

Thames Valley Council of Home &
School Associations

Making Memories
Since 1905



Annual Report

2016

2015 – 2016 Executive

Sheena Davis – President

Sarah Thomson – Vice-President

Adam Lowe – Treasurer

Robin Harvey – Area Chair Coordinator

Kathy Doyle – Secretary

Arlene Morell – Past President

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Parkhill West Williams

Prince Charles

Princess Anne

Princess Elizabeth

Riverside

Sir G.E. Cartier

Tecumseh

Trafalgar

W. Sherwood Fox

West Nissouri

West Oaks

Wilfrid Jury

Wortley Road

Zorra Highland Park

CONGRATULATIONS!

OFHSA BOOSTER AWARD WINNERS 2015 - 2016

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

**Clara Brenton
East Williams Memorial
F.D. Roosevelt
Innerkip
Jeanne Sauve
McGillivray Central
Princess Elizabeth**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN 2016

Ealing – 100 Years

West Nissouri – 50 Years

Oxbow – 35 Years

Sir G.E. Cartier – 25 Years

West Oaks – 5 Years

President's Report – Sheena Davis

I'd like to extend a huge thank you and well done to all our Associations and members for all the time, effort and dedication that you put into creating 'The Best for Each Student.' As you read through the Association reports, you can clearly see the limitless amount of positive impact you make in the lives of children, their families and schools. It is incredible to see how much our Associations do!

Thank you to the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations team. It's a pleasure to work with such a positive and enthusiastic group of people. You constantly inspire me to do more.

This year council has been looking for ways to better connect and share information with all our members. We've added a number of Area Chairs to our team, and hope that you've had a chance to connect with the representative in your area. We had a wonderful turnout when we took our General Meeting 'on-the-road' to Masonville Public School in March, and are looking forward to holding a few meetings next year at various locations around the city. Please let us know if your Association is interesting in hosting.

And always remember if you have a question or suggestion for Council, we would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheena Davis, President

Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

Vice-President's Report – Sarah Thomson

What a year of learning for me! I feel like I've grown as a Home and Schooler – yes, I like that term – enough to be able to start contributing more to TVCHSA. I bet that other members can relate, that sometimes when we take on positions, we are putting little feet into big shoes. Well, if you know Arlene and Sheena, there have definitely been big shoes established at Council because I couldn't have asked for two better leaders to learn from.

I have had the privilege of learning more about our Board of Directors this year and how they work hard for us all leading OFHSA. I love learning about our past as a Federation and how we are so much bigger than our little Associations. I learned more about conferences and symposiums this year – although to ask me the difference between the two, I couldn't tell you because they both looked and felt the same to me. The learning formats I took from those have inspired me to try new things at my Association level and at TVCHSA to promote parent engagement. The one thing that was defined for me this year was how important it is for us all to keep working at all levels of OFHSA. We are valued and needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Thomson, Vice-President

Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

Past President's Report – Arlene Morell

It has truly been an honour to serve as the Past President of Thames Valley Council. I am continuously humbled by the leadership of the TVCHSA Executive Officers and Committee members. I am inspired by their dedication in realizing “The Best for Each Student.”

It has been a pleasure to serve TVCHSA. Thank you goes out to all of you! I would like to express a personal thank you to Home and School Association members, those who have given so much of themselves to see the success of Thames Valley Council and local Associations. So often unnoticed, the countless hours spent supporting student success and well-being.

As we wrap up another year of service, I reflect back on the more than 100 years OFHSA and Thames Valley Council has served public education and communities. It is this dedication to championing schools, students and families through parent engagement and leadership as our collective success as we continue to serve in Thames Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Morell, Past President

Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations

Area Chair Coordinator – Robin Harvey

This year we have 41 active Home and School Associations in the Thames Valley region, including three new Associations: B. Davison, Lambeth and Wilfrid Jury!

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. Thank you to those Associations who have continued submitting their paperwork, keeping their Home and School in good standing with both Thames Valley Council and OFHSA.

Special thanks to our Area Chairs, who have been liasons between groups of Home and School Associations and Thames Valley Council – Shelly Caron, Jennifer Nuyens, Laura Gonzalez, Donna Draper and Sharon Jones have been fantastic this year!

Questions from our members over the year have been in regards to: verifications, donations and receipts, fundraising for playgrounds, revising bylaws, online payment systems, insurance for members, H&S committees, elections, Life Members, hosting math/literacy events, fun fairs, selling Nevada tickets, award nominations.

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 2016 – 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.

Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC)

May 2016 – Sarah Thomson

TVPIC Mandate – The purpose of a Parent Involvement Committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

One of the awesome things about being a leader in parent engagement in London, Ontario, is the variety of opportunities that we have. Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC) to me is like the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations, but instead of leading Associations they lead School Councils. This table is comprised of educators and parents working for the common goal of involving parents in education. I have been privileged to have a seat on this year's committee along with our President, Sheena Davis. We have been invited to share our knowledge and give our input. At that table we offer two perspectives – one as Home and School members and the other as engaged parents. It has been a very warm group and I have enjoyed learning from them. It felt like a backstage pass to the board at times! You can follow them on twitter or learn more about them through your School Council.

Communications and Public Affairs

May 2016 – 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.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

May 2016 – Jennifer Nuyens

In Ontario, all school boards are required to have SEAC. This committee provides advice and feedback about Special Education and services provided by TVDSB. In Thames Valley, the members of this committee include representatives from local community groups, three trustees, and members of the community. Available to SEAC as administrative resources are Elementary and Secondary School Principals, the Learning Support Supervisor, and the Superintendent of Student Achievement. This SEAC meets monthly from September to June. Membership is based on a four-year term that coincides with the municipal elections.

OFHSA EDUCATOR 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

OFHSA CITIZENSHIP AWARD - 2015-2016

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 7	Malik Young	F.D. Roosevelt
Grade 11	Matthew Emmons	Clarke Road

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
Nancy Porter	Jeanne Sauve Home & School Association	2015

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
Arlene Morell	2015

**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 and/or Thames Valley
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
Arlene Morell	2014 –

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
B. Davison	Sept. 2015	Jane Lowman
Bonaventure Meadows	Feb. 3, 1995	R. Sutherland / D. Gooding
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
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
Harrisfield	2012	David Cripps
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
Lambeth	2015	Bonnie Kolkman
Lester B. Pearson	2013-14	D. Downs
Lord Nelson	Mar. 1, 1992	K. Spurzda
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	
Parkhill West Williams	1979	
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
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	A. Neill
West Nissouri (formerly Leesboro, Plover Mills, Prince Andrew)	Jan. 26, 1966	V. Rogers
West Oaks	2012	Michelle White
Wilfrid Jury	2016	Christine Seguin
Wortley Road	1906	Mrs. Westland
dormant Jan. 1937 reorganized	Dec. 1941	A. Rudder
Zorra Highland Park	Jan 12, 1993	

~Association Reports~

Adelaide W.G. MacDonald

Courtnie Nutt

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 Adelaide W.G. MacDonald public school.

In December we met our new principal Dawn Ruddick, who started in January. Thank you, Dawn, for an easy transition! This year our executive has changed a lot. Courtnie Nutt (President), Tracy Benedict (Vice President), Anne Dymond (Treasurer) and returning Secretary Frances Bycraft. We were very grateful that Anne joined our team and jumped right in as our Treasurer. Our executive members have been keeping up with our Facebook group to further enable and promote communication between our executive, our members and the school community.

We have had a very busy year fundraising. We have been doing Lunch Lady once a week, Appin Meats with Honey Do Honey, movie nights, popcorn days and Little Ceasers Pizza Kits. This year we are trying out a new fundraiser called Globally Local. As a result of our fundraising, we are able to donate money towards school trips/events for all students, teacher requests for the classroom (magna tiles, bins), as well as donations towards new chrome books, breakfast program, garden project, sports jerseys and graduation. We also put on one free hour of skating for the entire school community and much more.

This year we are happy to support the Maker Bus. They will be coming to teach the students structures and mechanisms. Thank you to the Bos family for their generous donation again this year. And thank you to our school community for all of your generosity and support!

Algonquin

Christine Elgie

The 2015/ 2016 school year has been one of change and challenges for our association. As we entered our third year of operation, many individuals took on new roles within the association and we had a few new members join our team as well. Through the hard work and dedication of our members, we made some positive and lasting changes and hope to grow our membership even more next year.

October saw the launch of our Facebook Page. The Facebook team has truly done an amazing job at keeping the school community advised of the work we do within the school. It has helped us expand our network of parent volunteers and will certainly help us obtain more members in the years to come.

In November, an alliance with Lunchbox Orders was forged to help reduce the administrative load on our hot lunch team and classroom teachers. This allowed us to increase variety and frequency of lunches offered to the school community and allowed our hot lunch team to organize 26 weekly lunches from mid-November until early June. Thanks to our team and the parent volunteers who make this program possible. Our group also held a Boston Pizza Shadow night.

December was a particularly busy month with the planning and organization of the Annual Festive Feast and the running of a very successful Mint Smoothie fundraiser.

In February, we organized the Second Annual "Carnaval" Pancake Day -- a free event for the school community, run in conjunction with the school's French Department and their annual Winter Carnaval. Approximately 26 parent volunteers and association members prepared and served 1,200 pancakes to 550 students at the school. Also in February, we held a second Boston Pizza Shadow night. A catalogue fundraiser was also rolled out late in the month. Way to go, fundraising team!

In late March, we worked together with the School Council to organize and run Bedtime Stories in the school gym. Primary students were entertained by stories, participated in book draws and received a bedtime snack. The evening was a great success!

Our final fundraising event will take place just in time for Mother's Day and involve the selling of hanging baskets and patio pots. This is a new fundraising event for us and hopefully will bring us additional funds to spend on the school community.

What has been done with all these fundraising dollars? We supplied all 26 classrooms with bins of outdoor play equipment, provided field trip funding for every student in the school, purchased Chromebooks to be used in the classrooms, contributed towards the cost of the Festive Feast keeping it affordable for all and purchased books for our Learning Commons in conjunction with the Forest of Reading Program.

In the remaining months, we will send our school choir and band to the Music Festival, we will supply treats for the annual Fun Day at the school in June and set aside funds to assist with the creation of an outdoor classroom for the school.

It has been a very busy and rewarding year for our small group. I am truly honoured to be a part of this amazing team!

B. Davison

Jane Lowman

Goals of the Home and School are: to encourage participation in our Home and School Association; to advocate on behalf of B. Davison Secondary School in our various communities; to assist in increasing the awareness of numerous positive learning opportunities available for students at B. Davison Secondary School; to assist in improving the public perception of Davison Secondary School; to encourage parents to select B. Davison Secondary School as the best choice for their child's learning needs; to advocate on behalf of the school through Vocational Education Review; to commence fundraising opportunities to support B. Davison Secondary School to purchase new school mascot; and to work co-operatively to ensure smooth transition for Thames / Ross students to B. Davison Secondary School.

Activities this year included: Davison H&S hosted Meet the Teacher Night in September and parent/teacher interviews throughout the year -- members assisted by acting as school guides and hosting refreshment stations to parents in attendance; members supported the annual H&S garden sale and volunteered their services to help out; members supported our community clean up; members attended TVCHSA annual dinner; members supported Davison Home and Garden sale; and members supported our employers who accept our students in co-op and work experience placements in their workplaces.

Our Home and School Association participated in fundraising activities throughout the year. The main goal was to purchase a mascot for B. Davison Secondary School. This goal was achieved in May 2015. The H&S also took part in Loonie Tuesday, two MacMillan's fundraisers, staff/student fundraiser and a cake raffle.

As our H&S supports student achievement, parents in our school are becoming more aware of the advantages of students attending Davison. This is a direct result of the parents communicating the message throughout numerous communities they reside in.

Bonaventure Meadows

Sarah Crandall

Our Home and School committee 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 we had some executive members switch positions and we also welcomed two new individuals. Our President was Sarah Crandall, Vice-President was Becky Collins, resuming her position as Treasurer was Shelly Caron, Secretary was Christa Fisher and our new position this year -- Fundraising Co-ordinator -- was Dawn Thorner.

We had a slow start to the school year as a result of the teacher job action and our membership drive was lower than expected. Once everything resumed to normal we jumped right into our fundraising. We held a Family Fun Night which offered a pizza/membership combo, raffle prizes as well as free games and activities. Our monthly hot lunches continued with the choice of pasta or pizza as well as Subway lunches. We also participated once again in the Samko Toy Sale and Mia's Flowers Spring fundraisers. Poinsettias were sold prior to Christmas. Our Little Caesar's Pizza Kits continue to be very profitable for us! Spirit Wear Clothing was offered again and refreshments were sold at school events. We are looking forward to the return of our annual Fun Fair BBQ in June!

As a result of our fundraising, we are able to budget funds for students to be used for school trips/events. We were also able to purchase a new stereo for the gym, a new school banner and new jerseys for the volleyball/softball teams. We also supported the Winter Carnival, Winter Wonderland Music Concert, Bonaventure Idol and Grade 8 graduation. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with a lunch for all teachers and staff as well as personalized booklets for the teachers made by their students.

We are very excited to have one of our teachers, Ms. Nunn-Miller recognized at the TVCHSA annual meeting this year.

We have been very fortunate to have new volunteers helping us this year and we look forward to increasing our volunteers and members in the coming year!

Caradoc

Sabrina Banka

Centennial Central

Christine Roberts

Clara Brenton

Christine Matassa

This year, the Home and School Association organized a very successful and healthy fundraiser in October called Fresh From the Farm. Byron Pizza Tuesdays, and Fun Fair are always a hit at Clara Brenton P.S. With the extreme 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); we also added to our wireless keyboard/mouse combos, which were needed for our school; freezies for activity day; staff appreciation lunch; and new school shirts for big events, such as Track and Field and Cross Country. We also are helping with some outdoor improvements, just to name a few of the initiatives.

Clarke Road

Lesley Stephenson

Once again it was a very busy year at Clarke Road. We continue to partner with the School Council in the various activities taking place at the school. The year started off with the annual grade 9 parent night. This was followed quickly by our first annual Thursday night football/parent interview night. We had a great turnout for both events and hope to continue this tradition.

In January, we partnered with the School Council to provide information to the grade 7 and 8 students who will be joining the Clarke Road family in the next year or two. The year will end off with the annual Grade 8 Parent Spaghetti dinner on May 30th. We look forward to being a part of this event and welcoming the new parents to join us at Clarke Road.

Congratulations to Matthew Emmons who received the Grade 11 OFHSA Citizenship Award!

Ealing

Donna Blackwood

A great year once again for our Home and School at Ealing.

We held a family craft night for Halloween. Our Christmas Bazaar was the best ever, thanks to Becky Porter-Black, who brought in many crafters who had never participated before. The raffle table had unique gifts and we collected money and food donations at the front door for Crouch Brand Library's cupboard and socks for Christmas Ambush. We actually ran out of pizza! Student and parent volunteers did a great job again, thank you.

Mother's and Father's Day sales are coming up. Our Spring Fling is June 9th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. with games, food and door prizes. Candace Doward is assisting with graduation plans. Fundraisers included Vesey Bulbs and cookie dough, and we still hold monthly bingos at Lucky Days.

Nominations for new executive is in the works. Great job everybody!

East Williams Memorial

Sandra Ansems

Our year at East Williams has been full of welcome changes. We were fortunate enough to get a great new Principal who started in January, and our Home and School Association membership more than doubled with some great parents that are dedicated and have the students' best interest at heart.

We are busy changing our library into a Learning Commons and doing some playground improvements. One of our dedicated teachers has started an Eco Club which has around 40 student members. They are all excited about planting and "refurbishing" our outdoor Peace Garden in the upcoming weeks.

We have had some great fundraisers which have allowed us to put some funding into projects such as the "Dreambox" math program, and we have been able to support the Student Snack Program, which offers healthy snacks to each student, three days per week.

I would like to thank the Principal, teachers, parents and Home and School members for their continued support of East Williams. Together we can make a difference!

Evelyn Harrison

Kim Huisman

This year, we focused on putting ceiling fans throughout the whole school, which was completed over March break.

Our fundraisers have included the Christmas bazaar, Holiday gift shop, World's Finest Chocolate, Samko Toy sales and themed bake sales for Christmas, Easter and year-end. This year for the Valentine's Day sale, we decided to do candy grams. Our fundraising committee is working on adding another fundraiser before the end of school. We also do our monthly hot lunches.

In February, we helped out by providing hot chocolate and cookies for Carnival. In May, we will be helping out with providing refreshments for Grand Friends Day and we will also be having our annual staff appreciation lunch. June will be our busier month, starting with Play Day, which includes handing out freezies. Then comes our year-end as we call it stress breaker, Spring Fling.

We have provided bus money for class trips, sports, planners, technology funds for upkeep, band shirts, awards and graduation portfolios yearly.

F.D. Roosevelt

Kathy Doyle

It's been a busy year at FDR, this being my first year as president. Our membership has grown and many new faces have joined the old familiar ones.

We have done a lot of interesting and exciting things. Our choir sang the National Anthem at a London Knights hockey game. We have had hot lunches, Banquet of Excellence, popcorn days and the planning for Carnival, which is always a hit at the end of May. We have also had many fundraising events thanks to the hard work of Lesley Stephenson. Members of the Home and School provided and handed out hot chocolate for the students at the Winter Carnival. We had a very successful karate program offered by Bernardo Karate. And we offered Let's Get Cooking twice this year with a very good response.

I'm also pleased to add that we had an OHFSA Citizenship winner from Grade 7. Congrats, Malik Young!

Glen Cairn

Leigh-Anne Currie

The Glen Cairn Home and School Association has celebrated a number of events during the 2015/2016 school year. We started off the year welcoming a new Principal, Matthew Chevalier and a new Vice-Principal, Amy Shamoan. Matthew and Amy are a fantastic addition to our Association. Our Home and School could not have been as successful as it was without the fantastic assistance of our new administrative secretary, Jen Hey and administrative assistant, Kayla Schoenthier. Jen and Kayla are always willing to lend a hand during the busy times by providing administrative assistance and a friendly smile.

Glen Cairn Home and School Association with the support of staff, students, parents, friends and family finally installed a NEW PLAYGROUND! The students were so excited to have the playground available and it is a joy to see it in full use! Paul Sander, Murray Richardson and Matthew Chevalier were instrumental in completing all of the behind the scenes tasks that needed to be done in order for the equipment to be purchased and installed. Paul and Murray will be recognized for their contributions to the project by our Home and School Association.

Home and School members were actively involved in monthly hot lunches, holiday gift wrapping at White Oaks Mall, supporting TVNELP and various other school activities. Members attended a variety of TVPIC workshops as well as the OFHSA Conference in April. At the Conference, Donna Draper received the Centennial Honour for all of the valued work she does for the Home and School at Glen Cairn, as well as her work with the TVCHSA. Melissa Noszenko was also given the Centennial Honour for all of the contributions she has made to making the Glen Cairn Home and School Association so successful.

Jane Graham is Glen Cairn's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award. Jane serves as the secretary for the Glen Cairn Home and School Association. Jane is a vital link in the chain of communication between members and her dedication is greatly appreciated.

The remainder of the school year will be busy as the members undertake our 2nd Annual Skip to the Finish Fundraiser, as well as an excellent initiative to help out with everyone's spring cleaning. On May 27th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. and May 28th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., we will be accepting donations of unwanted household electronics and used clothing donations. A bin will be available for drop offs. The event is OES approved.

We look forward to another exciting year of meeting the needs of the Glen Cairn students, families and friends!

Hickson

Michelle Morley

IDCI

Joanne Sesink

It was with great sadness that we started our school year off with the loss of one of our great volunteers, Teresa Cameron. She has brought so much to our small community and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her involvement at the school will never be forgotten as she was a treasure like no other. She gave an endless amount of time and love in all aspects of her volunteer life. Her presence is greatly missed.

Our school has been fairly quiet this year as we continue with organizing the Grade 12 prom with a group of graduating students. This year's prom will be held on May 27. Our theme this year is "Time of Our Life." We are looking forward to a fun and safe evening for all.

Innerkip

Kimberley Swanson

During the school year, our Home and School Association has been very successful this year!

Activities and achievements by Home and School: Bedtime Stories evening of storytelling saw approximately 75 students participate; Festive Lunch in December was spearheaded by Home & School and the parent community to provide Swiss Chalet lunch for staff, students, parents, volunteers, crossing guards and school bus drivers, this year we served approximately 235 people, although this event brought great challenges leading up to it, they have since been resolved and we look forward to seeing it continue for years to come; Teacher Appreciation Day; Hallowe'en Family/Community Dance, an annual event for Innerkip Central involving many parent volunteers to be successful, prior to the event with jazzy jar sales, organization and student participation to setup the gym for the dance.

We are very proud of our accomplishments this school year -- a very small percentage of our meetings are focused on fundraising -- as we focus on how we can benefit our students in their learning and how we can support the Principal and staff to meet the needs of our students. Our Home and School Association is working hard, with great success in building stronger relationships in our school community. This year we saw an increase in members. Together we are making a difference!!

This year, our Association became more involved with bringing awareness to the value of character traits. I am proud to say as a staff member at Innerkip Central and President of H & S, we began implementing these traits, starting with honesty in February of this school year! It was a huge success, embraced by the parent and school community. Certificates to celebrate the students who show these traits are coming back too! Although there were struggles from the onset of a new school year with a work to rule -- we, as a Home and School, continued with Character Traits on bulletin boards, in monthly newsletters and working alongside great staff to enhance student learning.

Our Association welcomed new fundraising ideas - pepperette campaigns for fall/spring, Lamontagne Chocolate in November and poinsettia campaign in December. It was extremely busy and very exciting! Well done. Here is a list of products we purchased to support our students and teachers for this school year so far: Chrome Books, Electricity Unit for Grade 6 students, ICS Nutrition Program, new gymnasium chairs, graduation plaques, class set of knee pads, outdoor equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, sandbox toys, sleds, etc.), Gotcha Incentive Program to celebrate all Character Traits (frisbees with traits on it, bracelets, movie tickets), Festive Lunch and Halloween Dance.

We are the team that persevered through many obstacles this year, a group of parents that didn't give up! We stood strong around the table to save our school traditions despite the challenges. It is an honour to serve on Home and School Association in Innerkip as President for the third year.

J.P. Robarts

Sheena Davis

The JP Robarts Home and School Association has enjoyed another successful year. Thanks to all our members for all the time you spend helping make our school community the best it can be. Our pizza lunches continued to run this year, every other week on Mondays but we started using an online ordering system with some success. A first for us this year was our well-attended Movie Night. Our team of volunteers supervised students while watching a movie in the evening, allowing parents a few hours to themselves. Our community's favourite event is the family dance -- two hours of dancing, door prizes, drinks pizza and snacks. It's exciting to start seeing results from last year's fundraising efforts as the construction of our FDK outdoor area continues to progress!

Jeanne Sauve

Sarah Thomson

This year for me was about small things. Small changes, small steps, small improvements, that I believe have made us a much stronger Association.

While we stuck to old tested and true fundraisers, we tried some new ones also -- an ornament one at Christmas and a Retro fruit one in the spring. Like many other Associations we took pizza to online ordering only this year. We have seen a drop in ordering, so will have to assess this for next year and see if this was just growing pains, or if -- at our school -- we need paper ordering as well.

One priority that we made as a team was accomplished through successfully increasing our communication with the community and administration. The best thing that I have seen personally though, is watching members grow this year and take on more roles, getting more comfortable and speaking more at meetings. A whole team working together to benefit the children.

Long live Home and School.

Knollwood Park

Nicole Bartlett

Lambeth

Bonnie Kolkman

Greetings from Lambeth Public School! It was a very exciting year for us as we became a Home & School in October 2015. Our first order of business was to elect our executive: President (Bonnie Kolkman) Vice President (Tanya Russo-Cornish) Treasurer (Jen Locker) and Secretary (Casey Fawcett). Then we began our business as usual.

We have many fundraising programs in place: hot lunch on Mondays and Lunch Lady on Fridays. We used hotlunches.net for the second year so parents could order online for both our milk and Monday hot lunch programs. Parents paid through Paypal so no money flowed through the school. We found this to be a very successful way of doing things and will continue it into the future.

Some of our other fundraisers included Christmas Shopping Extravaganza, school dances and our Little Caesars fundraisers. We also had another successful Holiday Store which allowed the students the opportunity to shop for their families.

We have used some of the funds raised to support our school in many ways: teacher start-up funds and a bus for each classroom, books for the library, instruments and purchasing music for our music program, sports equipment, and support towards our outdoor learning space, to name a few. Hopefully in the next few months we will be ordering a new scoreboard which proudly reads: Home of the Flyers!

Lester B. Pearson

Amber Cheng

Lord Nelson

Dolly Stensil

Lord Nelson has been very busy this year with activities.

This was the first year a Christmas Bazaar was held, with wonderful response. We had a variety of vendors and sold pizza and popcorn. People who attended said that they hoped we do it again next year. Again this year, the Home and School decided to sponsor a number of teams to play in the Ashley and Stephanie Memorial Basketball tournament, in which proceeds go towards two scholarships for Clarke Road S.S. students' future education.

A group of Home and School members and a local company adopted six families to provide them with a nice Christmas. We received donations from local companies, and ran fundraisers to raise the funds. It was a huge success. Made you really feel like Christmas.

As in the past, we held movie nights and Grade 6-8 dances. Hot lunches are always a big hit; they switch up from pizza to subs. We purchased a popcorn machine, which is time consuming, but the kids and teachers love the fresh popcorn every month. It should start to make a profit next year, after the initial investment.

We have covered the costs of trips, books, music equipment, and are looking at so many more items to make school a more pleasant environment.

We are currently preparing to host a Family Fun night, June 9th, 5-8 p.m. We have rented some games and have some other ideas 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. There will be a BBQ, 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, to make it more of a fun community event.

Nominations have gone out for next year. It looks like a number of the spots will be filled with new members, with young children. That is always a good sign.

This will be my last year at Lord Nelson P.S. and it has been an interesting ride. I was invited nine years ago and somehow ended up staying. It has been my pleasure to have served as President for a number of years, but now there are enough new and young members, that it is time to sit back and enjoy retirement. I wish them all the best in their, future endeavors.

Masonville

Emily Chen-Bendle

The Masonville community has seen considerable growth in the student population this year as students formerly assigned to Ryerson joined our school. We have been thrilled to have the new students and families as members of our community. We have continued to have an engaged executive this year, supported by a talented pool of "at large" members. We are delighted that Home and School meeting attendance and executive meeting attendance has continued to grow this year.

Many members of the Home & School have been engaged in outreach within the school community, in an attempt to welcome as many Masonville families as possible into our Home & School Association. This year the Home & School once again provided our traditional welcome to Masonville families, in the form of first day of school coffee and treats (thanks to Kristi Sargeant-Kerr and Annelies van Raalte). We also held a well attended Home & School information night early in the school year. In addition, we were able to attend a few coffee hours designed for members of our community for whom English is a second language, and were able to share information about the role of Home & School at Masonville and invite coffee hour attendees to join us.

We have also been able to better connect home and school through a wonderful presentation provided by our school librarian, Mrs. Blaha, on the transition of the library into a Learning Commons. This was of particular interest to our members as a significant portion of our annual fundraising is dedicated to supporting our Learning Commons. We look forward to launching a series of evenings designed to help prepare families for major transition moments at the school in May, as we discuss the transition from FDK to Grade 1. We continue to express our gratitude to our teachers and staff through the staff appreciation week run in February by Ashifa Karim, and monthly teacher munchies, run by Allison Francis and Stephanie Davis, all of whom put a lot of effort and thought into making sure our staff is properly thanked.

In December, Kristi Sargeant-Kerr and Norma Ferguson did a terrific job spearheading our Holiday Gift Giving program, supporting families at schools in other parts of the city. This is a favorite annual Masonville event.

We have continued to have dedicated, talented community members who have supported several significant and successful fundraisers, which also function as community building events. Hot lunch has continued to be a tremendous success, offered weekly, and serving as our most significant fundraiser. Lori More, Sarah Woodland, Lynn Grushka and Norma Ferguson are to be thanked for their exceptional dedication and efforts. Tracy Ashby did an excellent job running our Valentine's Day Cake Raffle, a beloved (and highly profitable!) Masonville tradition. Our second annual Family Fun Night, run by Corrine Rahman with significant support from Allison Francis and Karen Dixon, was a great financial success and a great deal of fun. Lynn Grushka is hard at work spearheading our Spring Fair which will take place June 9 of this year. She did a marvelous job last year – exceeding fundraising expectations while delivering a wonderful, fun filled evening. Fundraising supports a variety of initiatives and needs throughout the school, including learning technology. This year, we were able to support the purchase and installation of a buddy bench - a bench designed to be a meeting place for children looking for "buddies" to play with.

We have been thrilled to connect with the TVCHSA in a variety of settings over the course of the year (in particular, thank you for coming to visit us for one of your monthly meetings!), and thank them for their continued support and advice.

McGillivray Central

Julie Rees

Northdale Central

Jennifer Nuyens

Northdale Central has had another busy and exciting year! In September, we hit the ground running with our weekly alternating pizza lunch/sub lunch days. In October, we began to recognize our students who display the qualities of a "True" Northdale Knight – kindness, leadership, and strength of character – with our Purple Heart Awards. At our monthly Recognition Assemblies, students from every grade receive – from the Home & School – a Purple Heart Award certificate, a mini flashlight with the saying "Share your light," as well as a gift certificate for a pizza and a drink. By the end of the year the majority of our students will have achieved this award.

In November, we held our Northdale Central Annual Craft Show. Attendance by vendors and our very supportive community surpassed expectations! In February, we were very excited to have the Northdale Central Music Program perform before the TVDSB monthly board meeting. March brought our 2nd Annual Math Fair, which was a joint effort with our School Council and funded by our Parent Reaching Out grant. April sees us busy at work on Fun Fair, a My Blueprint information night, and our continued effort to support the teachers and staff in creating an awesome Learning Commons!

Thank you to Mrs. Zeisner (Principal), Mr. Lease (Vice Principal), Mrs. Queenan (Secretary), Mr. Rath & Ms. Knight (Custodial Staff), and the entire teaching staff at Northdale Central. Only with their support and cooperation for "The Best for Each Student" could all of this have been achieved.

Oxbow

Sue Lidbetter

Prince Charles

Heather Barber

Princess Anne FI

Stephanie Bilodeau

PAFI H&S aims to promote our school's main objectives which are Community, French Culture and Academics. This year we decided that in addition to supporting the teacher requests (field trips and supplies) and events for the students (Free Skate and Movie Night), we would also fundraise for a new sound system and the multi-year goal to improve/repair the school's outdoor sports equipment (long jump pit, basketball area, baseball diamond, and soccer field).

We have many great volunteers who help to organise and serve our weekly hot lunch, sell popcorn, help at our Family Skate, Movie Night and Fun Fair. Without the help of all our volunteers we would not be able to provide the students with all the extras that they receive from us. So a big THANK YOU to our Home and School volunteers.

Fundraising initiatives included: weekly hot lunches, weekly popcorn sales, Spirit Wear sale, held our annual Holiday Bazaar, bake sale and book sale, held our first online auction, sent out donation requests to parents, Indigo fundraiser, Domino's pizza fundraiser, In The Bag (Canadian Diabetes Clothesline), Fun Fair and pop can recycling.

In the community, we held Family Movie Night, Family Carnival and Skate – held at local arena with free skate, crafts and refreshments for our families and staff, Teacher Appreciation Day and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

School/student purchases this year included a new sign for the school (long-term goal), honorarium for Anti-Bullying Presentation for Grades 3-8, field trip to Fanshawe Pioneer Village for Grade 3 students, portable sound system for school, honorarium for Get Real Inclusion Presenter Assembly for SK-8, School Council gift of 10 cinch bags, as well as a donation for graduation. Our future plans include outdoor sports equipment upgrade/repairs (1-2 year project).

We have had a great year at Princess Anne and look forward to another successful year to come.

Princess Elizabeth

Shermila Box

Riverside

Pat Angerstein

We began our year wondering if Riverside's Corn Roast would happen this year without our wonderful teachers. The decision was made to keep the tradition going and everyone had a fantastic time. The Oakridge Optimists brought their 50-foot charcoal grill and cooked hundreds of hotdogs and hamburgers. Parents and children danced the night away under a canopy. The Corn Roast again really set the tone for a spirit-filled year.

Riverside celebrated the Jays with a hot dog lunch and Jersey Day.

In October, Riverside's Halloween event took place. Students attended in costume and danced to tunes played by our spooky DJ. The kids loved the Haunted House. The spooky horse-drawn carriage rides were a big hit. Thanks to Emily, a high school volunteer, for reading stories to riders all evening.

Home and School again rented Storybook Gardens so Riverside could skate together. Everyone had a wonderful time and the weather co-operated this year. We added free pizza and hot chocolate. It was nice to have a truly community-centred event without a need to fundraise. Thanks to Melissa for organizing it and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

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 -- Cheryl, Alex, Laurie, Patty, Cindy and Amanda. And 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.

Riverside, under the direction of Mary Jane, again hosted a Christmas Bazaar. It was a great success. We had vendors ranging from Tupperware to jewelry. Families were able to take advantage of a professional photographer to have a holiday picture taken. The sets were constructed by Mary Jane and were gorgeous.

In February, another annual Riverside tradition took place. Treats and Treasures is beloved by staff and students alike! In essence, it's 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.

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 Kim for organizing this year.

Again, a June BBQ will complete our year as we say goodbye to 2015/16 and look forward to doing it all over again in 2016/17.

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 principal, Ken Overeem, who has made this year an absolute pleasure by supporting all our efforts with good humour and loads of appreciation.

Sir G.E. Cartier

Lisa Reed

Tecumseh

Lynn Dionne

It's been another busy year at Tecumseh Home & School Association. This year we introduced Lunchbox online ordering system which has proven to be a seamless method for parents to coordinate payment and ordering of their children's lunch meals. Recently, we also introduced Booster Juice smoothie snack days which have been a big hit with the students.

We were pleasantly surprised by the success of our QSP magazine fundraiser this year which saw an increase over last year. Our Halloween Bake Sale was a treat-filled event for the students and we had a spookily fun time at our Halloween Movie & Pizza Night which included a costume contest for the students. Our annual White Elephant Sale was a wonderful, festive event where the students gift-shopped for their loved ones to celebrate the Season of Giving.

We also planned a Chapters Holiday Fundraiser for our school and had a terrific turnout from our school families and community. We still have some planned events to wrap up the year including a Free Throw Basketball Tourney and a Fun Fair.

At the outset of the year, our association held a brainstorming session together where everyone was able to collaborate on items or events that our association might look to support at Tecumseh Public School. Some really interesting ideas came out of this session and we were able to prioritize where the association can best support the students and staff.

This year again, we supported our teachers with classroom funding which they're able to use at their discretion for needed items or field trips. We also provided funding to purchase Google Chromebooks and a charging cart for mobile technology. We also supported funding for classroom kits (measurement, geometry, problem solving), woodworking and art projects for several of our grades. We agreed to allot annual funding in support of a Grade 8 cultural/educational field trip, in addition to our Grade 8 graduation support. And we funded the hot chocolate at our Winter Carnival organized by our French teachers. We celebrated our Tecumseh staff with a week of Staff Appreciation events and treats. Our FDK staff have spearheaded the formation of a team to plan an Outdoor Learning Area for all grades, which we anticipate happening in the coming year and hope to support.

We are amazed this year again by the generosity and support of our school community, volunteers, Principal Barlow, staff and the students. I would especially like to thank all of the Tecumseh Home & School members who have been so supportive this year and willing to volunteer and organize all of the events on our busy calendar. And, I would like to recognize and specially thank our amazing executive team who have been such a pleasure working with this year including Renee Gehl (VP), Sarah Iwasaki (Treasurer), Julie Koortekaas (Secretary) and Kate Goring (School Council Rep).

Trafalgar

Renee Lundrigan

W. Sherwood Fox

Sarah Wells

West Nissouri

Mary Wilson

West Oaks

Sue Williams

West Oaks is enjoying our first year with a full size gym that is actually attached to the school, a new library and activity room. Now that our expansion is complete, and our student enrolment has risen from 150 to 340, West Oaks Home and School has begun to raise money for new (and much needed) playground equipment.

This year we organized pizza lunch days, movie nights, Lunch Lady and QSP. Our 2nd annual Read-A-Thon was a huge success as was our first ever London Knights game! We are looking forward to Boston Pizza Celebrity Server and our Spring Family Celebration in May and June.

Wilfrid Jury

Christine Seguin

We were very excited to form our first Home and School Association in February 2016. We have a great group of 11 parents who are interested in fundraising for our school and we have a lot of great ideas for the rest of this year and the year ahead. We jumped right in with a Cinnabon fundraiser to support our music department, FDK outdoor learning, and school snack program.

In May, we are planning a Wilfrid Jury Showcase night. This night will include a showcase of all the great work that the students are doing in our school, a multicultural potluck dinner, and a silent auction. We hope that many families will come out and enjoy this community event.

In June, we will have a bazaar featuring various vendors selling their products along with product raffles.

I would like to thank our school administration, our school office staff, and the many Home and School Council members in the community who have guided us in this journey.

Wortley Road

Deb Bates

This year has been a busy one (but really, when aren't they?) for the Wortley Road Home & School Association.

We have been raising funds for the usual suspects (school planners, library books, school buses for field trips, teacher start-up funds, individual teacher requests, student support, musical instruments, speakers, and more) but we are also trying to fundraise for the renovation of our Learning Commons. This is one of the largest fundraising items that Wortley has undertaken in a long time, and the school is also contributing a lot. This is a multi-year project, which will see capital renovations, new technology, cosmetic improvements, new furniture and more. We are so excited to be working on this project with our principal Helen Brown and the Learning Commons Committee at Wortley.

For activities this year, the Home & School have had or are planning: Track and Field Meet snack bar, milk program, Subway lunch, Spirit Days, movie night, White Elephant sale, cake raffle, Teacher Appreciation Week, Games Night, Old South Mother's Day Craft and Vendor Sale, online silent auction and Fun Night.

We also support the Wortley Yearbook, which is going into production-mode over the next month or so, in order to receive it by the end of the year. The students take photos for this, so it is a truly collaborative endeavor.

Each year is unique, and we have new and different challenges. Probably the biggest challenge, which I hear all over, is parent and caregiver participation. It goes up and down, but overall, we have a wonderfully supportive school, neighbourhood and amazing kids, so we are very fortunate. And everything somehow always gets done.

We look forward to what next year will bring.

Zorra Highland Park

Katrina deWit

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4. The Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations Executive Committee shall consist of elected officers, Area Chairs, and any Thames Valley Council committee chairpersons. Two people may share one executive position, but there will be only one vote per executive position.
5. 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 and School Associations President in writing.
6. The Annual Meeting of the Thames Valley Council of Home and 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.
7. The Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations will follow the election procedures of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations bylaws.
8. A quorum for Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations meetings shall be 51% of the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations Executive Committee, and 10% of Association representatives to Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations.
9. The Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations Executive shall be empowered to spend for the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations up to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars at any one meeting, excluding budgeted items.
10. The Thames Valley Council of Home and 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 and 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
Amended April 25, 2016

Thames Valley Council Of Home and School Associations Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM
TVDSB Education Centre | London, ON

1. **Welcome/MC:** Arlene Morell
2. **Musical/Performance:** Jeanne Sauve
3. **Introduction of Invited Guests/Representatives:** Arlene Morell
TVDSB Director Laura Elliott, Trustees Bill McKinnon, Joyce Bennett, Chris Goodall, Arlene Morell, Sheri Polhill, and Matt Reid, Superintendent Paul McKenzie; OFHSA President Sandra Binns
4. **Reflections:** Joyce Bennett
5. **Dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance:** (116)
Thank you, Dawghouse for catering again this year.
6. **Toast to Canada, the Queen and the Children:** Sandra Binns, OFHSA President
7. **Greetings:**
Director Laura Elliott on behalf of TVDSB
Trustee Bill McKinnon on behalf of trustees
8. **Greetings from TVCHSA Presidents:** Sheena Davis | Arlene Morell
9. **Presentation of TVCHSA President Pin:** Sarah Thomson
Recipient: Sheena Davis
10. **Awards:** Arlene Morell, presented by Sheena Davis | Robin Harvey

OFHSA Citizenship Award

Nominees - In Attendance:

Clarke Road - Monica Slegers
Glen Cairn - Juliana Mereu | Sidney Carroll
Northdale Central - Jolin Payne | Madison Lunick

Nominees - Not in Attendance:

Princess Anne - Leah DaRosa
Glen Cairn - Laura Breault | Will Strain
Ealing - Simon Dorward

Winners:

Student: Sydney Vickers - Lord Nelson
Educator: Virginia Dahms - Glen Cairn

Celebration of Volunteer of The Year Award:

Winners - In Attendance:

Bonaventure Meadows – Shelly Caron
Clarke Road – Sandi Sanderson-Parsons
Ealing – Penny Rajpaul
Evelyn Harrison – Carolyn Wickens
F.D. Roosevelt – Lois Lascelles
Glen Cairn – Melissa Noszenko
J.P. Robarts – Sandra Mould
Northdale Central – Nicole Decock
Sir G.E. Cartier – Amber Gibbons

Winners - Not in Attendance:

Byron Northview – Denise Hynes
Innerkip – Donna Lamb
Jeanne Sauve – Tabitha Pye
Knollwood – Patricia Racine
Lester B Pearson – Shonna Elgie
West Oaks – Andrea Frossard

Celebration of OFHSA Booster Awards:

Adelaide W.G. MacDonald
Bonaventure Meadows
Prince Charles
Princess Anne

Riverside
St. George
Tecumseh
White Oaks
Wortley Road

Celebration of Association Anniversaries:

Anniversaries – In attendance:

Evelyn Harrison - 35 years
Bonaventure Meadow - 20 years
B. Davison (formerly Sir. G. Ross) - 20 years
TVCHSA - 110 years

Anniversaries – Not in attendance:

Knollwood Park - 95 years
Princess Elizabeth - 90 years
Wortley Road - 80 years
Delaware Central - 30 years
IDCI - 20 years
Princess Anne - 20 years
Tecumseh - 15 years

Presentation of Doris Ford Award (Association level): Shelly Caron

Recipient: Nancy Porter - Jeanne Sauve

11. Recognition of Life Members for Associations and Council: Arlene Morell

Brian Peat | Dolly Stensil | Mary Hope | Teresa Blum | Bill Tucker
Darlene Snyders | Mark Snyders | Joyce Bennett

12. Presentation of new TVCHSA Life Membership: Sheena Davis

Recipient: Trustee, Arlene Morell

13. 2015-2016 TVCHSA Nominations report: Shelly Caron

Sheena Davis – President
Arlene Morell – Past President
Sarah Thomson – Vice President
Leona Durk – Secretary
Adam Lowe – Treasurer
Robin Harvey – Area Chair Coordinator
Shelly Caron – Area Chair
Laura Gonzalez – Area Chair
Jennifer Nuyens – Area Chair

14. Installation of TVCHSA Officers for the 2015/16 term: Teresa Blum

Motion: Teresa Blum, OFHSA Past President

Second: Gail Selig, B. Davison

CARRIED

15. Acceptance of Minutes from May 2014 AGM: Leona Durk

Motion to defer to 2016 AGM: Donna Blackwood, Ealing

Second: Adam Lowe, Jeanne Sauve

CARRIED

16. Acceptance of Finance Report: Adam Lowe

Motion to defer to 2016 AGM: Jennifer Nuyens, Northdale Central

Second: Dolly Stensil, Lord Nelson

CARRIED

17. Acceptance of Annual Report: Robin Harvey

Motion to defer to 2016 AGM: Dave Hogg, F.D Roosevelt

Second: Donna Draper, Glenn Cairn

CARRIED

18. Singing of the Home & School song:

19. Adjournment of May 11, 2015 AGM:

Motion: Lesley Stephenson, F.D. Roosevelt

Second: Sandra Binns, OFHSA President

CARRIED