



**FAWS AGM June 19, 2019
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The objects of the Fundraising Association for Wye School are to fundraise and allocate funds to support and enhance student learning at Wye School at the request of school administration, staff, and Wye School Council.

Thanks to dedicated and extremely hardworking volunteers, FAWS has had another successful fundraising year in 2018-2019.

FAWS provided a number of fundraisers again this year, allowing families to select fundraisers that best fit with their own needs and lifestyle. FAWS sold orchard apples, cookie dough, Purdy's chocolates, Stawnichy's sausage, grocery store gift cards, Nitza's Pizza coupons, Bear Tracks ice melt, Mabels Labels, and Oil Kings tickets.

Our Hot Lunch program was an extremely successful fundraiser this year, raising approximately \$10,000 while providing a great service to busy families.

FAWS was able to raise \$19,761.05 from working a two-day Casino in Camrose. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who carved out valuable time from busy schedules in order to work this casino.

Our Carnival committee managed to rally under extreme duress due to a last-minute cancellation of eight inflatables. Decisions were made at the very last minute (the day of Carnival) to secure alternate attractions in order to still offer a high-value carnival experience for Wye families. This came at significant cost. Between additional unexpected expenses and reduced numbers at the door (due to families deciding not to attend a scaled-down event at the last-minute), there is a significant loss for Carnival this year.

In 2018-2019, FAWS has continued to fund the following ongoing programs and expenses: recess buckets, classroom supplies (\$10/student), Noon Hour Clubs, special presentations, piano accompaniment and professional videography for our Wye School Christmas Concert, staff appreciation, and Track and Field lunch. FAWS also purchased music room risers and committed to funding additional white board tables for the school.

FAWS has committed to working with the Playground committee to assist with raising additional funds for the new playground at Heritage Hills School. Several grants are being applied for through FAWS thanks to a professional grant writer being funded by FAWS. FAWS worked closely with members of the Playground Committee and EIPS to design a postcard to be used in a direct mail campaign soliciting donations for the new playground.

We've requested feedback from our membership and Wye School families on hot lunch and will be requesting feedback on fundraising. FAWS will incorporate ideas and suggestions into our planning for next year. We look forward to continuing to learn from our experience and having the opportunity to build and improve upon our efforts from this year.