Date: October 7, 2026
To: School Council
From: Rebecca Koziak | President, Fundraising Association of New Horizons School
Re: FANHS Report

Back to School Campaign

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Back to School fundraising campaign. Whether you made a personal purchase or shared the campaign with your family, friends, neighbours, or the broader community, every contribution and every effort to spread the word is truly appreciated. Every bit of participation makes a meaningful difference. This year's giving-back initiative provided an opportunity to support nourishment within our school and our greater community through donations made to the Strathcona Food Bank, extending the impact of our collective generosity beyond our school walls. Veggies were delivered and distributed yesterday and we will partner with the supplier to share our fundraising story on their website — we'll be developing marketing materials showcasing how our fundraising efforts directly impact our school, as well as our broader community through the Strathcona Food Bank, as well as a local farmer. The remaining items from this campaign — apples and pizza — will be delivered and distributed next Wednesday with the support of a robust team of volunteers. We have 277 total boxes to distribute including nearly 200 boxes of apples — this is our fourth year offering apples and our highest sales to date.

Halloween Dance

This year's Halloween Dance will take place on the evening of Friday, October 30, 2026 and will feature many crowd favourites including our regular DJ & Photo Booth, a concession in support of this year's Adventure Trip, a 50/50, raffle, and auction. Based on our final donation inventory, we'll determine how to balance online auction offerings between the dance, a potential shift towards the holiday season, or Spring.

Steamoji Sherwood Park will be joining us for an event activation in our sensory friendly space. This year's partnership with Steamoji includes an opportunity for families to book a free discovery session to trial the academy before committing to a one year membership — FANHS will receive $50 for all new one year memberships booked.

We are still seeking additional volunteer support to join the Committee whether it's for behind the scenes preparations, soliciting and organizing donations, decorating, or helping during the event itself, any support would be greatly appreciated.

NHS Branded Merch

To make logo'd merchandise more accessible in both price and timing, we'll be offering iron-on patches in a similar style and size to those provided to students for the 30th anniversary celebrations to be applied to any clothing or accessories, as well as logo'd vinyl stickers for water bottles and other items. We'll include an interest survey and initial purchase opportunity in this weekend's ENEWS to help determine quantities for the initial order. Once the first batch arrives, the patches and stickers will be available for ongoing purchase at the office.



Proposal: Academic Support — Physical Enrichment

A proposal was emailed to School Council for review and discussion amongst Council and Administration. This could be a great opportunity to cross promote fundraising initiatives with School Council advocacy and showcase an enrichment opportunity facilitated by Council and funded by FANHS.

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