



## Greetings from the Aberdeen Hall Parent Guild Executive Team!

We hope you are enjoying the summer break and making the most of the sunshine!

Last year, as a new leadership team, we were thrilled to bring back a full lineup of events and initiatives, many of which had been put on hold since 2020. It brought us great joy to revive old favorites, such as Gryphons' Night and the Big White Tubing event, and establish new traditions like the wildly popular Pre-Loved Book Sale, which received overwhelming support in its inaugural year. With a strong foundation in place, we are eagerly anticipating the upcoming 2023-24 school year and continuing our efforts to foster a vibrant and engaging community at Aberdeen Hall.

Based on feedback from last year, we have prepared a proposal for the year ahead, which you will find on the pages following. At our first Guild meeting in September, we will gather to discuss this plan in detail and present the annual budget for consideration.

Of course, there is always room for new ideas! We welcome your input, and are keen to hear your suggestions. Please email us at [guild@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:guild@aberdeenhall.com), or join us at one of our monthly Guild meetings to share your thoughts with this welcoming group of parents/caregivers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage participation in the Guild in the coming year. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with your community, meet other parents/caregivers and have a lot of fun. Whether it's attending monthly Guild meetings, getting involved on a committee, volunteering at events or joining our executive team, there are positions to suit your schedule. We can't do it without you! Information on how to get involved is detailed on the pages following.

And finally, as September approaches and we begin to shift our thoughts to a fresh year, there are a few Guild-sponsored programs we would like to highlight:

- **Golf Tournament** - Join us as we kick-off the school year with some fun and laughter at the Birdies, Bogies and Bevies Golf Tournament at Black Mountain Golf Club. Tickets are on sale now, and may be purchased through [this link](#).
- **\*NEW\* Aberdeen Hall Business Directory** - Launching in the Fall 2023! The Parent Guild is excited to bring back the Aberdeen Hall Business Directory to showcase our current families and alumni who own businesses, have private practices, or offer professional services. Inclusion in the directory is complimentary to all current families and alumni. For more information, and to request a new listing, please complete the [submission form](#).
- **Experienced Uniform Sales** - Thanks to the generous donations by school families the Parent Guild has a large inventory of gently used uniform items. For questions or requests, please text or phone Karen Quigley at 250-860-7147.
- **Labels Labels** - With every label order purchased through [this link](#) the Parent Guild receives a 20% commission.
- **Hot Lunch Volunteers** - The hot lunch program starts in early September, and we are always in need of a few more hands. Volunteers choose a commitment level that best fits their schedule (weekly, bi-weekly, or on-call). Shifts run 10:45am to 12:30pm daily. Please contact us at [lunchvolunteer@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:lunchvolunteer@aberdeenhall.com) if you are interested in joining the Hot Lunch team.
- **Picture Day Volunteers** - We are in need of a few volunteers to assist with Picture Day in September/October. Shifts are 3 hours each. Please email the Guild if you're interested [guild@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:guild@aberdeenhall.com)

We wish you well in the final weeks of summer, and look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new parents/caregivers to our first Guild meeting of the year on September 13.

**Sincerely, The Aberdeen Hall Parent Guild Executive Team**

Sarah Frohaug, President | David Lee, Vice President | Marnie Zacharias, Secretary  
Tori Keiffer, Treasurer | Lindsay Grieve, School Liaison



## Aberdeen Hall Parent Guild Proposal for 2023-24

The Aberdeen Hall Parent Guild's mandate is to enhance the social and physical environment while fostering a true sense of community among students, parents, staff and friends of the school.

### Goals

- Host a variety of community building and fundraising events.
- Continue to support the school community through ongoing initiatives.
- Donate items that will enrich the school's environment and leave a lasting legacy.

### Proposed Events

Detailed information on our proposed calendar for the year, including volunteer opportunities is included below. If you are interested in chairing an event, or joining an event planning committee, please contact us at [guild@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:guild@aberdeenhall.com) at your earliest convenience. To get involved as a general volunteer, please watch the Courier Announcements in the weeks leading up to each event for sign up details.

Date	Events
Sept 23	<p><b>Birdies, Bogies and Bevies - Golf Tournament at Black Mountain Golf Club*</b></p> <p>This fundraising event marks the kick-off to the school year. It's all about having fun, regardless of your golfing abilities. Indulge in delicious food, laughter, and a memorable round of golf. Tickets are on sale now, and may be purchased through <a href="#">this link</a>. We hope you will join us for a fantastic day on the course!</p> <p>Interested in sponsoring a hole or donating a raffle item? Please contact Jennifer Galli, <a href="mailto:jennifer.galli@aberdeenhall.com">jennifer.galli@aberdeenhall.com</a></p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Chair, plus 4-5 committee members</li> <li>• 15-20 general volunteers to help at the tournament</li> </ul> <p><i>*This event has already been approved for the 2023-24 school year.</i></p>
Fall/ Winter/ Spring	<p><b>Tailgate Parties</b></p> <p>Experience the excitement of our Tailgate Parties, where the Parent Guild goes above and beyond to provide food and beverages for spectators. Join us in cheering on our Junior and Senior Gryphons teams as they compete in soccer, basketball, volleyball, and rugby. Our goal is to host 3 Tailgate Parties a year.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinators to organize one (or all three!) tailgate parties</li> </ul>
November	<p><b>Holiday Poinsettia &amp; Greenery Fundraiser</b></p> <p>Get into the holiday spirit and lend your support to the Parent Guild by purchasing your holiday poinsettias and greenery through this online sale. This fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to contribute while preparing your home for the holidays.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Chair</li> <li>• 8-10 volunteers to assist with unloading plants and order pick up at the school on delivery day</li> </ul>

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Nov/Dec	<b>Rocky Mtn Chocolate and Olivia's Oils &amp; Vinegars Fundraiser</b>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Big White Tubing Event</b> Families from the Junior School are invited to gather for some tubing fun up at Big White Ski Resort. After the excitement, warm up by the fire while sipping hot chocolate and visiting with friends old and new.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair, plus 2-3 committee members</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Holiday Bake Sale</b> Holiday spirit is bright at this student-favourite fundraiser. Families are encouraged to donate their most delicious holiday goodies to make this event extra special for the kids.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair, plus 2-3 committee members.</li> <li>● Volunteers on the day of the event to assist with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Receiving donations (4 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Sorting and packaging donations (10 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Set up and sales (10 volunteers)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We encourage all families to donate baked goods (home made or commercially prepared) - the more the merrier! Please watch the Courier Announcements in November for details.</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Days of Cheer</b> In the final week leading up to winter break, with this event, we show our gratitude to the wonderful members of staff at Aberdeen Hall. Families donate homemade or prepared breakfast items such as fruit, pastries and breakfast wraps for staff to enjoy each morning.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair</li> <li>● 4 volunteers to donate breakfast items each day (20 volunteers)</li> </ul>
<b>Jan/Feb</b>	<p><b>Pre-Loved Book Sale</b> With book prices ranging from 50 cents to \$5, this fundraiser is a huge hit among students. If you find yourself with some free time over the winter break, why not declutter your bookshelves and contribute to this worthy fundraiser by donating your gently used books?</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair</li> <li>● 10-12 volunteers to help with the set up and sales the day of the event.</li> <li>● We encourage all families to donate their gently used books. Watch the Courier Announcements in January for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<p><b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> Last year, students enjoyed 5 full days of our themed book fair with fun contests, including an Acts of Kindness award! All proceeds go directly to Aberdeen Hall's classroom libraries.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair, plus 2-3 committee members</li> <li>● 20-25 volunteers to assist with set up and sales throughout the week</li> </ul>

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<p><b>May</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Flowers &amp; Plants Sale</b>            Held just in time for Mother's Day, this is the perfect opportunity to support the Guild, while choosing from a vibrant selection of succulents, vegetables, herbs, planter boxes, flowers, and hanging baskets. Whether you're looking to add a touch of green to your garden or find a gift for someone special, this online sale has something for everyone.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair</li> <li>● 8-10 volunteers to assist with unloading plants and order pick up at the school</li> </ul>
<p><b>June</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Appreciation Breakfast</b>            Volunteers take charge of the classrooms, while staff gather in the Great Hall to enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Parent Guild.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair</li> <li>● Volunteers on the day of the event to assist with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Breakfast set up (3 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Breakfast service (3 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Classroom supervision (18-20 volunteers)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>June</b></p>	<p><b>Gryphon's Night</b>            An end-of-year celebration for Aberdeen Hall families, filled with food, laughter, fun, games, and entertainment. Previous years have seen unforgettable moments, such as a live acrobatic show, a hilarious life-size Hungry Hippos game, and the all-time favourite teacher dunk tank. This spectacular event is a true team effort, with dedicated parents, students, and staff joining forces to ensure its success.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Chair, plus 4-5 committee members.</li> <li>● Volunteers on the day of the event:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Set up (10 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Assist at activities stations (80 volunteers)</li> <li>○ Take down (10 volunteers)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Ongoing Initiatives:

#### **\*NEW\* Aberdeen Hall Business Directory**

Launching in the Fall 2023! The Parent Guild is excited to bring back the Aberdeen Hall Business Directory to showcase our current families and alumni who own businesses, have private practices, or offer professional services. Our community is home to many talented entrepreneurs, business owners, and practitioners, and we are eager to support them. Inclusion in the directory is complimentary to all current families and alumni. To request a new listing, please complete the [submission form](#).

Program Coordinator: Marnie Zacharias, [businessdirectory@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:businessdirectory@aberdeenhall.com)

#### **Class/Grade Representatives**

These wonderful volunteers coordinate holiday and year-end gifts for our teachers and support workers. Alongside these heartfelt gestures, other duties may include organizing volunteers for special events and communicating with families on behalf of teachers. Please contact [guild@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:guild@aberdeenhall.com) if you are interested in taking on a Class/Grade Representative position, or would like to help coordinate this initiative.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Program Coordinator to oversee the Class/Grade Representative initiative
- Preschool-Gr 5 - one representative/class
- Gr 6-12 - one representative/grade

#### **Hot Lunch Program**

This team of dedicated parent volunteers serves meals daily to 200-400 hungry students and staff. It's a great way to get to know the students and observe the school in action! Please contact the Program Coordinator if you are interested in joining the Hot Lunch team.

Program Coordinator: Kelly Ashford, [lunchvolunteer@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:lunchvolunteer@aberdeenhall.com)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 30 regular and 35 on-call volunteers needed
- Volunteers choose a commitment level that best fits their schedule (weekly, bi-weekly, or on-call)
- Shifts run 10:45am to 12:30pm daily

#### **Experienced Uniform Sales**

Thanks to the generous donations by Aberdeen Hall families, the Parent Guild has a large inventory of gently used uniform items for purchase. We understand how quickly children grow! This initiative serves as a fantastic opportunity to extend the lifespan of uniforms while meeting the changing needs of families. For questions or requests, please contact the Program Coordinator directly. Cash or cheque only, please. Donations may be dropped off at the bin located near the Junior School reception.

Program Coordinator: Karen Quigley, 250-860-7147

#### **Mabel's Labels Fundraiser**

Get back-to-school ready! Labels on students' belongings greatly assist staff and teachers in returning items to their owners. With every label order purchased through [this link](#) the Parent Guild receives a 20% commission.

Please contact [guild@aberdeenhall.com](mailto:guild@aberdeenhall.com) if you have any questions.

## Donations

Annually, the Aberdeen Hall Parent Guild commits to donating over \$7,000 in support of the school.

Annual Donations	
Grad Breakfast	\$1,000
Grad Gowns	\$1,000
Grade 12 Inspiration & Valedictorian Awards	\$1,000
Healthiest Month Ever	\$1,000
Yearbook Contribution	\$1,200
COBSS Bursary & Scholarship Donation	\$1,025
AH Gala	\$1,000 Plus auction item (4 tickets to the Golf Tournament)

In addition to these annual donations, in the 2022-23 school year, the Parent Guild generously gifted nearly \$20,000 towards a range of enhancement projects at Aberdeen Hall. These donations were warmly received by the school and will leave a lasting legacy for students to enjoy.

Special Donations to Aberdeen Hall in 2022-23	
Gaga Pit (installation Summer 2023)	\$9,512
EcoSchool Environmental Sustainability Initiative - Compost Program	\$5,000
Outdoor Ping Pong Tables	\$2,551
Junior School Sensory Pathway	\$1,495
Student Council Shirts	\$1,163

***With your support, we are eagerly anticipating the possibilities for this year, and what we can achieve together!***