

Welcome Back BBQ Update

Event Date: Thursday, September 22, 2016

Time: 5 to 8

Location: lower playground, lower parking lot and part of upper lot

Vendors:

- Henry's Outdoor BBQ Chicken
- Fresh Slice Pizza
- Save-on-Food Bouncy Castel & Tent

Organizer: Carol Sartor

Overview:

Our annual Welcome Back BBQ brings our families together. The best way to build a strong school community is to meet people, and this event has students having fun with all students no matter grade and parents have an opportunity to talk with each other. School connectedness has positive impacts for students' academic performance, mental and physical well-being.

Events:

- Cupcake walk - \$1
- Bouncy Castle - free
- Grade 7 Concession - \$1 for everything
- Playground - free

Meal Options:

102 orders

Item	Sale price	Our price	# sold	Profit margin	profit
½ chicken with 2 salads & roll	14	13.80	38	.20	7.6
¼ chicken with 1 salad & roll	10	9.50	75	.50	37.50
Cheese pizza	2	1.49	193	.51	94.57
Veggie pizza	2.50	1.49	35	.51	17.85
			341		157.52

Profits pay for plates, napkins and other overhead (printing of posters). This is not a fundraising event for the MPAC however it is for the grade 7s as they kick off their grad year.

Issues:

- No coordinator stepped forward so needed to be planned by PAC
- Could not find a free BBQ service like lion's club to assist
- Wanted easy burgers and dogs that could be easy to sell as cash on site not requiring pre-ordering however without permitted vendor this was not possible
- Order opening and deadline date are too tight because Henry's required one weeks' notice to order stock
- Families are not in the routine of reading the weekly updates
- Henry's on the day – advised ¼ chicken was only one salad (even after a clarification email) they also could not provide a hot dog option like they did for Carisbrooke.

Feedback

- Wanted to limit sugar, asked grade 7 concession not sell pop and make candy portions smaller. Switched cake walk to cupcake walk. This allowed us to increase the number of winners. Kids were looking for cakes and we reduced the price to \$1
- Bouncy Castle needed to be closer, impressed that it was free.
- Need lights – too dark at clean up
- Concern over cost of meals
- Approx. 5 families did not know they were required to pre-order, and 6 families emailed their late requests.
- Parents really chipped in and got things done, but as an organizer you freak out because no one is stepping up before the event. You need to beg and call favours.
- The grade 7's did an amazing job

Suggestion for future

- If you cannot get BBQ service and sell on site, do an ice cream social and everyone gets something. It is too close to the start of the year to get proper pre-ordering set up
- Keep the BBQ for the spring, then there is ample time to order and get volunteers.
- This helps make the event more inclusive.
- This would limit the grade 7 concession, if the PAC only did ice cream.
- Tammy Kim has volunteered a Korean BBQ for next year. Opens the possibility of a multicultural day in the 3rd term. Each culture has a station and families pay entry to cover costs but get to sample foods of the world.
- There should be a social committee that organizes these events to prevent their work load being placed on a few.