

FAIRVIEW GLEN PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Winter is almost here!

We've had a great start to the 2014/2015 school year at Fairview Glen Montessori! The FGPA has many exciting events planned for this year. Stay tuned to learn when and how you can participate. The FGPA meets on the last Thursday of each month immediately following the 'Parent Chat', in the foyer. Please join us!

Want to get involved?

Are you looking to participate in your child's experience at Fairview Glen? It's easy! Join the FGPA. The FGPA is a purely **volunteer-driven** group of parents, whose mandate is to provide activities and events for the benefit and enjoyment of the students of Fairview Glen Montessori School. Whether you have a morning, whole day or some free time at home to spare, you can have a positive impact on our school. Visit our website at www.fgpa.ca, or contact our Chair-- Debbie Baker-Coates, at dcoates3@cogeco.ca, for volunteer opportunities.

What do we do?

The FGPA is responsible for fundraising and organizing the various events that children and parents enjoy at Fairview Glen throughout the school year. Our funds cover things like:

- Craft Days (holidays)
- Family Skating and Pizza Party
- Providing treats at School concerts and Fun Day Lunch
- Valentine's Day Chocolate Fountain
- Guest Speakers/Performers
- International Day Snack & Craft
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Family Summer Picnic

Last year FGPA fundraising efforts allowed the purchase of a laptop for use in French instruction for all students.

FGPA Roles

As children grow up and prepare to graduate, the time inevitably comes when the baton must be passed within the FGPA as well. With this in mind several parents have stepped forward to work with members of this year's FGPA who will not be returning next year, in order to absorb, learn and prepare to take on their roles for next year.

Carla Iwasiuk will be working with Debbie Baker-Coates to take over as FGPA Chair. Roopali Kapoor will be shadowing Caroline Chen-Whatley to transition into the role of Treasurer. Cory Wade



Seeking Mabel's Labels Organizer

Are you looking for a way to get involved and help out with the FGPA but can't make it to the school for meetings during school hours?

This may be the opportunity for you! FGPA is currently seeking a parent volunteer to run the Mabel's Labels fundraiser. This is something that can be done entirely from home in your own time.

Mabel's Labels supports the school with a portion of each purchase cost returned to contribute to FGPA fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering to manage this year's Mabel's Labels fundraising, please contact our Chair - Debbie Baker-Coates, at dcoates3@cogeco.ca

will be learning from Deepa Ganatra to take on the Communications role.

Our thanks go out to Debbie Baker-Coates, Caroline Chen-Whatley, Deepa Ganatra and Kerry McAleese for the tremendous amount of hard work and incredible contribution they have made to the FGPA and the school over the past years!

Holiday Craft-- Wednesday Dec.3rd

If you have some time to help out and would like to take part in some creative fun, come and join us on **Wednesday December 3rd** for this year's box decorating craft. The children will be making colourful, festive baker's boxes in preparation for the annual Family Favourites Bake Sale to be held on December 17th. Students will fill their decorated boxes with all the mouth-watering goodies they purchase at the sale.

Family Favourites Bake Sale -- Wednesday Dec. 17th

Always one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Family Favourites Bake Sale is all set for the morning of December 17th this year. All baking contributions are welcome, from small items such as cookies, cupcakes, cake pops, etc. to larger items such as full cakes and pies. Past Favourites have even included homemade ready-to-freeze soups, zucchini and banana loaves and samosas! Items to raffle are also welcome. Please ensure that all contributed items are completely nut-free.

Bring your contributions when you drop off your child, before 9:30 am on Bake Sale day. If you are providing bowls, platters or other items for display of your baked goods, please be sure to label them so they can be returned to you afterwards.

Throughout the day students, family and friends can make their purchases. The children visit the sale with their classes so you'll want to ensure that they have money to purchase their

Hot Lunch Help

The FGPA provides 'Hot Lunch' each Friday to students who have placed their orders at the beginning of the Fall and Winter terms.

Hot Lunch consists of alternating Pizza, Pasta, and Sub Days, with drinks, veggies and fruit. If you are able to help distribute the lunches even just one Friday out of the year, please help us! We meet each Friday in the foyer at 11:00am and spend approximately 1.5 hours.

Alternatively, you could help out by shopping for and preparing a nutritious fruit or veggie snack for 55 children for 1 Hot Lunch Day (receipts submitted to FGPA will be reimbursed). Please contact Debbie Baker-Coates (dcoates3@cogeco.ca) for more specific information on this volunteer opportunity.

treats when it's their turn! We hope you will all participate and help the FGPA raise funds for more great future events.

Christmas Concert DVD

The Fairview Glen Christmas Concert this year will be on Thursday, December 18th at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline St. in Burlington. Once again this year the FGPA will be commissioning a DVD of the concert so that you and your children can enjoy looking back on it in the years to come. Keep a lookout for order forms to be sent home soon and be sure to order your copy!

Family Skating and Pizza Party -- Sunday Feb. 1st

Be sure to keep this date free! The FGPA Annual Family Skating and Pizza Party will take place on Sunday February 1st and this year it will be at the Appleby Ice Centre, 1201 Appleby Line in Burlington, from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Come and enjoy some winter fun with the whole family!

Used Uniforms

Our last used uniform sale was highly successful! If you are still interested in purchasing any gently used clothing, we still have lots of inventory. All clothing is sold at only 50% of the McCarthy's prices, with 10% of the proceeds from each sale going to the FGPA for future events.

If, at any time, you'd like to make a purchase or contribute your own clothing articles, please contact Debbie Baker-Coates at dcoates3@cogeco.ca.

Save the Dates:

- Dec. 3rd -- Holiday Craft
- Dec. 17th -- Family Favourites Bake Sale
- Dec. 18th -- Christmas Concert
- Feb. 1st -- Family Skating and Pizza Party