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THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPARK THE LOVE OF READING!

WOW!!! What an amazing school community! A huge thank you to our families for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair that took place during Teacher Interviews on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

Together, we raised over $3,000 in Scholastic books and materials for our school and students!!

Huge shout-out to our Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator, Angele Duval Belanger, and her volunteer parents: Lianne Pickhard, Lianne Dorais, Diane Corcoran, Jennifer Mason and Melissa Downer. You guys did a fabulous job of organizing this fun event for our parents, students and school staff.

Congratulations to our contest winners!!

Congrats to Simone (Grade 5) who won $25 in free books and another $25 in free books for her classroom (Ms Isabelle).

Congrats to Oliver (Grade 4), for guessing the correct number of cotton balls in the jar, and to Finn (Graduate of Lord Aylmer), for guessing the correct number of gummy bears in the jar. Both students won a book!

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Our Lord Aylmer Home & School is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers from the school and Aylmer community.

We are a separate entity from the Lord Aylmer School.

Our mission is to enhance the education and general well-being of our students by encouraging a closer relationship between the home, the school and the community.

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BRINGING SCHOOL & COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Our Lord Aylmer Home & School has been actively involved in the Aylmer community for over 30 years, supporting local businesses and community organizations by committing to buying local, increasing community engagement and actively participating in activities that positively affect all of our Aylmer families.

And our Home & School Christmas Bazaar is a perfect example of school and community coming together towards a common goal- organizing a successful fundraising event that all of our families can enjoy!

This year, our Bazaar included tons of fun stuff:

- A Christmas Market with 38 local vendors, who also donated their own goods to our Raffle;
- A large-scale Raffle with over 100 prizes, made possible by the generous contributions of our local businesses and artisans;
- A fun Kids' Cap Game with prizes and toys for all; and
- A fundraiser lunch and bake table made possible by our families who donated chili and baked goods.

We were especially thrilled by our kids' Activity Corner- which included a Craft Corner, Santa Photo Booth and Drumming with Santa:

While parents shopped, our kids had creative fun at our Craft Corner, which was organized and hosted this year by the Western Quebec Literacy Council (WQLC). Activities included a fun literacy-based bookmark craft, literacy-based games with prizes and a creative space for writing letters to Santa and making Christmas cards and crafts for friends and family.

In the morning, our free Santa Photo Booth offered an opportunity for our kids to spend some extra special time chatting with Santa. The volunteer photographer made sure to highlight those special moments, and parents can download those digital keepsake photos on our H&S website at: **lordaylmerhs.ca/bazaar2019**

New to this year was our Santa Photo Booth Sponsors. Due to their generosity, we were able to make the Booth extra special by purchasing a new suit for our volunteer Santa, and outfitting the Booth with a new chair, rug, lanterns, Christmas tree, and cute lights and decorations. We also created 100 Kid Activity Bags, which Santa gifted to visiting children.

Once the kids had their picture taken at the Photo Booth, they then had the opportunity to join our afternoon drumming circle with Santa. We welcomed Krishnan Sundaram from Flow Drumming and the WQLC, who hosted this event. The drumming was a huge success and the kids all had a blast!

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WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

- To our AMAZING Christmas Bazaar organizers Pamela Birkett and Lianne Pickhard and their Home & School Team: Amanda Matthews, Angele Duval Belanger, Carissa Piercey, Debi Brown, Diane Corcoran, Jackie Levere, Jennifer Leblanc, Julie Laverdure, Lianne Dorais, Lynn Ladouceur, Marie-Lou Desharnais, Melanie Beaudoin, Natalie Filiou, Stacey Surrette, Susan Lavigne, Terri Cameron and Zeina Saikali. A thank you to our amazing volunteer students: Ashley, Celeste, Charlie, Jenna, Kiley, Sophie, Marijke and Charli.
- To Eldon Keon, Principal at Lord Aylmer School who helped us throughout the event. We so appreciate all that you do for our Home & School!
- To our AMAZING Santa- thank you for joining us and chatting with our kids, and for making their time with you extra special! The kids LOVED you!
- To all those who donated chili for our kitchen and sweets/treats for our Bake Table. Thank you!
- To the folks at the Barn for giving us such an amazing space for our Bazaar (94 Rue du Patrimoine), and to the IGA in Aylmer (203, chemin Aylmer) and Maxi in Aylmer (545 Chemin Vanier) for their generous contributions to our lunch fundraiser. Thank you!
- To Krishnan Sundaram from Flow Drumming and the Western Quebec Literacy Council (WQLC) and Louise Paradis, a volunteer tutor at the WQLC, for hosting our Craft Table during the Bazaar and for organizing such an AMAZING drumming session with Santa for our kids. We truly appreciate you coming out- our kids had a BLAST!
- To our Santa Photo Booth Sponsors: Audrey Bureau, conseillère municipale d'Aylmer, André Fortin, MNA of Pontiac, Dr. Timothy Winlow of Dentisterie Aylmer Dentistry and Greg Fergus, Member of Parliament for Hull-Aylmer. Your contributions helped make our Santa Photo Booth extra special for our Aylmer families. Our heartfelt appreciation to you!

Together, we raised over $3,500 for our students and school!

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We would like to highlight the following local businesses for their generous donations to our Home & School Bazaar Raffle!

Double Tree Hilton Hotel Gat.
Crown Plaza Gat.
Adrenaline Plus
Angel Nails
Aymer BBQ
Bamboo Restaurant
Beurre Salé Crêperie
Bistro L'Autre Oeil
Bistro Mexicana
Blades and Bourbon
Boston Pizza
British Restaurant
Buffet des Continents
Canadian Museum of History
Canadian Museum of Nature
Canadian War Museum
Casa Grecque
Chez Gaston Shawarma
Cinéma Aylmer
C-Magik
Cosmic Adventure
Dairy Queen
Dinty's Restaurant
Dovercourt
EBO- Martial Arts School Aylmer
Funhaven
Gabriel's Pizza
Gateau Néo
Home Hardware
Jean Coutu (Plateau)
La Maison Pho
La Vieille Alliance Baker
Lady Dive Ottawa Tours
Lanterne De Szechwan
L'As des Jeux
Laser Quest
Les Cafés Aromas Select
Lime Fitness
Marché Laflamme
Max Tech Hockey School
Michabou
National Arts Centre
Essenciel
Exotika Tattoos
Nautical Plus
One for One Pizza
Ongles Judy
Ottawa Gymnastics Centre
Ottawa Sens Games Tickets
Pharmaprix
Pizza La Différence
Pizza Suprême
Restaurant Alpina
Science and Tech Museum
Serenithé
Shawarma Santé
Ski Vorlage
SOL Health Food Store
St. Hubert
STO
StudioBronzage
Subway (Wilfred lavigne)
Tucker's Market Place
Tutti Frutti Restaurant
Upper Canada Village
Versailles Academy
Zigazoom
Lianne Pickard (handmade blanket)
Jennifer Mulligan (stain glass ornaments)
Angele Duval Bélanger (VIA rail gift card)

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We would like to highlight our local vendors and artisans who joined us for a great day of shopping- and for their generous donations to our Raffle and Kids Caps Table:

Amy Frost, Knots & Purls
instagram.com/knots.n.purls

Anne Bigras, Stained Glass & Fused Glass Art Pieces

Anne Côté, Côté Création
facebook.com/CoteCreation13

Anna Pinck, Little Luv Slings
littleluvslings.ca

Bob Valcov, Valcov's Apiary (Honey)

Chantal Macey, O! So Natural (EssenCiel)
essenciel.ca

Christina Villeneuve, Tupperware Consultant
facebook.com/groups/208942979508869

Christine Lariviere, Plan B Designs

Denis Lavergne, Photo cards

Diane Maloley, Cupcakes

Eva Tarkowski, Bath Bombs
evasbathbombbakery.com

Francine Picard, Decorative Paintings on Wood, Metal and Canvas

Heather Joyce Ferguson Jewelry
facebook.com/HJFJewelry

Hélène Chapman, Les Créations Chapidou
facebook.com/chapidou

Jenna Jenkins, Sweetlegs Gatineau with Jenna
facebook.com/SweetLegsgatineauwithjenna

Jennifer Ouellette, Moon Magick Messages
facebook.com/moonmagickmessages

Jodi Essery, Glace Menagerie

Jodi Tubman, Cozy Tozies

Julianne Ableson, Evie Peevie - Bee Wrapped
eviepeevie.com

Kim Carscadden, Hand-Painted Dot Mandalasinstagram.com/carscadden_ajr

Laura McTiernan, LM Creations - Jr Line
facebook.com/LMCreations-277341559847253

Lesha Bonnema, Madisons Laine
instagram.com/madisonslaine

Lise Bélanger, Un sac pour la cause
facebook.com/Un-sac-pour-la-cause-1103092933058876

Martine SAUVÉ-GEM, Sofi's Silly Slimefacebook.com/sofissillyslime

Melanie Coronado, Norwex Consultant
hmelaniecoronado.norwex.biz

Melissa Turcotte, Monat
melissaturcotte.mymonat.com

Rachel O'Donnell, Rachel's Unique Upcycles
facebook.com/Rachels-Unique-Upcycles-731474363934329

Rebecca Cerrelli, Simply Natural
facebook.com/simplynaturalorganicskincare

Rebecca Mitchell, Jazz Handmade Creations
facebook.com/jazzzhandmadecreations

Coralie Gonsalves, Beurre Salé Crêperie (Renée Savoie & Artisansal Displays)
facebook.com/beurresalecreperie

Sandra & Christine Thibeault, Chicka Bombes
facebook.com/chicka.bombes

Sophie Martin, S & D Homestyle Catering
facebook.com/sophydominiccatering

Stephanie Seguin, Stephanie's Creations
facebook.com/stephaniesflippedfurniture

Theresa Fraser, Baked Goods

Yohanna Bengoa, WAL Creations
facebook.com/WAL-Cr%C3%A9ations-2256781161231523/

Zoe Quigg, ZQ Calligraphy
facebook.com/zqcalligraphy

Creating a Strong Partnership with our Lord Aylmer School!

We are especially proud to share the news of this exciting new project! Our Lord Aylmer Home & School has teamed-up with the staff at Lord Aylmer School to help them renovate the Junior Campus Library.

This library project began over a year ago when teachers and staff came together to plan out some ideas to rejuvenate the library and transform it into a bright, inviting and of course fun space that was multi-functional and engaging.

The first step of the project was painting a lovely mural on all the walls of the library, and it didn't take long for our Home & School volunteer members and parents to take on that task! They were thrilled to help out, and excited to see the students enjoying the beautiful new space.

"Our partnership with the school is amazing and so special. I love it!" said Lianne Pickhard, Treasurer of the Lord Aylmer Home & School and H&S Team Lead for the Library project. "Books are magical for kids- they captivate them! So it was important for us to make the library a space that was both calming and inviting. Ms. Bosley has such amazing ideas, and I am so fortunate to be able to help her create that vision."

It took staff and volunteer parents a good two weeks of painting- and their work is simply amazing! The beautifully detailed woodland scene includes large trees painted against a warm and soothing blue sky, while adorable wildlife peek through branches or walk in groups in the background. The scene is a perfect backdrop to the soon-to-be-added reading nooks, Chromebook Stations, comfortable seating, desks and tables, as well as a fun woodland treehouse.

"We are so fortunate to have this partnership between such dedicated volunteers from our Home and School and our equally devoted members of staff," said Eldon Keon, Principal at Lord Aylmer. "All are working tirelessly toward a common goal: that of creating something special for our students that will enhance their educational experience. And it is this energy and relationship between our Lord Aylmer School and Home & School that allows for projects to transform into something even greater than what is intended when the projects are first developed. Our students are the benefactors of this strong partnership."

So far, our Home & School has funded, in-part, the purchase of Chromebooks (2016-2017 project), as well as contributed $450 to the school for painting supplies for the mural.

We would like to thank the following teachers and staff involved in the development of the project: Lee Ann Stencill, Jessica Simon, Lucie Schryer, Maria Bosley, Sonia Dubreuil, Heather Sedawey and Victoria Barrett. A huge thank you to Lorna Pement, a Lord Aylmer mom and Home & School member, for designing the mural and to Lianne Pickhard for her role as the H&S Team Lead.

We would like to highlight the following individuals for their amazing work on the mural: Lindsay Richards, parent and H&S Member, Lianne Pickhard, parent and H&S Member, Maria Bosley, Resource Staff at Lord Aylmer and Library Project Coordinator, and Lorna Pement, parent and H&S Member (pictured left to right). Also helping out was our lovely Janneke, student at Lord Aylmer (not pictured).

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LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT? WE'VE GOT YOUR COVERED!

We've now got Home & School eGIFT CARDS!! It's super simple to purchase. Visit our online shop at **lordaylmerhs.ca/shop**, select the value of the gift card and send it instantly via email to a teacher or staff, friend or family member. These eGIFT CARDS can be used in our H&S Shop at any time to purchase any of our products, including glam, pizza and subway lunches.

All of our **School Glam (T-Shirts, Pull-Over Hoodies and Zip Hoodies)** will be available for purchase until Friday, December 13 in our shop at: **lordaylmerhs.ca/shop.**

Throughout the year, we also take part in several online, third-party fundraisers including **FundScrip Gift Cards, Indigo E-Gift Cards, Scholastic Books, Mabels' labels** and **Oliver's Labels**.

Our Home & School receives a percentage of sales from these fundraisers when a parent purchases their products through our name: Lord Aylmer Home & School.

Find more information about these fundraisers on our website at: **lordaylmerhs.ca/fundraisers**

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WHO'S HUNGRY?

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LET'S EAT!

DECEMBER PAYMENT DEADLINE: Dec 3

DECEMBER PIZZA LUNCHES: Dec 6 & 20

DECEMBER SUBWAY LUNCHES: Dec 13

JANUARY PAYMENT DEADLINE: Jan 7

JANUARY PIZZA LUNCHES: Jan 17 & 31

JANUARY SUBWAY LUNCHES: Jan 10 & 23

PLEASE NOTE!

In an effort to go paperless, all orders in the new year will only be accepted as follows:

Purchases in our online shop at: lordaylmerhs.ca/shop. You can pay by week, month or for the rest of the year (Jan-June).

Print the pizza order form on our website at: lordaylmerhs.ca/lunchfundraisers.html. Send your completed order form with cash payment (exact change only) in your child's agenda.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season! Merry Christmas and happy New Year!