

Dear Gledhill Community:

The 2020-2021 school year has certainly been one that we won't soon forget - as much as many of us might like to! Your engagement in, caring for and utter diligence for our school community has made this year the success it has been so far.

As many of us know, the Gledhill community is one that loves to come together over the course of the year - whether it is in the yard at dropoff or at more formal events such as Family Fest and Movie Nights. The Gledhill School Council operates these events, most of which have a fundraising component to them. On an annual basis, the council is able to raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to fund amazing enrichment opportunities for our students and valuable support to our teachers. The population of the school has hovered around 460 students each year. To provide context, if we were to raise \$25,000 that would be a \$55 donation per student.

Unfortunately, like many things, Covid has hindered the Council's ability to fundraise in the way that we are used to by bringing the community together in person. This year, we are asking for your family's financial support via this letter. Any amount that your family is comfortable contributing is appreciated. All gifts can be made online by [clicking here](#). We encourage you to circulate this amongst the community as well; there are many Gledhill alums and future Gledhill families that have a stake in how we can support our school and our students.

We have a unique opportunity to support the school in a very tangible way. Last year, much of Gledhill's technology (iPad's, computers, tablets, etc.) were allocated to students across the TDSB when school went virtual and have not yet been returned to the school. Fundraising this year can support the replacement of those items. 2020/2021 has been an incredible example of how much the world depends on technology. Let's make sure our Gledhill kids know how to navigate it all.

On the second page of this letter is a list of items that the Council has supported and your child(ren) has benefited from at the school.

Please consider making a gift today to support our Gledhill School Council initiatives so that together we can continue to provide dynamic opportunities to our children. After the rollercoaster of this year, I think we can agree that we want our kids to have the best experience possible when we reach our new normal. Join us in making this possible!

Sincerely,



Marisa Silver
Gledhill School Council, Chair



Lindsay Tarvit
Fundraising Chair

Gledhill Parent Council
Funding Breakdown

Scientist in the Classroom

Engaging our children in hands-on **classroom** and community STEM workshops, encouraging them to question, investigate and discover **science**

Drama with Jeff

School Decoration

Led by parent volunteers, parent council supports seasonal decorations and gardening at the front of our school.

Teacher Support

Each year, council supports our incredible teachers by offering a nominal amount to encourage additional resources for their classrooms.

Prologue

School Upgrades

Our teachers are invited to submit proposals for any additional funds they may need for their respective areas. In 2018/2019, Mr. Webb proposed additional items that his gym needed. Parent Council was happy to make these requests a reality!

Gledhill Parent Council
Events

(Those marked with * suggest a fundraising event and include the funds/money typically raised per child)

Family Fest * (~\$30 per child for wristband for bouncy castles, food, treats and games)

Pizza Lunches * (\$5 x 10 per year)

Graduation

Movie Nights (~\$5 per person for movie entry, slice of pizza and popcorn)

Parent Silent Auction * (Dependent upon items, but this event raised \$5,000 last year)

Toronto Marlies Games *(\$25 ticket per person)

Dance-A-Thon * (\$20/per child)