Grade 5 Activities and Fundraising,

A grade 5 parent meeting is held each September for parents with children currently in Grade 5. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the events that will take place for the Grade 5 students, as well as to discuss the various opportunities for fundraising for these events.

It was decided that 3 events will take place for the Grade 5’s during the 2017/2018 school year. These events are as follows:

* **Swimming event to the Coquitlam Aquatic Centre (April 2018)**
* **Movie event to be held in the school gym (May 2018)**
* **Sasamat day camp to be held at Camp Sasamat in Belcarra (June 2018)**

In order to fully fund all of the Grade 5 students for all 3 of these events, some fundraising will need to take place. The fundraising opportunities for these Grade 5 events are as follows:

* **Grade 5 Volleyball Jamboreee Concession**
* **Grade 5 Basketball Jamboree Concession**
* **Christmas Concert Concession**
* **Lunchtime Martial Arts**
* **Hot Dog Day**

As you might be aware, each year there is an opportunity for students in Grade 5 to purchase sweatshirts/hoodies. Please note that while every student will be sized for a hoodies, there is absolutely no obligation whatsoever to purchase a sweatshirt/hoodies. The sweatshirts/hoodies will have the school year on the back and each student will be provided with the opportunity to sign his/her name on the back of the sweatshirt/hoodie.

As a result of the need to organize and fundraise for these 3 large events, we will require parent volunteers. While we currently have parents who have graciously agreed/volunteered to be a coordinator for events and fundraising, we are still in need for additional parents to volunteer to assist the coordinator carry out the task. The following opportunities are currently available:

**Grade 5 Sweatshirts/Hoodies** - one to two parents will be required to assist the event coordinator size all of the students and help to obtain signatures of each of the students. Sizing for the hoodies will take place during school hours and will likely occur at some point in October or early November.

**Grade 5 Volleyball Jamboree Concession** - several parents (approximately 6-8 parents) will be required to assist the event coordinator with the successful organization, shopping, setup, and running of the Grade 5 volleyball jamboree concession. This event will occur towards the end of November at Pinetree Secondary, after school. Volunteers will be required for various times throughout the day, starting at approximately 12 pm on the day of the event and going through until approximately 6:30 pm. Please note that even an hour or two of your time on the day of the event, would be greatly appreciated.

**Grade 5 Basketball Jamboree Concession** - several parents (approximately 6-8 parents) will be required to assist the event coordinator with the successful organization, setup, and running of the Grade 5 basketball jamboree concession. This event will occur next March at Pinetree Secondary, after school. Volunteers will be required for various times throughout the day, starting at approximately 12 pm on the day of the event and going through until approximately 6:30 pm. Please note that even an hour or two of your time on the day of the event, would be greatly appreciated.

**Grade 5 Christmas Concert Concession** - several volunteers will be required to assist the event coordinator with the successful organization, shopping, setup, and running of the Christmas Concert Concession. The Christmas Concert occurs during school hours and volunteers will be needed for various times. This event will occur on only one of the days of the Christmas Concert. Grade 5 parents will be also asked to donate store bought or homemade baked goods for the concession. All proceeds of the concession will go directly to the Grade 5 fund for their year-end events.

**Grade 5 Noon Hour Martial Arts Fundraiser** - this is an annual fundraiser which has been occurring for the past 2 years. An instructor from Excel Martial Arts donates his/her time to run 8 weekly noon hour Martial Arts sessions (4 sessions for the primary grades and 4 sessions for the intermediate grades). In exchange for their time, they ask only to distribute some advertising to send home with each of the students who participate in the sessions. All of the proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the Grade 5 year-end events. Several parent volunteers will be needed to assist the event coordinator. Volunteers will be needed to help print notices and distribute to all of the divisions. In addition to this, parent volunteers are also needed for the 8 weekly sessions. These events occur during the lunch hour. Volunteers will be needed for approximately one hour (12 pm - 1 pm). This event generally occurs in the Spring, after Spring Break.

**Grade 5 Swimming Event -** this event will take place in April of 2018. The Grade 5’s will walk to the City of Coquitlam Aquatic Centre, where they will spend several hours swimming. After swimming, they will be treated to lunch and will then walk back to school. This event takes place during school hours and several parent volunteers will be needed to help organize the swimming event, the lunch, as well as accompany the group to and from the Aquatic Centre.

**Grade 5 Movie Event** - this event will take place in May of 2018. The Grade 5’s will watch a “G” rated movie in the school gym and will be treated to a special lunch during the intermission. This event also takes place during school hours and several parent volunteers will be needed to assist the event coordinator to organize the event, lunch, and to volunteer on the day of the event.

**Grade 5 Sasamat Day Camp** - this will be the final Grade 5 event and it will take place during school hours in June of 2018. The Grade 5’s will take a bus to Camp Sasamat in Belcarra and will spend the day at the camp participating in water events, rope courses, as well as various other fun activities. Several parent volunteers will be needed to assist the event coordinator with the organizing of this event and to volunteer their time on the day of the event.

Please note that any time that you can spare to help with any of these events, is greatly appreciated. While the vast majority of the events take place during the day, making it difficult for parents who work, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available which can be performed outside of regular school hours.

Should you have any further questions regarding any of these events or any of the volunteer opportunities available, please contact the Grade 5 Coordinator, Kathleen Epherre (Mikaela’s Mom) at dosmuppets@yahoo.ca.