

# Welcome from the Bannockburn Parents' Association (BPA)

The 2014/2015 academic year marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter at Bannockburn, and we will need your help to get things done. Every parent is automatically a member of the Bannockburn Parents' Association (BPA), so please do what you can to get involved. Even a half an hour of your time makes a difference.

The BPA plays a number of roles at the school. We:

- facilitate communication within the school community;
- serve as a resource for parents;
- organize and encourage participation in school activities; and
- raise funds for school events and student needs.

The BPA holds monthly meetings, usually the first Thursday of the month at 8:45 a.m. There will also be special evening meetings in October and May followed by socials. Meetings typically last an hour, but you are welcome to leave early if necessary. BPA meetings are a terrific way to meet other parents and find out what's going on at the school.

The BPA also sponsors and coordinates community-building events and fundraising initiatives. Fundraisers support school activities and help to purchase items for classrooms and the school more generally.

BPA class representatives will be in constant communication with you throughout the year, and they will have a list of activities and initiatives you can help with. BPA undertakes many initiatives throughout the year. We will need volunteers to help sell tickets, post flyers, and do other odd jobs. If you can spare the time, we can find something for you to do!

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [patricia.mcmahon@rogers.com](mailto:patricia.mcmahon@rogers.com).

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