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History of Lynnmour Market

In the early 2000's Lynnmour was even smaller and lacked the fundarising power of larger schools. At the same time, Mount Royal Elementary was looking for a way to give back to the community. Guided by the principal, Arlene Martin, the school donated all Market items to Lynnmour. The money raised by the market was used by the PAC to purchase much-needed guided reading materials.

This gesture of kindness grew into a PAC-organised, annual, holiday event for the school. From 2015 to 2019, the market opened to the community after school hours.

The Holiday Market is a magical day for students and a much-anticipated month for families, staff, and neighbours. It is a gift in itself to watch students carefully choosing presents for people they love and respect.



What is the Holiday Market?

The holiday market is a special "giving event" hosted by families at Lynnmour-Xá7elcha School.



1. The PAC will collect new and gently used donations the day before the market.



2. Volunteers help sort, organize, and set-up all items in the gym the day before "Market Day".



3. On market day in December, all students have the opportunity to buy up to three (3) gifts for family to wrap up for the holidays. Each class will have a special time on Market Day to "shop", then wrap and label their gifts.



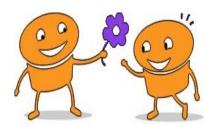
4. After school, the market, raffle and 50/50 draw will be open from 2:45-4:30pm to families, staff, students and community *Cash and credit payments are accepted.

Why does the PAC host the Market?

- Inspire the spirit of giving by providing an opportunity for ALL students to think of others and buy gifts for their family no matter what their cultural practices.
- 2. **Build our community** through generosity and sharing.



Gifts are "specially priced" so ALL students can afford to purchase items.



Families share their wealth by donating items that others may enjoy for a time.



In many cultures, winter is a time to come together as community and share stories, belongings, food, and wealth. By sharing, we take care of everyone.

*Note, any proceeds made by the market are put directly back into the school, through the PAC, for our children.

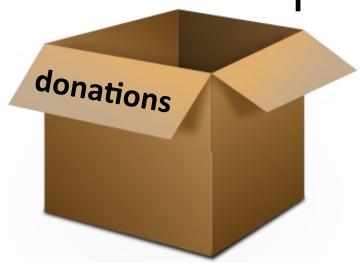
Welcome to the



Holiday Market!

A step-by-step journey

Donations will be collected on Dec.9th from 8:00-3:00pm (in the gym).



You can donate <u>new or gently used</u> items:

Yes, please, donate:

Sports + outdoor items

household + hobby items

toys (new or almost new)

📈 books and games

homemade crafts & seasonal items

wrapping, tape, gift tags

No, please, do NOT donate:

T clothing

🏲 broken or soiled items

used / dirty stuffies

old electronics

food or beverage

*Please, ONLY donate items you would buy yourself. Avoid broken, dirty, and recalled items. Thank you!

*If you cannot deliver items on December 9th contact the PAC or your classroom teacher and we can arrange a different drop-off time. Thank you!

Volunteers help sort, organize, and set up gifts.



How do I volunteer?

- Sign up through Fresh Schools (PAC app)
- Questions? E-mail analise.saely@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for:

- Sorting and organizing—the day before market
- Market-Day—Elf Duty (selling, assisting classes)
- Clean-up—after market closes (4:30-5:30pm)

Students choose up to 3 people from their family to buy gifts for.



Reminders for parents/guardians:

- Several days before the market, all students are given a "Shopping List" to write the names of 3 people they will shop for. Please, include the age and relationship of the people who are listed. BRING YOUR LIST TO THE MARKET!
- There is a limited number of gifts. Many students will have more than 3 people in their family. However, we thank students for choosing "just 3" for the market.
- Students may return after school with a caregiver to purchase more items for other family members and friends.

On Market Day, each class has a special time to buy gifts. 20 to 30 minutes



Big Buddies help Kindergarten / Grade 1 students.

Teachers receive the schedule the week before the market.

The market will be set up in the gym.

*The Grade 6/7 classes will also be selling items to raise money for a selected charity.

Wrapping will take place in classrooms or buddy classes.

All students need to bring a bag for carrying gifts home.

The market is a magic time filled with smiles, giving, and friends.

Everyone is invited to join in the spirit of the season!

