# RHM PARENT COUNCIL EVENTS



Overview & volunteer discussion/call

### Purpose

- Provide an opportunity to review & discuss planned/proposed 23/24 council events
- Identify any risks (e.g., too many events in one month) or other things we should be considering if volunteers in place
- Discuss volunteer needs (high-level)

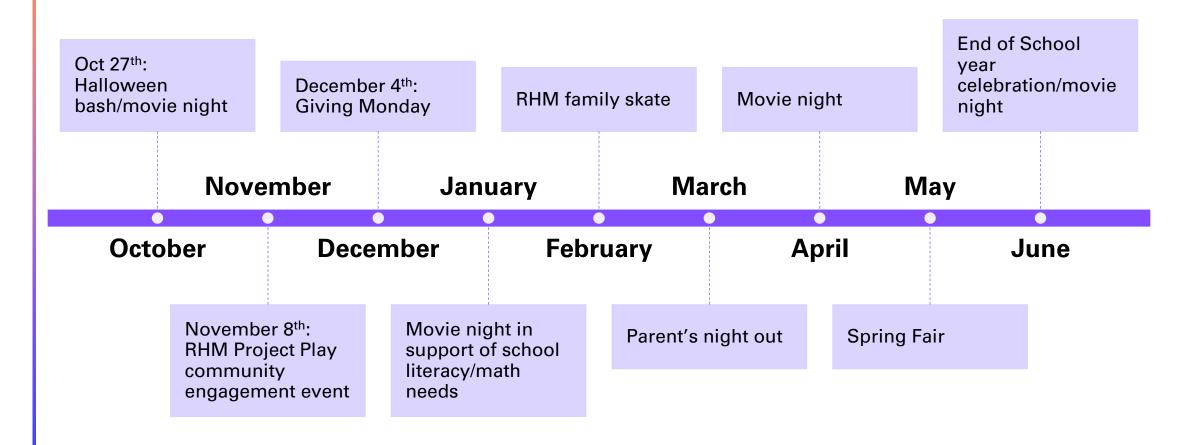


#### Our focus this year

- To bring us together as a community
- To have fun together
- To have events that are lower cost
- To be mindful of how/when we reach out to local businesses during this time of economic uncertainty



### Parent council led events – overview\*



<sup>\*</sup> This overview does not include school-led or Grade 5 grad events.

#### THE REALITY

- School-wide events are a great way to bring the school community together and help enrich the school experience for our children, but they require RH parent volunteers to organize/run them.
- We need more volunteers to ensure these events can continue. Currently we have a core group who typically volunteer at events (~12 individuals) but it isn't enough. The Halloween Bash is a good example.
- Low volunteer numbers isn't a new problem, but we are at the point where without an increase in support these events won't be able to take place or they will have to be scaled back.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS WE NEED

- Event leads
- Event committee
- Task volunteer (e.g. popcorn maker, volunteer coordinator, sponsorship lead, bake sales, candy bag maker, activity organizer, vendor coordinator, food lead)
- Day of volunteer

#### **CURRENT SUCCESSES**

- Pizza lunch
  - We do have success with securing 20 volunteers each pizza lunch.
- High school outreach/volunteering
  - We have been successful at bringing in high school volunteers, and this is something we do. But high school students can't lead events.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Consider gathering a few RH parent friends together to organize one of the smaller proposed events (e.g. a movie night).
- If you can't organize an event, please ensure you sign up for one of the shifts during the event.

### Examples of what volunteers do + where we need help

Movie Nights	Family Skating	Spring Fair	Parent Night Out (adult only event to build community)	End-of-Year Celebration
Requires ~8 parents to lead/run a movie night	Requires ~6 parents to lead/run the event	Requires 10 core committee members, minimum 60 volunteers during each event shift + set- up	Requires ~6 parents to lead/run the event	Requires ~6 parents to lead the event, with an additional ~10 to run it
<ul> <li>Lead the organization of movie nights</li> <li>Pick movie &amp; coordinate with school</li> <li>Organize pre-sales of pizza/popcorn via Munch-a-Lunch</li> <li>Set-up on the day, coordinate food pick-ups and post-event clean-up</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lead the organization</li> <li>Book a location</li> <li>Coordinate food for event</li> <li>Organize pre-sales via Munch-a-Lunch</li> <li>Run it</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lead the organization, approach</li> <li>Help set-up</li> <li>Liaise with vendors</li> <li>Event shifts</li> <li>Sponsorship outreach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lead the organization</li> <li>Find a location</li> <li>Find a DJ/music</li> <li>Promote the event via RHM communications channels</li> </ul> *This is not an extra Just a few example	

### Where we need event leads + volunteers still

- Movie nights
- RHM family skate
- Parents night out
- End of year celebrations
- Spring Fair (\*Lead in place, but need many volunteers)

#### Discussion questions

- Are there any concerns or risks you see with proposed events?
- How can we make volunteering easier (the call + people volunteering)?
- Is there an event you'd love to lead and don't see here?
- Would you like to volunteer to be part of one of these events?