

# Home & School Association

## Why join Home & School?

Your membership will give you the opportunity to be actively involved in the education of your children, and to enhance their experience of their formative early school years.

By becoming a member, you will have an active voice and role in creating a school environment that you would like for your child. Your support for the Home & School Association will make an impact on your child's academic and social experience.

Joining is also a great way to connect with other parents/guardians and strengthen your ties to the school community. You can show your children first-hand how good it feels to help others and care for your community in ways that are real and tangible to them.

By enrolling, you also become a member of the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations (QHfSA).

## What is Home & School?

We are a non-profit volunteer organization that believes in and encourages a strong relationship between parents or guardians and school. We help to plan and organize school activities such as photo day, book fairs, theme days, pizza and subway lunches, ice-cream days, special events, and much more.

Our purpose is to raise funds to enrich our children's learning experiences by providing classrooms with

extra learning materials (i.e., books, technology and iPads, or special materials for areas such as math, music, or robotics), funds for our library, outdoor equipment or structures, and additional activities for the children to participate in.

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### COMMUNITY

We work together to build school spirit and instill a sense of belonging for students, staff, and parents

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### COLLABORATION

Parents/guardians work alongside school staff on our committee to create the best possible

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### INTEGRITY

Our decisions are all made by majority vote, and all decisions affecting the school are overseen by the governing board.



### The Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations Inc.

A federation of local Home and School Associations driven by one objective: to provide a caring and enriched educational experience for students.  
<http://www.qfhsa.org>

### Enjoy the workshops

Through the QFhSA you have access to **free** quality **workshops** exclusive to members.

With this, we benefit from **Liability Insurance Coverage** for every family member (excluding sports) during all H&S events, and gives us voting autonomy to raise and spend money on the projects that we, the parents, decide on. Without our affiliation to the QFhSA, we would not have these 2 very important privileges!

**“Our Home & School Association also allows us to be a part of the many great events that nurture the Forest Hill community.”**

**Fundraisers & Special Events**

H&S organizes a variety of different special events and fundraisers , including:

**Fundraisers**

- Pizza & Subway lunches and icecream days
- Theme days (pyjama day, backwards day, and many more!)
- School pictures
- School clothing and masks
- Colle à Moi
- FlipGive
- Facebook holiday toy auction
- Scholastic book fairs

**Special Events**

- Guest speakers
- Jungle Sport
- Staff appreciation week

“We encourage all parents, guardians and grandparents to participate in whatever way best suits their talents, interest and available time.”

**MEETINGS**

Meetings are held once per month and are hybrid – they are both by Zoom and at school (alternating campus every month). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and share their ideas,

however only members may vote. Come see what it's all about! As a member, your vote counts!

**JOIN US NEXT YEAR!**

Simply [fill out the application](#) form and join the committee. Note that if you would like to have voting privileges there is a nominal cost of 20\$ per year (voting rights are optional - non-voting members can still attend the meetings and volunteer!).

**Remember, you do not have to volunteer to be a member, nor are you obliged to attend all meetings.**

