

What does HS do?

How Merton Home & School supports students, teachers and our school community

We really appreciate when parents take an interest in how Home & School works, and we always welcome people who want to get involved! As a public school, there are many resources our teachers would love to have that are simply not covered by the regular school budget. A significant portion of our fundraising goes toward helping fill those gaps.

Classroom & teaching resources

This can include **science and math materials, equipment, and educational subscriptions** like IXL, Boukili, Raz-Kids and others. These resources can easily add up to thousands of dollars.

Art supplies

We also help fund **construction paper, cardstock, paint, paintbrushes, markers, coloured pencils, crayons**, and other art-room materials that teachers use throughout the year.

School-wide activities & events

Home & School funds and organizes a number of **school-wide activities and events**, including the Halloween Haunted House, Teacher Appreciation, Pancake Breakfast, Carnival and more. We also subsidize a portion of graduation expenses.

Principal discretionary fund

We provide the principal with a **discretionary fund** as well. The amount depends on how successful our fundraising is each year, and it gives the principal some flexibility to cover activities, resources or school expenses that might otherwise not be possible.

A larger school-improvement project

Finally, we are hoping to work toward a **larger school-improvement project**. This is still very much in the planning stages, and we would love to form a committee that can work alongside the H&S; executive to determine how any additional funds could best be used. Some ideas discussed include improvements to the gym, such as a scoreboard or better audience seating, enhancements to the library or science room, or additional support and resources for teachers.

Realistically, larger projects may take time to realize, but we are always open to new ideas. We would be very happy to have more parents involved who have suggestions, expertise or simply an interest in helping us decide where our fundraising can have the greatest impact.

Thank you again for taking such an interest in supporting Merton!

Sincerely,

Your Merton HS Team!