



Harbordale School Association: 2024-2025 Impact Report

Sailing Together for Every Dolphin's Bright Future

A Message from Our President

Dear Harbordale Family and Supporters,

As President of the Harbordale School Association, it fills my heart with pride to share the incredible journey and impact of the past year. Our organization truly embodies the spirit and hard work that drives us forward, and allows us to create a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving environment for every dolphin at Harbordale Elementary.

Our primary focus this past year was building a **sense of shared community**, ensuring that every family feels seen, heard, and included. We've worked tirelessly to meet our families where they are, especially our Spanish-speaking and Eastern European-speaking families, and seeing the positive feedback and increased participation has been profoundly rewarding. It's so nice to witness parents connect while volunteering, helping each other and finding their "tribe" within our school family.

We also put a special emphasis on welcoming our wonderful dads into the fold, knowing their engagement brings unique energy and valuable support to our school. The smiles on our dolphins' faces at "Donuts with Dads" were simply unforgettable!

Looking ahead, my vision is for our Harbordale school family to grow even closer, with the HSA playing a pivotal role in strengthening those bonds. We want every child to look back at their elementary years with feelings of **love, warmth, and fun**, knowing they had the very best experience possible. Your support is "the wind in our sails", enabling us to provide those invaluable moments and resources that truly make a difference.

Thank you for being an essential part of our voyage. Together, we can continue to build a brighter future for every Harbordale dolphin.

Warmly,

Stephanie Streicher

President of Harbordale School Association

About the Harbordale School Association

The Harbordale School Association (HSA) is dedicated to strengthening the relationship between school and home, fostering collaboration between parents and educators for the physical, emotional, social, and moral development of every child at Harbordale Elementary. As a registered **501(c)(3) public charity**, 100% of the funds we raise directly benefit Harbordale Elementary students, providing essential learning tools and enriching experiences not covered by the School District. We strive to make learning enjoyable and memorable, working hand-in-hand with our community, families, and the school.

Our Year of Transformative Impact: 2024-2025 Highlights

This past year, the Harbordale School Association embarked on a journey to not only support our school financially but also to weave a tighter, more inclusive fabric within our community. Our efforts centered on **inclusion**, with a specific focus on our Spanish-speaking and Eastern European-speaking families, and the vital role of **dad engagement**.

Fostering a Culture of Inclusion: Meeting Families Where They Are

We believe every family is a vital part of our school family. Recognizing the importance of accessible communication, we established dedicated **WhatsApp chats** for our Spanish-speaking and Eastern European-speaking parents. This initiative allowed us to provide timely information directly in their native languages and, just as importantly, facilitated connections among these families, helping them build their own support networks within the Harbordale community.

Our comprehensive communication campaign ensured that **all HSA communications were available on our website with translation services**, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we've already observed a significant **increase in participation** from these family groups in our events, a true testament to our efforts.

Engaging Our Dads: Stronger Role Models, Richer Experiences

A secondary, yet equally important, focus was to actively involve and welcome dads into school life. Our inaugural **"Donuts with Dads"** event was a resounding success, bringing **153 dads** through the school doors! This event not only brought immense joy and excitement to our students, who loved having their fathers present, but it also spurred a

noticeable **increase in dad participation in volunteering** throughout the remainder of the year. We are thrilled by the prospect of seeing even more hands-on help and stronger male role models present in our school family in the coming year.

The Power of Our Volunteers: Building Community, Delivering Excellence

Behind every successful event and initiative are the dedicated hearts and hands of our volunteers. This past year, an incredible **182 individual volunteers** generously gave their time and talent across our events. Their unwavering commitment allowed our programs to run smoothly and efficiently, directly contributing to the positive atmosphere and success of every activity. This collective effort truly **builds a stronger, more connected school community**.

Financial Stewardship: Where Your Support Made a Difference

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and the hard work of our volunteers, the Harbordale School Association raised an impressive **\$60,285.49 net in fundraising income** this past year. These funds are meticulously managed and directly invested back into programs and resources that enrich every student's experience.

Our most successful fundraising events included:

- **Walkathon:** Raising a phenomenal **\$21,881.52 net**, this event brought our community together for a fun, active day while generating substantial support.
- **Pumpkin Pizzazz (Fall Carnival):** Our festive fall carnival netted **\$10,442.85**, offering a joyful experience for families while contributing vital funds.
- **Parent Social:** Though attendance was thoughtfully curated for intimacy (50 tickets sold), this event demonstrated remarkable community generosity, increasing its net raised from \$2,670.13 net last year to an impressive **\$5,577.37 net** this year, reflecting deep appreciation for our mission.

Your contributions directly funded vital initiatives across the school, including:

- Classroom Setup Allowance (14.6%)
- Technology Programs/Supplies (12.9%)
- AR Program (9.5%)
- Schoolwide Incentives/Activities (8.1%)
- Field Trip Busses (7.6%)
- Classroom Grants (7.4%)
- 5th Grade Activities (6.3%)
- Hospitality/Beautification (4.3%)
- Art Program (4.2%)
- Scholastic News (4.1%)
- Operating Expenses (3.3%)
- Website (3.3%)
- Staff Appreciation (3.2%)
- Day Minder Agendas (2.4%)
- Reading Materials (2.1%)
- Students with Unmet Needs (2.1%)
- Extra Curricular Activities (1.8%)
- Administration (1.8%)
- Recess Equipment (1.1%)

We are especially excited to announce that at our last general meeting, we approved funding **\$25,000 for a brand new A/V system for the cafeteria**, a significant investment that will enhance school assemblies, performances, and HSA events for years to come!

Looking Ahead: Our Vision for the Future

Building upon the strong foundations laid this year, the Harbordale School Association is “setting sail” for an even more impactful journey ahead! We will continue to champion our goals of **inclusion and dad engagement**, ensuring every family feels connected and valued.

In the coming year, we are also placing a renewed emphasis on **community building** and expanding **volunteer engagement**. Our upcoming **International Themed Family Night** at the beginning of the year is just one example of how we plan to foster an even deeper sense of belonging and cultural appreciation within our school family. We also eagerly anticipate a repeat of "Donuts with Dads" due to popular demand!

Furthermore, the HSA Board has a heartfelt hope to fund **new playground equipment for the primary playground (serving grades K-2)**. This will provide our youngest dolphins with an even more vibrant, safe, and exciting space to play, learn, and grow.

Your partnership makes all of this possible. Your investment in the Harbordale School Association is an investment in our students' present happiness and future success, creating lasting memories of love, warmth, and fun.

Join Our Voyage!

We invite you to join us on this incredible journey! As a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization**, your contributions to the Harbordale School Association are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your support directly translates into tangible improvements and unforgettable experiences for every child at Harbordale Elementary.

Become a Sponsor: Partnering with HSA significantly increases your brand visibility within our local community, reaching approximately 500 Harbordale students and their families. It also enhances your business's reputation and goodwill, fostering a positive brand image that aligns with community support.

To learn more about how you can support the Harbordale School Association and become a valued sponsor, please visit our website at <https://www.harbordalehsa.com/sponsorship/>.

Thank you for helping us make every day a joyful adventure for our dolphins!

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