



## Genesis Home and School Association End of the Year Report

September 2015 to June 2016

Executive Team: Tina Rosato as President  
Patty Marinelli as Vice-President  
Terri Paduano as Secretary  
Rosie Martino as Treasurer

The association met every second Tuesday of the month.

The executives met 3 times during the year.

### Our Goal:

Our goal was to purchase more technology for our classrooms for the benefit of teachers and students. Our goal was to fundraise for 3 laptops per class. We plan on purchasing the laptops over 2 years. We also fundraised for activities that enrich the student's experiences on a monthly basis.

Below is a list of our monthly activities.

### September

- We organized a welcome back treat for all the students. They were treated to a fruit salad. We also had a DJ come in and play music for the entire afternoon. Our volunteers animated and spread good cheer to all! We also organized a draw of prizes for 10 students. They received books and a coupon for a free hot lunch.
- We also sponsored a Dynamix Adventures fun filled day for all students.
- During curriculum night, I introduced home and school and what we do to the entire community. It generated a lot of interest. At our first meeting we had a very high attendance of 50 interested parents. By the end of the membership campaign, 45 parents signed up to become members.
- At the end of September, we began our chocolate bar drive for 3 weeks. Every Tuesday and Thursday, we had 4 members counting funds, rewarding students with stickers on their class chart, etc. We sold lots of chocolate! We had 2 class pizza lunches for the students who sold the most chocolates. And we had \$300 worth of prizes for top sellers.
- We started our TCBY campaign for the entire year. We introduced a new flavor. It was successful!
- We started our Pizza lunch fundraising campaign and it was very successful.
- We sold more home and school t-shirts to members at \$5 each.

### October

- For the last two years, Halloween has been so exciting at Genesis with spooky themes and activities. This year our creative volunteers organized a Monster theme and transformed Genesis school into Hotel Transylvania. Each student received a passport to

the hotel and was free to visit over 10 rooms with different experiences such as: a photo booth, spa, museum, make slime and senses room. Each child received a cupcake at the end of the day.

- We held a Halloween movie night and charged \$2 at the door and sold refreshments.
- We also organized an inauguration ceremony for the turf that we fundraised for last year. We invited city councillors, school board commissioner, parents, teachers, offered popcorn as a treat to all, and hosted friendly soccer scrimmages.
- We also sponsored the choir program at Genesis. We paid the choir director's salary which lowered the cost to parents for enrolling their children.

## **November**

- For the last two years, we have organized a Holiday Fair at Genesis for the entire community. We spread holiday cheer by selling books for \$1, selling baked goodies, smencils, tutus, lollipops, coffee and much more. We had over 20 vendors selling their crafts and everyone started their holiday shopping early for their loved ones. We also had a special visit from Olaf and Queen Elsa and the students had an opportunity to take their photo taken for \$5. We had face painting. We are the only Home and School in Laval to have a fair.
- We also offered Zumba classes to the community once a week and our daycare educator Miss Sara gave the classes. On the last day of the session, members were invited to bring their children. It was a great fundraiser and very popular.
- At the annual teacher convention, we allocated \$30 per teacher to buy classroom resources. Our mission is to always support our teachers.
- We also sponsored the science teacher and she was able to buy lots of science material for the entire school.

## **December**

- We sponsored a French theatre company to come to school and present a play to all students. It was enjoyed by all.
- Three volunteers dressed up as Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and an elf and visited each class spreading holiday cheer! They sang holiday jingles and danced through the hallways of Genesis school. The volunteers also gave candy canes to all the children.
- On the last day before the Christmas break, the students were treated to popcorn.
- We also had a pizza party for the top selling classes for the chocolate fundraiser.

## **January**

- We purchased winter toys for the students such as: shovels, snowball makers and snow brick makers.
- For the first time at Genesis, we held a school dance. We decided to have 2 dances: one for K to cycle 2 and the other for cycle 3. Almost all of the students participated. Many volunteers worked hard to decorate the school gym into a magical winter wonderland. The entrance charge was \$5 and each student received a bottle of water and a slice of

pizza. We also sold refreshments and glow in the dark bracelets. The students also played Just Dance and had their photo taken at the photo booth.

- We purchased 8 lab tops for cycle 3.

## **February**

- We celebrated all the staff at Genesis for an entire week during staff appreciation week. They were treated to lunch every single day with different themes. They were also given treats in their mail slots and coffee and dessert every recess break. Our wonderful volunteers transformed their bathroom into a beautiful oasis. We draped the walls, added beach frames and flowers, scented soap and made it a wonderful place to visit. It is being appreciated by all. Each staff member also received a keepsake of written notes from students.
- On Valentine's Day, we welcomed students to make a valentine's day craft or card for their loved ones. It was an effortless and inexpensive idea enjoyed by over 50 students.

## **March**

- During winter carnival week, our volunteers organized outside winter games and fun for all the students. They students and staff were treated to taffy.
- Volunteers also organized a bake sale and buck-a-book sale during parent/teacher interview night.

## **April**

- We celebrated Earth day by asking all students to bring in recyclable material during one week. During a lunch hour, we asked students to create robots, structures, things out of these materials. We supplied the glue and tape and they were so inspired.
- At the end of the month, we spoiled our secretaries and principal. We invited a chef to come and cook for the 3 of them and serve them on their lunch hour. We also spoiled them with cards and gifts of appreciation.
- We attended the AGM.

## **May**

- Volunteers worked on making 2 beautiful rock gardens in the front yard of our school. We bought new perennials, soil and planted tulips.
- The garden club met every Friday throughout the year and watered all the plants in our school. The students were treated to an ice cream.

## **June**

- On Kindergarten Orientation day, the president introduced the Genesis Home and School Association to the new parents.
- We sponsored \$75 toward each grade 6 graduate. They students received a t-shirt, a fantastic graduation party, personalized cupcakes, and many more surprises.

- Many volunteers worked so hard to organize a great end of the year fun day. We rented 3 inflatables, jumbo games, a cotton candy machine, hired a dj, played games, and much more. We also invited a juggler to teach the students how to juggle. The students were treated to pizza, a bag of chips and ice cream. It was a magical day for all!

Lastly, we would like to thank the following persons for their support and without them the above would not be possible:

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All of the staff at Genesis

Piccola Gioia

Governing Board members

Our Lady of Divine Love Church

Miss Sara

We would like to wish Terri Paduano and Rosie Martino all the best! You will be missed!

Tina Rosato

President of Genesis Home and School Association