

2014 – 2015 Executive

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Lester B. Pearson

Lord Nelson

Lord Roberts

Masonville

McGillivray Central

Northdale Central

Oxbow

Prince Charles

Princess Anne

Princess Elizabeth

Riverside

St. George's

Sir G.E. Cartier

Tecumseh

Trafalgar

W. Sherwood Fox

West Nissouri

West Oaks

Wortley Road

Zorra Highland Park

CONGRATULATIONS!

OFHSA BOOSTER AWARD WINNERS 2014 - 2015

These associations increased their membership by at least 20% over the previous year's numbers.

Adelaide W. G. MacDonald (2nd consecutive year)
Bonaventure Meadows
Prince Charles
Princess Anne
Riverside (2nd consecutive year)
St. George's
Tecumseh
West Oaks
Wortley Road

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

Knollwood Park – 95 Years

Princess Elizabeth – 90 Years

Wortley Road – 80 Years

Evelyn Harrison – 35 Years

Bonaventure Meadows – 20 Years

IDCI – 20 Years

Princess Anne – 20 Years

B. Davison (formerly Sir George Ross) – 20 Years

AND

Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations – 110 Years!

President's Report – Sheena Davis

Stepping up to the role of President partway through the year has been a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with more of our association members. When I think about Home and School Associations, I always feel proud to be a part of this wonderful group of people who are so dedicated to promoting the best for children, but hearing our members stories first hand has inspired me to want to do more, share more and learn more. Thank you to all of our members who work so hard to support our students. TVCHSA has been so fortunate, over the past several years, to have had Arlene as such a wonderful president and leader. We wish her all the best as she continues to advocate for students in her new role as Trustee with TVDSB. It has been an honour to serve alongside our amazing executive committee – I can't imagine a better team – who are always there to support, encourage and inspire. Thank you Adam, Arlene, Leona, Robin and Sarah.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheena Davis, President
Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

Past-President's Report – Arlene Morell

It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve for the past number of years as the President of Thames Valley Council. I am continuously humbled by the great work undertaken by Home and School Associations and members in schools and communities here in Thames Valley.

As I move forward in my role as a Trustee with TVDSB, I reflect on how excellence in educational supports through Home and School has shaped leadership in schools, within TVDSB and in the province. Through OFHSA mission and beliefs, our work is guided by a solid foundation that promotes "The Best for Each Student." I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our members for your dedication to students, from volunteering with the hot lunch program, to organizing winter clothing drives, to honouring your school community with a profound understanding of what is needed to support school staff and families.

As I take the next step in my journey in promoting public education, I am delighted with the leadership and dedication by the Thames Valley Council Executive, each who has given so much of themselves to see the success of the Council and Associations. So often unnoticed, the countless hours spent to ensuring the needs of Associations were addressed, the paperwork was completed and filed, information and notices were posted – we served together as a team! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Morell, Past-President
Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

Area Chair Coordinator – Robin Harvey

This year we have 43 active Home and School Associations in the Thames Valley region.

Each year, Associations are asked to forward the following information to the Thames Valley Council (before Dec. 31): executive members' list, meeting dates, verified financial statement for the past year, budget for current year, and current bylaws. I am most thankful to those Associations who have continued submitting their paperwork keeping their Home and School in good standing with both Thames Valley Council and OFHSA.

This year, I took on the new role of Membership Workgroup Leader at the Ontario Federation level. I felt that the members in Thames Valley had so much to share with other members throughout the province and we could all learn from each other. A Google Group was established and I thank those Thames Valley members who have started and joined in the conversations there. If you are on Twitter, be sure to not only follow our Thames Valley Council account (@TVCHSA) but the new OFHSA Twitter (@OFHSA1916) as well. There are so many ways to stay connected and share ideas, not only about membership, but about what's happening in our schools every day.

I have received, literally, hundreds of e-mails this year. I hope I have been able to help everyone with their queries, or at least point them in the right direction to someone who can help. Issues members were interested included: how H&S fundraised money can be spent, holding raffles, the difference between H&S and School Council, insurance under OFHSA, how NSF cheques are handled, running meetings, issues between executive members and how to work together, parents making donations to H&S (charitable donations), OFHSA Conference and a lot of questions about verified financial statements, as this year, Associations were to have them done by Feb. 28 in order to attend OFHSA Conference. Watch for upcoming information on a special meeting where we will help you organize your books to get ready for verification.

As you can see, there are always questions being asked, on just about every topic. Your Association is not alone in asking. The best place to bring your concerns to, is our monthly General Meetings. We let Association presidents know in advance of these meetings, and we also post them on our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/TVCHSA](https://www.facebook.com/TVCHSA)). Please make an effort to attend one next year, not only to bring your questions and concerns, but to make connections with other members from Thames Valley.

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Harvey, Area Chair Coordinator/Membership
Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

May 2015 – Sheena Davis

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee serves as a resource, information gathering and advisory body to the Municipal Council on matters pertaining to safety and crime prevention in the City of London.

Topics of discussion include: bicycle safety, fire prevention, booster seats for children, reduction of speed limits in school zones and other methods to increase neighborhood safety.

Active and Safe Routes to School (ASRTS)

May 2015 – Sheena Davis

Active and Safe Routes to School is a community-based initiative that promotes the use of active transportation for the daily trip to school, addressing health, physical activity, and traffic safety issues while taking action on air pollution and climate change.

ASRTS promotes and assists with school travel planning (STP) and encourages more students walk/ride to school. For more information see: www.activesaferoutes.ca

Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC)

May 2015 – Sheena Davis, Sarah Tomson

TVPIC's Roadmap to Success conference was well attended. Parents heard Director Elliot's message about the importance of parent engagement as well as presentations on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, and the Creating Pathways to Success program which makes use of the MyBluePrint online tool. TVPIC held a workshop on Pro Grant submissions, and also supported various parent-lead school events through the TVPIC Parent Enhancement Fund.

Communications and Public Affairs

May 2015 – Sheena Davis

The Communications and Public Relations Committee provides a vehicle for strengthening communications across the Thames Valley District School Board; and provides a collaborative forum for building a strong image for public education across the District. The Committee functions as an important source of advice and feedback to the Public Affairs and Community Relations department regarding corporate-level communications programs and initiatives. It also provides a forum, involving a wide range of stakeholders, for addressing communications challenges and opportunities that affect the District, and for developing appropriate recommendations.

Topics of discussion include: Inclement Weather closure announcements, Kindergarten and Grade 9 Enrollment campaign, TVDSB social media connections (Twitter @tvdsb, www.facebook.com/TVDSB, Youtube channel)

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This Award was introduced in 1989-90 and is presented to an Educator who has demonstrated in an exceptional way his or her support for parental involvement in education through the Home and School organizations. Nominations may be submitted by Associations, Councils, Regional Boards, or the Federation Executive.

At the 1990 Annual Meeting, the first Educator was presented to Mr. R.A. (Dick) Dodds, Director of Education for the Board of Education for the Borough of East York.

Thames Valley Recipients

Gary Thatcher	1994	Superintendent London Board of Education
Mary Greenwood	1995	Vice-Principal, Glen Cairn
Fred Tyrell	1996	Principal, University Heights
Gary Jazey	1997	Principal, Montcalm S.S.
John Thorpe	1998	Principal, Clarke Rd. S.S.
Darryl Dann	1999	Principal, Chippewa
Debbie Farquhar	2000	Principal, Prince Charles
Glenna Hall	2003	Teacher, W. Sherwood Fox
Ena Runnalls	2004	Teacher, Sir Winston Churchill
Donna Draper	2005	Teacher, Glen Cairn
Aretta Blue	2012	Teacher, Glen Cairn
Virginia Dahms	2015	Educational Assistant, Glen Cairn

2014-2015 - OFHSA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Qualities of leadership, congeniality and willingness to serve the community are present in many students. The Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations wishes to recognize their students that are thoughtful of the needs of others, have demonstrated their concern for the betterment of society- both in their school and in the wider community.

Grade 5

Sydney Vickers

Lord Nelson

DORIS FORD and MARY BAWDEN

Home and Schoolers work tirelessly for “the Best for Each Student”. What they are not are self promoters. Home and Schoolers are those parents in the background. In 1992 London Council of Home and School thought that they should do something to showcase those unsung heroes of the organization. Since Federation had the Col. S. McLaughlin Award, LCHSA thought that they should have their own award. Since there were so many that could and should qualify it was decided to have an award at the Association level and one at the Council level.

Who better to acknowledge for their dedication to Home and School than two absolute outstanding ladies. Doris Ford and Mary Bawden both started with Home and School when their children entered the public elementary level.

Doris worked with the Wortley Road Home and School throughout her children’s education and her grand and great grandchildren’s education. She became known as Mrs. Home and School. Her participation at Home and School events such as conference etc. was well documented. Doris was still promoting Home and School until she passed away in her 80’s. As most of Doris’ work was at the Association level it was decided to name the award in her honour.

Mary joined London Council, went through the ranks of Council President, Region President and finally served two successful years as Ontario Federation President. However she did not sit on her laurels, she continued to help both Federation and London Council in any capacity that she could and served multiple years on the Federation Board of Directors and assisted London Council with their newsletter; all of this after working her way through the level to Federation President. Only age and health (she is in her 80’s) have slowed her down. Her dedication made the naming of the Council award a natural.

Each separately have probably dedicated more than 40 years to the Home and School organization.

DORIS FORD AWARD

The Doris Ford Award was introduced in 1996 and was presented annually by the London Council of Home & School Associations and carried on by the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations. This award is presented to an individual for outstanding contribution to an Association within the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations.

Lynda Huber	Evelyn Harrison Home & School Association	1996
Audrey Myke	Empress Home & School Association	1997
Val Richardson	Clarke Road S. S. Home & School Association	1998
Sue Anthony	Masonville Home & School Association	1999
Brenda Pentland	Woodland Heights Home & School Association	2000
Pam Snyder	Knollwood Park Home & School Association	2001
Joy Reuben	Glen Cairn Home & School Association	2002
Dan Breg	Glen Cairn Home & School Association	2003
Angela Kalus	Prince Charles Home & School Association	2005
Carol Cousins	Plover Mills Home & School Association	2006
Bernice Connell	M.B. MacEachern Home & School Association	2007
Clara Bacsi	F.D. Roosevelt Home & School Association	2008
Joan Wyatt	F.D. Roosevelt Home & School Association	2010
Petros Kifle	Glen Cairn Home & School Association	2012
Nancy Ticknor	Knollwood Park Home & School Association	2013
Kim Apps	McGillivray Central Home & School Association	2014

MARY BAWDEN AWARD

The Mary Bawden Award was introduced in 1996 and was presented annual by the London Council of Home & School Associations and carried on by the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations. This award is presented to the individual for outstanding contribution to the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations.

Sandie Sydorko	Wortley Rd. Home & School Association	1996
Bev Cassar	Montcalm S. S. Home & School Association	1997
Janet Andruchow	Orchard Park Home & School Association	1998
Ruth Hannah	Ealing Home & School Association	1999
Marguerite Fortune	Empress Home & School Association	2000
Sharon Watson	Clarke Rd. S.S. Home & School Association	2001
Laureen Wingert	Trafalgar Home & School Association	2002
Mary Hope	Montcalm S.S. Home & School Association	2003
Dolly Hughes	Clarke Rd. S.S. Home & School Association	2005
David Smith	Ashley Oaks Home & School Association	2006
Teresa Blum	Prince Charles Home & School Association	2009
Gail Selig	Sir George Ross S.S. Home & School Association	2010
Darlene Snyders	Knollwood Park P.S. Home & School Association	2011
Mark Snyders	Knollwood Park P.S. Home & School Association	2012
Debbie Hanke	Clarke Road S.S. Home & School Association	2013
Robin Harvey	J. P. Robarts Home & School Association	2014

The COL. R.S. McLAUGHLIN AWARD

In 1982, Fred Sawyer proposed that a plaque should be presented to “An individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to education by fostering co-operation between parents and teachers and promoting understanding between the Home and School”. The nominees must serve or have served a full term on council executive, region board, or the federation board of directors in Ontario. Fred Sawyer also donated the initial plaques.

The award was named the “Col. R.S. McLaughlin Memorial Award”. Mrs. McLaughlin served the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations for many years, serving as president from 1931 to 1936. In the 1960s, Col. McLaughlin donated “The Adelaide Louise McLaughlin Endowment Fund” to the federation so that funds generated by the interest would help defray expenses.

Thames Valley Recipients

Doris Ford	1982
Mary Bawden	1985
Vina Kellie	1989
Marian Obeda	1994
Joanne Mason	1996
Sandie Sydorko	1997
Janet Andruchow	1999
Lesley Schuurs	2004
Brian Peat	2007

**London Council of Home & School Associations
Life Members 1956 – 2003**

Mrs. J. E. Richards	1956
Mrs. W. W. Winkler	1956
Vicki Lane	1982
Dr. M. Hardy	1986
Doris Ford	1989
Marian Obeda	1990
Shirley McCormick	1991
Jack Little	1992
Vina Kellie	1993
Joyce Bennett	1993
Ray and Mary Bawden	1993
Ross and Joanne Mason	1993
Brian and Heather Smith	1993
May Parkinson	1994
Gary Thatcher	1995
Darrel Skidmore	1996
Sandie Sydorko	1997
Fred Tyrrell	1997
Janet Andruchow	1997
Marguerite Fortune	1998
Sharon Watson	1998
Bill Brock	1998
Don Scanlon	1998
Rena Princis	1998
Shirley Williams	1999
Bev Cassar	1999
Pam Snyder	2000
Dolly Hughes	2001
Mary Hope	2003

**Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations
Life Members 2004 - 2012**

Dolly Hughes	2004
Rita Rowlands	2006
Mary Hope	2006
Brian Peat	2007
Teresa Blum	2009
Bill Tucker	2011
Darlene Snyders	2011
Debbie Hanke	2013
Mark Snyders	2014

**Middlesex Council of Home & School Associations
Life Members**

Margaret Dann	1979
John Gummow	1981
Norma Wright	1992
Marie May	1994
Jay Cook	1994
Ted Anderson	1996
Robert Young	2000
Hilary Nicpon	2003
Vanda Braunton	2003

**Oxford Council of Home & School Associations
Life Members**

Peter Askey
Marilyn Way
Donna MacKenzie
Beth Papais
Lesley Schuurs
Brian Peat
Debbie Johnston
Terry Sue Coventry

**Presidents of London Home & School Associations and/or Presidents of
London Council of Home & School Associations to serve as Trustees
Life Members**

Mary Gee	1969 – 1988
May Parkinson	1973 – 1994
Dianne Cunningham (MPP for London North 1988 – 2003)	1973 – 1988
Cheryl Miller	1980 – 1994
Joyce Bennett	1988 –
Shirley Clement	1988 – 1994
Marie May (Middlesex)	1988 – 1994
Janet Andruchow	1994 - 1997

Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations Life Memberships

Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations Recipients:

Jessie Ball
Mary Bawden
Mrs. H. W. Bull
Mrs. F. Fair
Marie May
Mrs. G. C. McCully
Brian Peat
Mrs. J. E. Richards
Lesley Schuurs
Sandie Sydorko
Teresa Blum

Presidents of Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations and/or Presidents of Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations that went on to be President of The Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations:

Marie May	1981 – 1983
Mary Bawden	1987 – 1989
Lesley Schuurs	2001 – 2003
Brian Peat	2005 – 2007
Teresa Blum	2013 – 2015

OFHSA Ada Courtice Award

To earn this certificate the Volunteer Portfolio Tracking Sheets must be completed. The purpose of these sheets is to record the skills that volunteers practice and acquire as they complete various Home and School activities.

2006	Rita Rowlands	H.B. Beal Secondary School Home & School
2008	Teresa Blum	Prince Charles Home & School

OFHSA Trillium Award

To honour an Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Board of Directors for outstanding service to the Federation

2003	Lesley Schuurs
2005	Dolly Hughes

**London Council of Home & School Associations
Presidents 1905 - 2003**

Mrs. M. F. Irwin	1905 – 1907
Mrs. J. McPherson	1907 – 1908
Mrs. M. F. Irwin	1908 – 1911
Mrs. Colin Smith	1911 – 1912
Mrs. H. B. White	1912 – 1915
Mrs. F. W. Hughes	1915 - 1917
Mrs. A. E. Tuff	1917 – 1919
Mrs. J. Gemmell	1919 – 1921
Mrs. J. Rose	1921 – 1923
Mrs. W. A. Tanner	1923 – 1925
Mrs. C. Turner	1925 – 1927
Mrs. J. McNiven	1927 – 1929
Mrs. J. F. Calvert	1929 – 1931
Mrs. H. R. Kingston	1931 – 1933
Mrs. A. G. Cress	1933 – 1935
Mrs. L. W. Cousins	1935 – 1937
Mrs. H. Neely	1937 – 1939
Mrs. J. H. Day	1939 – 1941
Mrs. J. F. Richards	1941 – 1942
Mrs. E. Winkler	1943 – 1946
Mrs. W. S. Knight	1946 – 1949
Mrs. C. L. Cushing	1949 – 1952
Mrs. F. G. Huddleston	1952 – 1955
Mrs. T. E. Pellow	1955 – 1957
Mrs. J. E. Gernacy	1957 – 1959
Mrs. J. Otton	1959 – 1962
Mrs. N. E. Stevenson	1962 – 1964
Grace Warder	1964 – 1965
Reta Cumpson	1965 – 1967
Peggy Bottom	1967 – 1969
Vicki Lane	1969 – 1971
May Parkinson	1971 – 1973
Marie May	1973 – 1975
Mary Bawden	1975 – 1977
Velma Moore	1977 – 1979
Catharine Scott	1979 – 1981
Beverley Bowden	1981 – 1983
Vina Kellie	1983 – 1985
Joyce Bennett	1985 – 1988
Joanne Mason	1988 – 1990
Sandie Sydorko	1990 – 1992
Janet Andruchow	1992 – 1994
Penny Westmacott	1994 – 1995
Sharon Watson & Marguerite Fortune	1995 – 1998
Pam Snyder & Janet Andruchow	1998 – 1999
Dolly Hughes	1999 – 2001
Mary Hope	2001 – 2003

**Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations
Presidents 2003 –2015**

Dolly Hughes	2003 – 2004
Mary Hope	2004 – 2006
Teresa Blum	2006 – 2008
Darlene Snyders	2008 – 2012
Arlene Morell	2012 – 2014
Sheena Davis	2014 –

**Thames Valley Home & School Associations
(School, year H&S formed and first President)**

School	Year Formed	First President
Adelaide W.G. MacDonald	2012-13	Brenda Milligan
Algonquin	2013-14	Sherri DeVries
Ashley Oaks	Nov. 1991	Janice Catton
B. Davison (formerly Sir George Ross)	Nov 21,1995	Lynn Culbert
Bonaventure Meadows	Feb. 3, 1995	R. Sutherland / D. Gooding
Byron Northview	May 22, 1956	D.E. Coates
Disbanded July 1972 reorganized	Apr. 4, 1990	Gail Rains
Caradoc	1952	L. Straus
Centennial Central	Sept 1988	Linda Winder
Clara Brenton	Nov 12, 1963	Rev. G. Mesley
Clarke Road	Apr. 28, 1982	V. Kellie
Cleardale	Aug. 26, 1991	S. Benner / E. Daigle
Eagle Heights (formally Empress and Oxford Park)	Oct. 15, 1959	Mr. H. Neilson
Ealing	Feb. 1916	A. Palmer
East Williams Memorial	June 14, 1953	Mr. A. McGregor
Evelyn Harrison	Mar. 13, 1962	Mr. R. Perry
dormant Nov. 22, 1968 reorganized	Oct. 23, 1980	A. MacKintosh
F.D. Roosevelt	Oct. 28,1954	Mr. H. Hyatt
Dormant July 1972 reorganized	May 18, 1978	Mr. B. Kirk
Glen Cairn	Apr. 2,1992	Marlene Patten
Hickson	June 16, 1993	Susan Dolan
Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute	Nov 29, 1995	Beth Papais
Innerkip	2013-14	Kimberley Swanson
J. P. Robarts	Mar. 23,1960	Mr. R. Tazzman
dormant 1981 reorganized	Oct 18, 2003	Cia Addy
Jeanne Sauve	Mar. 10, 1992	Kathy Fraser
Knollwood Park	1920	A. Bishop
Lester B. Pearson	2013-14	D. Downs
Lord Nelson	Mar. 1, 1992	K. Spurzda
Lord Roberts	1906	Miss J. Laidlaw
dormant Sept. 18,1967 reorganized	Mar. 1, 1992	M. Scarborough
Masonville	1938	Rev. G. Oliver
dormant 1963 reorganized	Sept. 1992	D. Wannacott
McGillivray Central	Apr. 26, 1962	Mr. B. Taylor
dormant Mar. 1967 reorganized	Feb. 11, 1974	G. Lynn
Northdale Central	2013-14	Jennifer Nuyens
Oxbow	Oct 20,1981	
Prince Charles	June 24, 1952	J. McClatchie
Princess Anne	Dec. 11,1957	Mr. F. Haire
reorganized	1995	M. Lauriks
Princess Elizabeth (formally Chelsea Heights)	1925	J. Caton
St. George's	1907	W. A. Tanner
Sir George Etienne Cartier	Apr. 22, 1991	P. Felker
Tecumseh	Jan. 15, 1914	A. Brown
dormant Sept. 1968 reorganized	Nov. 7, 1974	J. Holmes
dormant July 1976 reorganized	Sept 13, 1989	S. Hunner
Trafalgar	Mar. 1924	F. C. Barnard

W. Sherwood Fox	Mar. 4, 1974
West Nissouri	Jan. 26, 1966
(formerly Leesboro, Plover Mills, Prince Andrew)	
West Oaks	2012
Wortley Road	1906
dormant Jan. 1937 reorganized	Dec. 1941
Zorra Highland Park	Jan 12, 1993

A. Neill
V. Rogers

Michelle White
Mrs. Westland
A. Rudder

~Association Reports~

Adelaide W.G. MacDonald

This year we tried to focus on some different things than the same year after year, to encourage parents to get involved. Some of the great fundraising we've done this year include: Appin Meats fundraiser, online Facebook auction, Earth Day art auction, Norcard, weekly pizza days, School Movie Night, School Game Night, popcorn days, Career Night and a community garden project is in the works. We have also had great success with our five-day-a-week healthy snack program.

Algonquin

Ashley Oaks

B. Davison

Bonaventure Meadows

Brandy Minhinnick

Sherri DeVries

Melissa Corbeil

Jane Lowman

Dawn Thorner

Our Home and School would like to say a huge Thank You to all of our members, students, staff and volunteers for another successful year at BMPS! This year our President (Dawn Thorner), Vice-President (Sarah Crandall) and Secretary (Susan Dill) resumed their roles, and we have been very fortunate to have Shelly Caron join us as Treasurer.

Our membership drive this year was very positive, showing an increase in numbers over the last few years. Our executive members have set up a Facebook group and we have our own e-mail address to further enable and promote communication between our executive, our members and the school community.

We have had a very busy year fundraising. Along with our regular fundraisers (pizza days, QSP magazine drive), we have added in some new programs. In addition to monthly pizza lunches, we have started a Subway lunch which we hope to continue with on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. We continued with the Samko Toy Sale, Bernardo Karate program and Mia's Flowers spring fundraiser. Our Little Caesar's Pizza Kits were very profitable! Home and School is also taking the opportunity to sell refreshments and other items at BMPS events such as Bonaventure Idol. In effort to promote school spirit, we have decided on a spirit wear clothing fundraiser. Upcoming in June is our spring BBQ!

As a result of our fundraising, we are able to donate money towards school trips/events for all students. We purchased outdoor equipment to promote team playing for students during recesses, help set up a games room, and assisted the school with funding for an outdoor shed. We also have the ability to assist with the Grade 8 graduation again this year.

We are excited to have added a new position of Fundraising Co-ordinator during elections. We expect to see some changes in positions and look forward to having more members and volunteers in the coming year!

Byron Northview

Stewart Blair

It's been an incredibly busy year for us at Byron Northview. Our weekly hot lunch program was a success, thanks to the help of our volunteers and the Grade 8 students. We alternated between pizza, subs and Swiss Chalet. Other successful fundraisers were the LaMontagne chocolate bars, London Knights game (with our own students singing at the game) and Toonie Tuesday. We ran a few other fundraisers throughout the year, but they didn't generate the revenue we had hoped they would bring (including the Fresh From the Farm program).

But the Byron Northview H&S is not always about raising money for our school, it's also about creating spirit. With that in mind, we planned our first annual Carnival Week and loved the participation from the students AND their parents! The class with the most "Spirit Points" won the cup (to keep until the following year). Parents were encouraged to participate too (they earned extra points for their child's class). We set up daily requests and activities for the students that would earn points for their class. On the day that the students had to wear school colours, some of them showed up with several layers of clothing so they could boost their class room points. On another day, they had to show up with 80's hair...which was absolutely incredible! Seeing the teachers and parents put the effort into dressing up that day was hilarious! We also had a food drive that week that brought in more than 700 non-perishables! But the best part of the week was when we brought in the official Beaver Tails truck to the school. It was a week-long party for the students!

All this couldn't be accomplished without the collective effort of the H&S, teachers and most importantly, our volunteers. At the beginning of the year, we searched for a quote to include on our monthly agenda, as a reminder of who we were. "Volunteers are not paid...not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." There are no other words for this special group of people.

Looking forward to what the next year brings!

Submitted by Byron Northview Home and School

Caradoc

Sabrina Banka

We have had another great year at Caradoc. Our school welcomed a new administration team which is full of great ideas and supported the Home and School 100% with all endeavors we wanted to continue with as well new ones we wanted to pursue. Home and School was consulted on many aspects and our recommendations were warmly welcomed which truly made us a partner in education at Caradoc public school.

This year we pursued the continuation of the FDK outdoor play area improvements and are happy to report our 1st phase will commence late spring/summer 2015. We also supported our community this year – as we had a few very sad losses that affected our school as a whole – with gift cards to those families directly affected. We have continued to support and implement the Student Snack Program with great success, which offers healthy snacks to each student every day; offering Lunch Lady hot lunch days bi-weekly; as well as supporting the graduating class with a plaque for each student, and sponsorship of the French Award.

Our Home and School did a few fundraisers throughout the year starting with our Back to School Dinner, spirit wear, QSP, Family to Family Yard Sale and Big Box of Cards, which is a new fundraiser we are trying.

Centennial Central

Christine Roberts

This has been a transition year at Centennial Central bringing a new principal, new library, new FDK classrooms, new office space and front foyer!

One of our Home and School goals this year was to install a new monitor in our foyer. It will be updated regularly, sharing school information such as upcoming events, sports activities, volunteer opportunities, and even fun pictures of the students!

Another project that Home and School is thrilled to support is the construction of an outdoor living classroom. This will be a shaded area with benches for students and lots of natural greenery, providing a great way to move the classroom outdoors with the upcoming warmer weather. We also supported the music program with the purchase of a new percussion instrument. We are currently planning our annual school picnic and barbeque which is a fun way to connect all Centennial families.

I am happy to report that we have seen an increase in the number of volunteers joining our Home and School this year. It is always great to see new faces at our meetings. I would also like to thank all of our Home and School members for their

commitment to Centennial. We could not accomplish all we do without you. Your time and effort are very much appreciated!

Clara Brenton

Christine Matassa

This year, the Home and School Association have organized Meet the Teacher Night (with pizza, silent auction and dance party), Byron Pizza Tuesdays, Regal fundraiser, spirit wear sales and Fun Fair.

With the generous support of parents and the community, the Home and School Association has been able to finance the following this year: teacher fund (each staff member received money to be spent in the classroom at their discretion), 22 new wireless keyboard/mouse combos, freebies for activity day, staff appreciation lunch and a donation towards the FDK playground (with construction beginning this spring), just to name a few of the initiatives.

We are looking forward to updating the newly reconfigured Learning Commons with some comfy seating and purchasing a new sound system for the gym.

Hopefully we will see more parents in the fall at a Home and School meeting. Like us on Facebook to stay informed.

Clarke Road

Lesley Stephenson

At Clarke Road, our Home and School combines their efforts in reaching out to parents with the School Council. We participated in the Meet the Teacher interview nights held in October and March as well as the Grade 7/8 information nights that were held this year.

We are also involved with the second annual Clarke Road Grade 8 Parent Information Dinner Night being held on June 2, 2015. This allows us the opportunity to reach out to parents about what the school has to offer, not only their students, but also to parents in ways of supporting education.

Cleardale

Lynn Tremblay

Eagle Heights

Denise Bilyea

Ealing

Cora Vanheule

The Home and School have been busy in 2014-2015. We served pizza and baked goods at Meet the Teacher and had our membership table available for members to sign up. At the St. Julian Park celebration we also had a table.

We held a Halloween craft and games event, then a dance for older students. Our fall fundraiser was frozen cookie dough, which is well received. The Christmas Bazaar was once again a great success despite the inclement weather! Vendors and visitors loved it! We had a great team of volunteers who pulled it all together. We also held two surprise hot chocolate mornings in the yard for students with baked goodies, too. They were very cold mornings and kids enjoyed this. Our latest fundraiser is Vesey bulbs, which should arrive as weather warms up. May 20 is our Spring Fling with games, raffles, clown, ice cream man, pizza and hotdogs! Time is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy.

The grad committee is working on getting ready and holding the dance for Grade 8 students.

All in all, it was another great year and hope to do again next year.

Submitted by Donna Blackwood, Life Member

East Williams Memorial

Kelly Mead

Evelyn Harrison

Kim Huisman

We have had a busy year. We started off with Meet The Teacher, handing out a free slice of pizza and drink to all students of Evelyn Harrison.

We have done our usual monthly meetings and fundraising which includes bake sales, hot lunches, Samko Toy Sale, World's Finest and Cinnabon. This year we tried Macmillian Frozen Foods, but don't recommend it. We had our first Christmas bazaar in 10 years. We also had The Holiday Gift Shop (where students could shop for family and friends). The kids had a great time secretly shopping for their presents. We plan on having another Christmas bazaar and The Holiday Gift Shop next winter.

Evelyn Harrison H&S has helped out with our Scholastic Book Fair, Carnaval (handing out much needed hot chocolate and cookies to the students), as well as purchasing band shirts for the senior band and new computers for our computer lab.

In May, Evelyn Harrison H&S received the Award of Distinction. The volunteers who were recognized were: Kim Huisman (President), Cathie Noyes (Vice President), Carolyn Wickens (Treasurer), Cyndi Shill (Fundraising) and Deborah Kraft (Hot Lunch).

We will end this year with Grand Friends Day, handing out refreshments to all grand friends; Play Day, handing out freezies to all the students participating; Spring Fling is the end-of-the-year stress breaker; and our Teacher Appreciation Lunch.

We may be a small group of five, but we are very dedicated to supporting Evelyn Harrison P.S. students and staff. Thank You to all our volunteers who work very hard!

F.D. Roosevelt

Lesley Stephenson

The 2014-2015 school year once again has been a very busy year. We started off with our annual Meet the Teacher barbecue. This was quickly followed by our fall fundraisers – Fresh from the Farm and MacMillans. We participated in the London Knights anthem program in October, followed by a Halloween Dance for the entire school. A number of our staff lead by the administration team did a throwback in time to high school days of the past with their “hippy style” costumes.

We continued with the tradition of popcorn days and hot lunch days, alternating them every week. A “Banquet of Excellence” continues to be provided to students in every class who demonstrate the various character traits being focused on that month as well as excellence in learning. This year we purchased “wobble seats” and noise deafening headphones for every classroom, as well as our Student Success Room. We’ve found that this endeavour has allowed the classroom be less disruptive as well as teach the students how to self-regulate and get themselves back on track.

The end of the year was marked with many celebrations including a turkey dinner for our students. In February, we helped out with the Valentine's Dance and the Candygrams sold by our Grade 8 students to raise money for their year-end trip to Camp Celtic.

We took part in the London Lightning fundraising program, as our boys and girls teams faced off against each other on the London Lightning court. It was a very enjoyable event and we look forward to participating next year.

Members of our team supplied and handed out hot chocolate at our Winter Carnival. We must acknowledge the “plunge” that our administration team (Mr. Duffy and Mr. Gordon) took into frigid ice water to entertain the students and staff at the Winter Carnival. Their dives both took home marks of 10.0 from all in attendance.

The spring brought with it the annual Little Caesars and World's Finest fundraisers. We are currently working on plans for the annual Falcon Spring Carnival which will be held the end of May. We will end of the year by assisting with the Grade 8 graduation.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the members of the Home and School as well as the staff for their support with all the various activities during this school year.

Glen Cairn

Leigh-Anne Currie

Our Home and School Association is made up of more than 45 parents, grandparents, community members, staff and administration from the Glen Cairn community. Our members give their time and energy, which contributes to the success of the Association.

We are proud to announce and congratulate Virginia Dahms, the winner of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Association (OFHSA) Educator Award. Virginia has been a dedicated Home and School member for more than 15 years. Virginia not only gives as part of her job as an educator, she participates in the Healthy Schools Committee, oversees the Glen Cairn badminton team and runs a healthy and nutritious snack program for the entire school. These are just a few of the things Virginia does as part of her role at Glen Cairn public school.

Congratulations to our OFHSA Citizenship nominees – Grade 5: Sidney Carroll, Grade 6: Will Strain, Grade 7: Laura Breault and Grade 8: Julianna Mereu. The students have been invited to receive their certificates of recognition at the Annual General Meeting in May.

We held popcorn days throughout the year, as well as a monthly hot lunch day. The Home and School was involved in the White Oaks Mall holiday gift wrapping service during the month of December. Many staff, parents, family and friends came out to wrap gifts of all shapes and sizes. The fundraiser was a great success with Glen Cairn's portion of the money raised set aside for the purchase of new playground equipment for the students. The support of the staff, students, parents and community members have provided ongoing, valued support in this endeavour.

Our Home and School has been given an amazing opportunity to participate in the Plunkett Fleetwood Country Cruize-In. This event takes place June 6 and 7. We would like to express our appreciation to Alicia Westwood for all of her hard work and efforts in organizing such a fantastic event. Glen Cairn will have a raffle table, selling tickets for some super items. Please come out and join in the fun! Bring your family and friends and make a day of it!

We look forward to another great year, meeting the needs of the Glen Cairn community and families.

Hickson

Michelle Morley

Hickson Home and School had a pretty good year. We started it off with pizza, snack and drinks for all families at Meet the Teacher night. We ran a snack booth at our annual cross country meet – The Hickson Milk Run. Our students and parents love that we offer them the hot lunch program every Wednesday, which included chicken, pizza, hot dogs, wraps, pasta, subs and salads.

In mid-fall, we were able to purchase iPad Minis, Canadian flags for each classroom and donated pizza for the school's Math Night. In December, we hosted another annual Turkey Dinner, which fed 455 students, staff, buses drivers, and volunteers. Everyone was served a nice turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including ice cream and a candy cane for dessert. We had about 20 volunteers to help Home and School make this a successful event. We gave gift cards to all staff and Tim Horton cards to our bus drivers as a huge thanks for everything that they do.

In the New Year we donated money towards the outdoor classroom that the school is trying to provide for the students. In mid-February, the students loved their free cupcake cake that was baked and decorated in our school colours by Home and School members and the staff was treated to a free lunch during Staff Appreciation

Week. They were served homemade lasagna – one with meat and one vegetarian – with salads and desserts. Our staff has continuously told us that they just love this lunch and can't stop thanking us for everything that we do.

For the remaining spring activities, we are still running our hot lunch program; we will be running another food booth for our Track and field meet; and many of our members will be helping with a BBQ for Education Week. We are providing 500 poppy cookies for our open house and we will be having a free lunch day for all students and serving treats during EQAO testing.

With all of the success from our lunch program, we have been able to make many donations to and for the school. We are looking at purchasing 9 new microphones for the gym, Drumfit kits for the students, and hopefully donating more to our future outdoor classroom.

I cannot thank our Home and School members enough, with all of their hard work and dedication they have helped make Home and School another fun-filled successful year for both staff and students at Hickson Central.

IDCI

Joanne Sesink

This 2015 school year the IDCI Home and School has been busy planning and fundraising for their year-end celebration! This year's Prom is "An Evening of Enchanted Memories." Our event will be held at the Woodstock Soccer Club, Cowan Park Hall on May 22. Along with a group of students, we have been busy doing the planning and fundraising for this wonderful event. We look forward to a very successful and safe evening!

We are currently without a secretary, but are hoping we can encourage new parents to come out to the meetings.

Innerkip

Kimberley Swanson

Innerkip's Home and School Association strives to capture the heart of Innerkip and the school community.

Our events capture the values of small town living: Meet the Teacher event in mid-September welcomed our new Principal, Mrs. Lisa Trewin, with a chance to mingle with new families; celebrating our 13th annual Halloween Family Dance in October and welcoming our new students in FDK to dress up as ghouls and goblins, colour, enjoy a slice of pizza, meet other families and dance; Festive Lunch is also an annual event joined by more than 25 dedicated volunteers, staff and students enjoying a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Home and School recognizes all staff retirements with flowers and small tokens of appreciation – together we make a great team!

In February, we invited Mr. Bill McKinnon, Vice-Chair of the Board, to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day – staff enjoyed Tim Horton goodies, shook hands, chatted and shared great stories of appreciation with us. It was a meaningful and fantastic event for all involved.

As we wrap up our year, our meetings have been very productive, successful and we continue to support the staff and students with their wish list requests. In May, we are preparing for our 2nd annual Spring Fling Dance – 60's theme, silent auction with proceeds going directly to enhance student's learning for 2015-16 school year. Former students of Innerkip return for each dance, to decorate, earn volunteer hours and see old friends. We have 10 parent volunteers ready to create the 60's dance, too!

Later in May, we are donating to help beautify the school grounds with a garden, planning a parent volunteer day, donating plants and taking pride in our child's school. We are very excited! Our primary and junior divisions will enjoy new playground toys, sports balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes, chalk and fun, active games of hopscotch, tic tac toe and 4 squares – to be completed this school year!

We are a very strong, dedicated group of parents who seek great opportunities to help create the best elementary school experience for our children, for all children at Innerkip Central.

I would personally like to recognize Donna Lamb – she's always a team player, dedicated to Home and School, supports each member and always goes the extra mile. She always seems to know what I'm looking for at each event, a great listener and a dear friend who cares about our school community with her whole heart. With Donna by my side, I know I can continue to lead Innerkip's Home and School – she continues, even after five years working together, to inspire me to never give up!

J.P. Robarts

Sheena Davis

It's been another great year at J.P. Robarts!

Students, parents and teachers were excited to participate in the London Knights anthem program for our 4th year and everyone had a fun night at the game hearing our students sing *O' Canada* and cheering on the Knights.

Association members were on hand at the Winter Carnival to provide hot chocolate to all students and staff.

We're excited to be working with the school on a large-scale playground renovation and looking forward to breaking ground on 'stage one' – the building of an amphitheatre/sand pit for our Early Years students.

Teaming up with our School Council, we brought in Sarah Westbrook to present her UPower program to all students during the day, and provide a parent presentation in the evening.

We continue to run the hot lunch program, and for the first time, ran a Little Caesars Pizza Kit program which was quite successful.

Another first this year, was a family dance. It was very well attended and feedback from our community was very positive. I'm certain that this will become an annual event.

Our Association is excited to finish off the year assisting with the school talent show, the end of year playday, Grade 8 graduation, and assisting with photos for the school yearbook.

Thank you to all our members, parents, and staff who support our efforts.

Jeanne Sauve

Sarah Thomson

This has been a significant year for our Association. We made the brave step of separating our meetings from our School Council. It was definitely an adjustment at first but now we see how it benefits the school having the distinction between the two groups while having the common goal of striving for parent engagement. I think after having this – our year of growing and adjusting – over and done, next year we will fully reap the benefits.

Fundraising was great. Pizza lunches continue to be our main money maker. We also worked with Kelsey's on two kickback nights. Steeped Tea was a great and super easy, profitable fundraiser that we would highly recommend to all. This year we also met our goal of improved communication with the teachers as we continually strive to be more involved in the school. We would like to be a part of the community at Sauvé and show the teachers and staff we are here to support their efforts in a variety of ways. I am very proud of the group of parents we have at Sauvé who have stuck through the 'thick and thin', given of themselves and exemplify the heart of true Home and Schoolers.

Thank you to all the other Associations attending the Thames Valley Council meetings, whose sharing has really educated and inspired us to try to provide "The Best for Each Student".

Knollwood Park

Nicole Bartlett

We've had a quiet year this year but have continued to support the great kids of Knollwood Park. This is our 95th year as a Home and School Association – way to go Knollwood parent and staff volunteers . . . both past and present!

This year we have continued with the school hot lunch program through Pizza Vera, had our annual Mother's Day Sale and also included the February Valentine's Grams and cake raffle. We participated in the Forest of Reading and loved hearing all the feedback on the new books offered through the library! Halloween was a hit as well, with all the scary ghosts and goblins parading through the school, creating fun crafts and forever memories. And we certainly cannot forget the community dinners and the evening of Bingo with Santa! A fun time had by all who attended.

A huge thank you to all the executive members, lifetime members, parent volunteers and staff who have put in countless hours volunteering in the school. You have made it a much better place for all the students. We're creating lasting memories!

Lester B. Pearson

Amber Cheng

Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts has had a very important year in the school's history. This is our second year as an Association and we started out the year in a very challenging situation. After a year of temporary principals, following the retirement of Ian Bennett, the school was assigned a new principal at the beginning of the 2014-15 year. From the very beginning, the working relationship between the principal and the school community had been difficult. The school council had worked hard to bridge the gaps between the principal and the rest of the school community, but it was difficult. By December, the principal was replaced with Patti Baker. Since then the school spirit and the community participation level have come back to normal.

Since January, the Association has established many new sub-committees in an effort to reengage the parent community. For example, the Class Parent sub-committee is comprised of one parent rep from each classroom, and they serve as messengers between the School Council/Home and School and the parents. The Staff Appreciation sub-committee organizes a monthly staff appreciation lunch where parents donate home-cooked dishes to treat the teachers and staff. We also improved the school's website and increased the posting of parent involvement communications and activities. We brought the old Facebook account back to life, and have been posting many daily activities of students. There is also a cabaret night and talent show night in the planning.

For fundraising achievements, we are in very good shape compared to previous year – the three reoccurring major events are QSP magazine sales, hot lunch, and the annual silent auction. In addition, we also raised funds for special field trips such as the upcoming Musicfes in Toronto where the Pearson wind band will compete in a national level competition. The fund raised by the Association has been funding various student activities, guest artists, special speakers, and many instrumental and equipment needs from the teachers. The financial status of the Association is solid and encouraging.

Overall, the community participation level has been very heartwarming, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and our wonderful new principal. We certainly anticipate the trend continues throughout the rest of the year and all the time to come.

Lord Nelson

Dolly Stensil

Lord Nelson has been very busy this year with activities.

We are very proud of one of our Grade 5 students, Sydney Vickers, in winning the Ontario Federation Citizenship award. We are very proud of all her work in our community, as well as the "As I a Girl" program.

We have hosted a few Gr. 6-8 dances, with a great response from the students to the new DJ, Doug Scott (at one time Doug was a teacher at Lord Nelson!). A number of our executive either had him as a teacher or remember when he taught. We are gearing up for graduation, assisting to ensure all students are able to attend and enjoy themselves. We have hosted a few Movie nights for different age groups. Teacher appreciation was a huge hit, with different items on different days. We have purchased numerous I pads among other items for the school,

with successful fundraisers. We had a great success with fundraisers, thanks to some hard working ladies. Hot lunches are always a big hit, and this year we changed them around to offer subs as well. As usual our bingo chair has worked tirelessly to keep us all on track and the bingo's going which have helped to sponsor bussing, planners, among many other items. Our Facebook page seems to be growing and adding interest into who we are and what we do. We have a couple of ladies that monitor it and keep everything fresh on it.

We are currently preparing to host a Family Fun night Thursday June 18th from 5 – 8 p.m. We have rented some games and have some other idea's that seem easy to put together rain or shine. Again this year the teachers will organize and run a number of games that they have chosen. As well our BBQ and cotton candy, and slushies for sale. Home and school will be picking up the majority of the cost to encourage parents and students alike to attend. We will not be attending conference this year for the day, due to different illness and other commitments our members have. Some of us will be attending the dinner Saturday night with Sydney's very proud parents..

As we are not a large group, but we are working to include our whole community into the school family. As we strive for a balance between the old ways and the new ways, we are a positive, happy group of volunteers. We are looking forward to the new year, as we look like we will have most of our positions on Executive filled with both new and old parents. We are about to loose some of the old tired Executive, as they move on, but fortunately we have had a number of new parents step up to the plate.

Lord Roberts

Dawn Fitzgerald

Masonville

Lynn Grushka

This year we have gone back to holding monthly meetings, both public ones at the school and our executive meetings. We've found that there is a better connection to the school community by having our meetings monthly again. We have also enlarged our executive team by including some at-large members. These members have been incredible at helping keep our workload to a reasonable time commitment each, through sharing the tasks during the year.

On the first day of school in September, members of the Home and School executive welcomed the new families to the school and supplied coffee and snacks. We introduced the executive members and shared information about H&S activities.

The parent community/volunteers have been incredible this year. We've had enough volunteers to provide the school staff with weekly munchies, which has been very well received by all the staff at Masonville.

Our hot lunch program continues to run smoothly at school. Hot lunch is served every Wednesday and we rely on both parents and Grade 7-8 students to hand out the lunches that are ordered. This program is a significant fundraiser for our H&S Association. A special thank you goes out to Lori More, Sarah Woodland and Norma Ferguson for their hard work every week. They have also taken on the daily milk program.

In the first part of the school year, we ran the QSP magazine fundraiser, which was once again run smoothly, thanks to Stephanie Davis. We also ran a FundScrip fundraiser for the first time, which was organized by Jennifer Mills-Beaton that was a huge success. This fundraiser continues to be available to parents at the school via online orders. We also ran our Spiritwear program again, which was run successfully once again by Sarah Woodland.

In December, we ran the Holiday Gift Giving program again and we were able to donate gifts to children from a couple schools. In February, Tracey Ashby ran the Valentine's cake raffle. Lots of delicious Valentine treats were donated by Masonville families. This was a huge effort and a great fundraiser for the school.

During Staff Appreciation week, we treated the Masonville staff with gifts every day and ended with a huge staff appreciation luncheon. Thanks to everyone who made this lunch another huge success, including Ashifa Karim who was our main organizer with the help of Lynn Grushka, and the many volunteers who contributed.

We just held our Family Fun Night. This year a Bingo night was organized by Michelle Wysocki and Corrine Rahman. It was a huge success and we definitely plan on running this event again next year. Our annual Spring Fair will take place on June 11. Planning is underway.

Our fundraising helps the school pay for several things, but mainly we are hoping to replace a couple smartboards. To recognize kids who are "doing something right" we provided monthly 'gotcha' movie passes; two names per division are eligible to win this draw.

H&S Executives: Lynn Grushka, Sarah Woodland, Mark Mohan, Stephanie Manson, Maire Gonzales, Michelle Wysocki

McGillivray Central

Ann Marie Worsley

This year at McGillivray, we have continued with several of our traditions and hopefully started some new ones.

The year began with the ever popular Meet the Teacher Night. We generally use this night as part of our membership drive as well as a fundraiser. We hold a "Fill A Bag" raffle in which each student is given a Ziploc freezer bag to fill with items such as art supplies, hockey cards, candy, etc. This raffle has become the highlight of the evening for the students.

Our principle fundraiser is our annual bazaar. This was our 4th year and once again it proved to be a success. Activities included a bake sale, vendor tables, and raffle items donated from local businesses and families. New this year was a Christmas greenery table, which was very successful.

We continued with the maple syrup fundraiser in March which was very profitable for us this year.

McGillivray school is a small, rural school and in keeping with the rural theme, the Home and School decided to "Go Green" for the AGM. We purchased enough seed packets to allow for one pack of seeds per family. The challenge is for each student (family) to grow what they were given. We chose items such as sunflowers, pumpkins (orange and white), coloured carrots, etc. The families that did not have an outdoor garden were given seeds that could be grown in a planter. The students are asked to chart the growth, take pictures, and if it's a fall vegetable, display it at Meet the Teacher Night in the fall. We also encourage families to donate any extra vegetables to our local food bank. Thanks to the Parkhill Horticultural Society for educating us all that evening!

Our goal this year was primarily to raise money for new technology. Mini iPads were purchased. We also donated towards new basketballs, volleyballs and floor hockey equipment. With "The Best for Each Student" in mind, McGillivray Home and School has definitely had another successful year!

Northdale Central

Jennifer Nuyens

The 2014-15 school year has been a busy and exciting one at Northdale Central public school. A complete change in administrative staff, combined with the retention of beloved staff members, has renewed the spirit of the school and given all the Home and School members a new energy and sense of purpose.

Many new events have been held this year, that have engaged our members, staff, and the community. In September, we began the year with our Meet the Teacher event. During the evening, we held a "Pizza Taste Test" to determine which pizza the student would prefer to have for their pizza lunch days. This gave the students a chance to have input into their hot lunch options and a sense of 'ownership' in the process. The pizza lunches alternate weeks with our sub lunch days throughout the year.

In November, we held our first annual Math Fair. This event was funded by the PRO Grant. The evening was spent with parents and students learning how to recognize and encourage math activities in our everyday lives. Stations included: pattering fruit kebobs, measure out your own trail mix recipes, cup stacking multiplication, and geometry Twister! Families went home with a 'Math Sack' of games, ideas and tasty treats.

On a Saturday in December, our Association held a craft show in the school gym and hallways. Members of the community were asked to share their products and creativity, while helping us raise some money for the kids. This was a very well attended event.

In February, again with help from the PRO Grant, we hosted an evening for parents with a presentation from Mind Your Mind. Discussion included experiences that cause anxiety for both parents and students surrounding school transitions and the resources available for their support.

March was a very busy month for the Northdale Central family. The school was honoured to be chosen to participate in the "Stream of Dreams" program put on by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. After learning about the local watershed and the local fish population, every student, staff member, and Home and School volunteer painted a wooden 'dream' fish. These fish were later attached to the fence at the front of the school, creating our 'Stream of Dreams'. It is quite an impressive sight. March also saw our first annual Nutrition Fair. Members of the community came out and made their own butter, enjoyed a French Cafe, tasted locally made gluten-free treats and learned about healthy choices from the Middlesex-London Health Unit. There were more than 20 displays and activities that were enjoyed by all.

April saw us recognize our OFHSA Citizenship nominees during the Character Assembly, and has been spent preparing for the Fun Fair on May 7. All in all, it has been a busy, productive and incredibly successful year!

Oxbow

Sue Lidbetter

Prince Charles

Heather Barber

Princess Anne FI

Stephanie Bilodeau

We had a very exciting year at Princess Anne. We started the year with a very successful Community Night where we had representatives from the community come out and tell us about their organizations.

We ran several solid fundraisers including: MacMillan, Avgen, our Annual Bazaar, Samko Miko receipt reimbursement, weekly hot lunches, weekly popcorn sales, and school spirit wear sales.

We also had several complimentary special events to celebrate our students. We hosted a Movie Night in November with popcorn and our 3rd Annual Family Skate at the local arena on Family Day, where we served popcorn, hot chocolate and kids also enjoyed various crafts.

We are still looking forward to our Annual Fun Fair and Bag2School donation day.

This year, our Home and School Association was fortunate enough to provide the school with freshly painted playground items, helped send the volleyball team to a tournament, purchased instruments for the Music Department, purchased French readers for the primary grades, purchased teacher appreciation gifts, helped bring in a anti-bullying performance for all grades, purchased butterfly programs for the SK classes, and we will finally purchase a new sign for the school which has been a 4-year capital project that we are so happy about!

Submitted by PAFI Home and School Association Executive

Princess Elizabeth

Shermila Box

Riverside

Pat Angerstein

Our second full year as a Home and School kicked off with Riverside's 42nd annual Corn Roast. This back-to-school meet-the-teacher BBQ was especially exciting this year because it also celebrated Riverside's 60th Anniversary. We partnered with the Oakridge Optimists who brought their 50-foot charcoal grill and cooked hundreds of hotdogs and hamburgers. Parents and children danced the night away under a canopy. Two insane parents created a marvelous timeline that had parents remembering the good old days and children asking questions about the mysteries of the past. The Corn Roast really set the tone for a spirit-filled year.

Shortly after the Corn Roast we hosted a playdate for our FDK families. Held right after school, children stayed for snacks and showed their parents some of the new outdoor activities introduced to the FDK program. Thanks to Heather for organizing.

In October, Riverside's Halloween event took place. Its theme was Mad Science. Children were able to participate in science related crafts and experiments. The highlight of the evening was a show by Mad Science of London. The snack table was a huge hit! Items for sale were Mad Science themed.

Our pizza lunches have again been a success. They are the backbone of our fundraising efforts. We couldn't do them without the help of parent volunteers such as Cheryl, Alex, Laurie, Patty, Cindy and Amanda. We definitely couldn't run them without our student volunteers. They give up their time to help deliver and distribute pizza to the whole school. At Christmas, we thanked this wonderful bunch of grade 6-8's by hosting a special pizza lunch in which they were served by the "Pizza Ladies." Another thank you lunch is planned for June.

Riverside, under the direction of Mary Jane, reinstated its Christmas Bazaar. It was a fantastic success for its first year back in many years. We had vendors ranging from tupperware to jewelry. Each vendor provided a silent auction item. Families were able to take advantage of a professional photographer to have a holiday picture taken.

Our Kindness Campaign began in December. The purpose of this campaign was to have the students share the spirit of kindness with each other and to recognise positive traits in their fellow students! Kindness cards were distributed to each classroom. Each student randomly picked out a card addressed to one of their classmates and they then filled out the card with a positive message to the recipient. RHSA picked up the cards and attached a Penguin Bookmark to it. The cards got sent back to each class for distribution during the last week of school before the winter holidays!

In January, we followed up with a Kindness is Cool Campaign. Photocopied penguins were distributed to each classroom. We challenged every staff member and every student in the month of January to be kind, compassionate, and cooperative with each other. They then shared three examples of positive behaviour by writing about it on a penguin, telling how the behaviour made them feel and then they deposited it in a bucket located in the library. All penguins were placed on an "iceberg" on the wall outside the library. The goal was to fill it and tip it with kindness.

In February, another annual Riverside tradition took place. Treats and Treasures is beloved by staff and students alike! In essence its a giant garage sale. Families send in their used toys, knick knacks, games, etc., to be sold. On the day of the sale, all classes get to come down and buy. It is a lot of fun and the children love it. We also have a snack table - one of the school's 10 junk days!

Also in February, we rented Storybook Gardens so Riverside could skate together. Although the weather was inclement those who were able to venture out had a wonderful time. Thanks to Melissa for organizing it and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Grade 8 parents have been organizing a parent-run trip to Forest Cliff Camp. This trip is run by a Home and School subcommittee and will take place in June. Thanks to Christine for organizing.

June BBQ will complete our year as we say goodbye to 2014-15 and look forward to doing it all over again in 2015-16.

The spirit of the school community is improving. We have more members attending each meeting than in the past – even during the winter months. We're reaching out to parents through e-mail, Facebook, and backpacks. Riverside staff have

been appreciative of our efforts and are delighted that they can make requests and have their needs met. We've been able to provide: iPads, Chromebooks, and chess clocks, two listening centre CD players, books and instruments for the music department, buckets and drumsticks, an author visit, safety goggles for gym sports, a literacy cart for independent reading books, and busing for class field trips.

This school year has been fun and productive. It couldn't have been accomplished without the help of my Executive: Alex, Laurie, Patty, and Melissa. They have worked tirelessly to make Riverside a better place. I also have to thank Michelle our school secretary, Rob our daytime custodian and Walter our evening custodian, for repeatedly going out of their way to make our proposed schemes work. Finally, a very big thank you to our new principal, Ken Overeem, who has made this year an absolute pleasure by supporting all our efforts with good humour and loads of appreciation.

St. George's

Kristi Davis

Sir G.E. Cartier

Lisa Reed

Here are the achievements for the 2014-2015 school year at Sir G.E. Cartier Public School:

We have had a busy but very fun year so far and I would like to thank the many very dedicated and hard working volunteers, parents, students, staff and the Home and School Executive for a job very well done.

With that being said, I would like to take this time to nominate a fellow member who has gone above and beyond and volunteer so much of her time to keeping our programs going and always there when we have needed her. Amber Gibbons is our Home and School volunteer of the year and we would like to recognize her with this honour. She loves every child like they are her own, and there should be more people in this world like her.

Here is a list of things we have accomplished and some items we are still planning and organizing for this school year: Meet the Teacher Night; pizza and hot dog days; Loot Bag delivery to every student (from Santa and Mrs. Claus) on the last day of school before Christmas break; Secret Santa Sale; Encore Concert Band – supply refreshments (five times this year); Family Movie Nights; Staff Appreciation Week; Cake Walk; Spring Fling; Graduation; having the author of the book series “And then it Happened” Michael Wade at our school; helped with a donation for Green Team project for the JK/SK area; and purchased more iPads for the JK/SK classes.

We are looking forward to an exciting spring and we'll be starting to plan for September soon.

Tecumseh

Lori Pizzolato/Lynn Dionne

This has been a year of celebration for Tecumseh public school as it's our school's 100th anniversary! To kick-off our year of celebration, Tecumseh Home and School organized a Back to School BBQ that included a special ceremony honouring all of the generous sponsors and volunteers who helped make the dream of a new playground a reality for our school. The new playground was installed in August 2014 – a wonderful way to celebrate with our students and commemorate our centennial year!

Again this year, we've had a full year of events and activities. None of these events would be successful without the tireless dedication of our H&S members and parent volunteers. Our events included:

- QSP magazine fundraiser
- Pizza lunches and hot lunches
- Bake sales
- Pizza and Movie Nights
- White Elephant sale
- Christmas basket raffle
- Mathcraft Math-a-thon
- Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Fifties Dance

All of our fundraising efforts go towards items needed by our school and this year we've already funded:

- New iPads and Chromebooks for classroom use
- Contribution towards an FDK storage shed
- Classroom funding for our teachers
- 100th Anniversary Celebrations including the Reunion Weekend on May 15-16, 2015

This year we've also given spontaneous treats, or performed random acts of kindness, to the students and staff including distributing freezies on an extremely hot day in September (since our school has no air conditioning) and providing hot chocolate at the school's annual Winter Carnaval.

Our Association meets on a monthly basis and has a wonderful group of parents and staff that commit their time to meeting, planning and volunteering. As co-presidents, we would especially like to thank our other H&S executive members Sarah, Jan and Dan, all of our members and parent volunteers who have given their time and energy this year, and our principal Cory Barlow, and all the school staff who support us in our ongoing fundraising efforts.

Trafalgar

Jackie Mitchell

W. Sherwood Fox

Sarah Wells

W. Sherwood Fox is a small but hard-working group! We have had a busy year and have been able to support many projects in the school.

Our school focus this year is around math and we were able to help the school in purchasing the Dreambox math computer program. Most of the students can benefit in using the system and practising their math skills. The other resource we helped to fund is take home readers for our early learners. Both of these resources allowed for the school and home to work together around our students learning.

We have hosted many events that have been successful such as movie nights, a meat pies fundraiser and Big Box of Cards. In the spring we are looking forward to our Shop Til You Drop night. We have had another successful year!

West Nissouri

Mary Wilson

West Nissouri's Home and School has been very busy raising funds for various things this year. Our fundraisers included boxed cards sales and a Dance-a-Thon raising funds to provide the students money for field trips; a year-end family dance; various guest speakers and authors; and shows at the school. We purchased a portion of a smart board for one of the classrooms, an additional bicycle rack for the students and provided a Christmas hot lunch free to students and staff, as well as a Teacher Appreciation lunch along with many other things.

We very much enjoy giving back to the students and the community.

West Oaks FI

Sue Williams

We have had a fantastic year at West Oaks! Our expansion and school upgrade is coming along! This year we have dealt with construction and rotating class moves as well as having half our students in portables as our numbers have increased from 160 to almost 300!

Home and School has organized the following events and fundraisers this year with most of the money raised going to the purchase of Smart Boards for our new classrooms:

We ran successful QSP, Fundscrip, family pizza nights and Spirit Wear campaigns. We have had three movie nights so far and one coming up in May. We collected 2,047 lbs. of food for the London Food Bank and this weight was matched by Allstate.

More than 90% of the school participates in our pizza lunch every other Friday. Pizza is handed out by H&S volunteers (grades 4-7 all eat in the gym together). H&S volunteers also hand out healthy snacks every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and also look after purchasing and preparing the food.

New this year, our Read-A-Thon was an extremely fun event. Almost half the school participated. We partnered with School Council and Jeanné Sauvé to present an Anxiety Seminar at Banting secondary school on May 7. We partnered with OES for an Electronics Recycling Fundraiser and Clothing Drive. OES will pay West Oaks for the weight of the electronics and the clothing, then donate the clothing to the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy "Clothes for the Common Good Campaign". Coming up, School Council will also be hosting a Numeracy Night and a Spring Family Picnic.

Along with all our new students from other schools this year, we have also met many new parents who are very passionate about helping with Home and School and School Council activities. I would like to recognize two ladies who are new to West Oaks and neither holds an executive position for H&S or School Council, which makes their involvement even more exceptional.

Andrea Frossard was indispensable this year with her help with the Read-A-Thon, organizing the Anxiety Seminar and our Numeracy Night (as well as helping with pizza lunch and the recycling fundraiser). She has great ideas and is a huge asset to our team.

Dana Noble volunteers at movie nights, creates all our posters, flyers and handouts. She created our own West Oaks logo for the Read-A-Thon and also helps with other fundraisers like the electronics recycling. Dana is always very positive and also has great ideas.

We have many other members who go above and beyond at West Oaks. It has been a pleasure working with this group this year (even though I was terrified at first since it was all new to me).

Wortley Road

Deb Bates

Zorra Highland Park

Jamie Hall

THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS BYLAWS

1. The name of the Home & School Council shall be the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations.
2. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations agrees to accept the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations Inc.
3. The Officers of the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations shall be the President, Past President, Vice President(s), Secretary Treasurer.
4. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations Executive shall consist of Elected Officers, and the Thames Valley Council Committee Chairpersons. Two people may share one Executive position, but there will be only one vote per Executive Position.
5. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations President and one other Home & School Council member, shall represent the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations at Region "I" meetings.
6. The absence of any Executive member from three (3) consecutive meetings, without cause, shall constitute a vacancy. The member will be notified of his or her removal from Office by the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations President in writing.
7. The Annual meeting of the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations shall be held in late April or May. The New Executive Committee as elected at the Annual Meeting, shall take office at the date of installation.
8. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations will follow the Election Procedures of the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations Incorporated Bylaws.
9. A quorum for Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations meetings shall be 51% of the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations Executive, and 10% of the Association Representatives to Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations.
10. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations Executive shall be empowered to spend for the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations up to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars at any one meeting, excluding budgeted items.
11. The Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations Bylaws may be amended at any Thames Valley Council meeting by a 2/3 majority, a quorum being present, provided that the amendments were distributed to all Associations in writing from the Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations a minimum of 15 days prior to that meeting.

Proposed January 14, 2003

Amended March 24, 2003

Amended March 27, 2006

Amended January 22, 2007

Thames Valley Council Of Home and School Associations
2014 Annual General Meeting and Dinner
May 12, 2014
TVDSB Education Centre
London, Ontario

1.0 Welcome conducted by Arlene Morell, TVCHSA President

2.0 Introduction of Invited Guests and Representatives conducted by Arlene Morell

3.0 Toast to Canada

4.0 Reflections conducted by Teresa Blum, OFHSA President

5.0 Dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance (111)

6.0 Greetings:from TVDSB Director Laura Elliot, Trustee Chair Ruth Tisdale, OFHSA
President Teresa Blum

7.0 Message from Arlene Morell

8.0 Awards

OFHSA Citizenship –

- 6 - Jessica Fox, J.P. Robarts
- 7 - Sarah Stephenson, F.D. Roosevelt
- 8 - Lydia Kifle, Glen Cairn
- 11 - Emily Clayton, Clarke Road S.S.

Celebration of OFHSA Booster Awards and Association Anniversaries
Booster Awards

Adelaide WG MacDonald
Caradoc
FD Roosevelt
Hickson
IDCI
Masonville
Riverside
Zorra Highland Park

Association Anniversaries

- 90 years – Trafalgar
- 55 years – Eagle Heights
- 40 years – McGillivray Central
- 40 years – Sherwood Fox
- 25 years – Tecumseh

Presentation of Doris Ford Award (Association level) – Presented by Mark Snyders to
Mary Apps of McGillivray Central

Presentation of Mary Bawden Award (Council level) – Presented by Mark Snyders to Robin Harvey, of J.P. Robarts

9.0 Recognition of Life Members for Associations and Council -- Brian Peat, Dolly Stensil, Mary Hope, Bill Tucker, Darlene Snyders and Teresa Blum

10.0 Presentation of New Life Memberships, including Council Life Membership to Mark Snyders

11.0 2013-2014 TVCHSA Nominations report
Motion Mark Snyders, Knollwood Park
Seconded Robin Harvey, J.P. Robarts
CARRIED

12.0 Installation of TVCHSA Officers for the 2014-15
Motion Teresa Blum, Prince Charles
Seconded Darlene Snyders, Knollwood Park
CARRIED

13.0 Acceptance of Minutes from AGM of May 2013
Motion Sarah Thomson, Jeanne Sauve
Seconded Leona Durk, Sir G E Cartier
CARRIED

15.0 Acceptance of Finance Report
Motion Mark Snyders, Knollwood Park
Seconded Jennifer Nuyens, Northdale Central
CARRIED

16.0 Acceptance of Annual Report
Motion Robin Harvey, J.P. Robarts
Seconded Sharon Jones, Sir G E Cartier
CARRIED