

William Aberhart School Council
Friends of Orange Association

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Dear Aberhart Parents:

As we are at the end of this school year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about some new projects School Council would like to help fund next year.

As I am sure you are aware, every year Council collects a voluntary fee for each student from the parents. This fee goes toward supporting students with various projects throughout the year. In the past, funds have gone towards supporting the Eco Club and its solar panel project, assisting students in attending conferences and athletic tournaments, and most recently, the introduction of the **Aber“heart” Award**, a scholarship that is provided to a student who has demonstrated strength of character and tenacity through their school tenure and is going onto post –secondary education.

We can no longer collect this vital fee through the school registration at the school so will be asking parents to supply a separate cheque for \$10 made payable to *the **Friends of Orange Association*** – the fundraising arm of the School Council – when they submit their school fees. These can be paid on the registration day for your student’s grade, either August 24, 25, 26th or dropped off at the school’s Main Office. Unfortunately we have no online capacity to collect this fee so we will need cheques. We very much appreciate the support.

The Administration has also indicated a desire to transform the current library space into a Learning Commons. This means the purchase of new furniture to create a more collaborative work and study place for our students. There is also a computer lab that must be completed with 44 new computers to facilitate the completion of Diploma Exams. This has been mandated by the province, yet no new funds have been provided to complete the computer lab. We, as concerned parents, have agreed to support both these initiatives and we will need your help. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 through a cheque writing campaign. We would like you to consider a donation of \$100 which will go a very long way with helping us reach our goal. However, **any** donation over \$25 can receive a tax receipt from the CBE. All **cheques must be made payable to the CBE in order to receive a tax receipt**. These initiatives will benefit all our students and your support is invaluable.

As this is the first major initiative to be undertaken by Council and the Association for quite some time, I am happy to answer any questions you may have about Council or these initiatives. You can email me at susan.bennett@pointgeomatics.ca. Council meetings are an excellent way of staying informed of school business and to become involved in the success of the school. Our Council meetings are the last Monday of the month. Our first one will be on **Monday, Sept. 28th**. Please consider attending to hear what is in store for the coming year and consider getting involved.

Thank you for giving these “asks” some careful consideration. I hope you have a happy and peaceful summer.

Regards,

Susan Bennett
Chair
Aberhart School Council
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