

George Freeman School Playground

Fundraising Update

March 11, 2020



Summer Carryover (GST etc)	\$11,001
Sobeys Gift Cards	\$1500
Hot Lunch (to date)	\$4300
Welcome BBQ	\$555
Craft Night	\$790
Movie Nights	\$2804
Meat Sales (round 1 and 2)	\$6467
Candy Sale	\$28,1
Donations and Bricks	\$1200
Entrepreneurship markets	\$1459
Raffle profit (as of March 6)	\$7611
TOTAL	\$37,969

We have raised \$37,969! Excellent! Only **\$42,031** left on our loan.
If we can sell out the cash raffle, we will be within \$6000 of paying off our playground loan!

A big big thank you!

To those of you who have bought and / or sold raffle tickets - THANK YOU! Only 3000 tickets were printed which means your odds of winning are awesome, way better than Lotto Max! To date we've sold 1060 tickets. That means there's 1940 left to sell and the draw is only 2 weeks away.

We need your help!

Please try to sell at least one more booklet of tickets to your colleagues, neighbours, relatives, teammates, etc.

Need ticket booklets delivered? Please contact Michele Schwing at 403-324-4666. If you just want to buy a ticket, stop by the office.

Sell tickets / Win a prize!

All families who sell & return 2 or more booklets of tickets by 8:30 am on Monday, March 16 have a chance to win a **front-row family pack of tickets to the Calgary Hitmen game** on Sunday, March 22 (courtesy of Alisa Wurz at Re/Max Realty Horizon).



We are searching for student and adult volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Canadian Tire on Saturday, March 21 from 10-4. Please email jill.mcdonald@ghsd75.ca to sign yourself or your child up for a shift.

If you have any unreturned sold tickets, please bring the stubs and money to the office ASAP. All tickets (sold or unsold) and money must be returned to the school by 8:30am on Monday, March 30.

Buy-a-brick

For as little as \$75, you can get your family name, business logo, or a saying engraved on a brick that will be in our picnic patio area by the south door of the school. Wouldn't it be neat to come find your family brick when your kids are grown? You can download the order form on our school website, or stop by the office for a paper copy.

Upcoming Fundraisers

1. **Meat Sales** - our final round of meat sales will happen in May as BBQ season begins. Please consider ordering a box of bacon, chicken, or steaks to grill on your patio or while camping!
2. We have applied to work a **bingo** at a non-smoking facility in Calgary before the end of the school year. We will require 10-15 volunteers to staff this event and will profit a few thousand dollars. Please let us know if you can help.



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3. **Walk-a-thon** - An event that George Freeman hosted in our community for many years, our school event is rescheduled to June 16. Family and Corporate teams are encouraged to join us for this afternoon of fun for a cause!
 4. We have had to cancel the June Paintball event.

When will we finish fundraising for the playground?

Our loan must be paid off at the end of this school year. Any portion that is not fundraised by our school community will come out of the general school operating budget and impact school and programming in our next school year. We assure you, there will be fewer school fundraisers once this huge project/playground is paid for!



On our wish list is a picnic patio (where the mud hole is at the south door), basketball hoops (by the storage shed), and swings. We will only construct these IF we can secure grant funding for them (we will not continue school fundraisers to install these pieces).

Concrete pad: \$5300. Accessible metal picnic table: \$1300. 2 adjustable basketball hoops: \$3400.

Swings (combo of saucer and regular) with rubber surfacing: \$75,000

We have applied for 2 grants. If we are successful, we may be able to add one or all of these components!

Check it out!

Have you seen the Freeman Falcons featured in the new Blue Imp Playground Catalogue, which is distributed all over Canada? We think they were fantastic models! Check it out by clicking this link: <https://www.blueimp.com/view-catalogue/> and scrolling to pages 6, 7, 9, 10, 85, 95, 97, 99-101, back cover.



You are invited to our next playground committee meeting.

Location: GFS

Date: Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30 pm.

If you can not attend the daytime meeting but would like to be involved, please email Jill McDonald at jill.mcdonald@ghsd75.ca.