required to host these events and show movies in the classrooms during the school year.

Chapters: A fundraising event was held at Chapters in November with \$1040 being raised. The Harmony and Boys' Choirs entertained shoppers with holiday music.

Family Pizza Day: Family Pizza Nights raised \$343. These were held on three Tuesday evenings in April, May and June.

Summit Dodge Test Drive: An event where families could come to the Creek and test drive a number of Nissan and Summit Dodge vehicles. This event raised \$1060.

Capital Costs: Home and School purchased 20 Ipads as part of the Technology Enhancement project. H&S also purchased 9 stationary bikes so that each classroom is now equipped. Students use the bikes to burn off extra energy, which helps them to improve their concentration and re-focus on their school work.

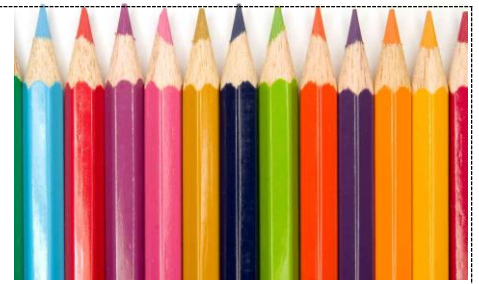
Supplies/Equipment: Support was provided to the school office budget in September to help cover general expenses. Each teacher was also provided with a \$100 supplement to purchase necessary supplies for their classroom.

Student Activities/Clubs: Based on teacher requests, support was provided to offset select costs for the Drama Club Production of *Pirates!* (Grades 2-4) and *Worlds UNBound*. Home and School also continued the tradition of supporting the Grade 5 class trip to Green Hill Lake Camp and provided funds for students to attend the George Street Middle School Production of *The Little Mermaid*.

Other School Spirit Activities: This included: a school-wide pancake lunch and a baked potato lunch in March. A healthy snack was also provided in June to all of the Creakers.

New to the Creek: This year H&S helped support a World Vision Sponsor, Punam, a three year old child from Tibet. Finally, Garden Creek now has a recycling program! Many thanks to all of our recycling volunteers.





Student Recognition: Support was provided to Garden Creek School for monthly birthday recognitions, good deed awards, and other special leadership initiatives.

Home and School provided assistance to our fabulous book fair that was held in April.

Home and School recognized **Teacher Appreciation Week** in February with a special lunch for all staff.

Hot Lunch: Home and School coordinates each cycle of the weekly Hot Lunch Program on behalf of Garden Creek School. Thank you to all the hot lunch money counters and volunteers!

Welcome Back: Fruit trays and a healthy snack will be provided to the teachers and students, respectively during the first week of school in September 2017.

THANK YOU

Home and School would like to thank all the Creeker families and staff volunteers for their support this year. The activities noted above could not have happened without your dedication!

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER EVERYONE!



Garden Creek Home and School is a volunteer committee comprised of interested parents, teachers, and school administration. We serve as a link between parents and the school whose goal is to enhance the learning and overall school experience of all students at Garden Creek.

If you are interested in volunteering with the H&S or at the Christmas Bazaar, please contact Jodi Parker, the H&S President, at jodi.parker@live.ca. The first meeting for 2017-2018 will be held in mid-September.

