



## PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce that the members of School Council have selected MacMillan's as our fundraiser for the 2015/2016 school year. Our fundraising campaign will generate funds for a number of projects that we plan to initiate this school year, including:

- Parent/Family Workshops (topics to be announced)
- A sound system for our gymnasium which can be used for assemblies, dances, workouts, etc.
- Two "Buddy Benches" – See article on reverse for an explanation

With MacMillan's Cookie Dough and Muffin Batter you can have fresh-baked goods in only 20 minutes with no mixing and no mess! The batter comes to you frozen in convenient tubs. Unused portions can be refrozen. MacMillan's also offers an array of other delicious products, including Desserts, Pizza, Peanut-Free & Kosher items. A complete ingredient listing and nutritional guide is available from their website at [www.macmillans.ca](http://www.macmillans.ca)

Beginning today and continuing for approximately two weeks, we would like each student to help us raise funds. We would ask that the students canvass family and friends for sales. If each student sells 6 items, **we will reach our goal of \$8000.00**, but we believe our community can do better than that.



***The student who raises the most funds will be awarded an Apple iPad Mini. More great prizes are up for grabs for our other Top Fundraisers!***

Attached to this letter, you will find an Order Form which must be used for recording sales. Collect payment at the time of each sale in the form of cash, money order or online through School-Day.

**All order forms, along with FULL payment, must be returned no later than MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.** Orders that come in without full payment by this date will not be fulfilled, since we are on a tight timeline to get our order processed and submitted for product delivery on December 10th.

**Product orders must be picked up between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**IMPORTANT** – These are perishable food items and we will not have freezer space to store orders that are not picked up during the designated timeframe. If you know that you will not be able to pick up your order, please arrange for someone to do so on your behalf.

We believe the students will be very excited to get started and they will gain tremendous fulfillment from contributing to the exciting new additions in their school environment. We hope you can appreciate the importance of this initiative and will support it to the best of your ability. Thank you sincerely in advance.

Chalmers Street P.S. School Council

# Using School-Day

## Registering for School-Day if you have a child attending Chalmers Street Public School:

Go to [www.School-Day.com](http://www.School-Day.com), click on "Register" and complete the fields to create an account (you will need to add your email address and create a password). Once you are logged in, you will need to click on "Add a student to your account", then you will be prompted to enter a "Secure-Match™ Key" (which is the OEN number indicated in your child's last report card). Proceed through the prompts to complete the Registration process.

## Registering for School-Day if you do NOT have a child attending Chalmers Street Public School:

Go to [www.School-Day.com](http://www.School-Day.com), click on "Register" and complete the fields to create an account (you will need to add your email address and create a password). Once you are logged in, click on "Proceed to my Dashboard", then click "All Schools" on the left-hand side of your dashboard to add Chalmers Street Public School to your account.

## To make a payment for a MacMillan's Order through School-Day:

1. Log in to your School-Day account and click on "Services".
2. Click on "MacMillan's Classics"
3. Enter the amount of your order in the field that says "Select Your Amount" then click "Add To Cart"
4. Click on "My Cart" at the top right-hand corner
5. Click on "Checkout" to proceed with payment by Mastercard, VISA or Interac
6. When entering your order on the paper MacMillan's Order Form, please write "Paid via School-Day" and indicate the first and last name of the person associated with the School-Day account.

If you have any questions or need help with the system, please call the school at 519-623-0958

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## Winnipeg school debuts buddy bench: It's 'more than a bench'

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The **buddy bench** is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. For many students, recess is often the best part of the school day, but for others, it can be a lonely time. That's why a Winnipeg school decided to try out a simple project that's growing in popularity around the world.

The project is called the "buddy bench." It's an ordinary bench placed in the schoolyard. The idea is that kids who are looking for playmates can sit on the bench to signal they would like someone to come ask them to play.

The buddy bench idea has been around for some time in Europe and recently exploded in popularity in the United States. A story last year about a second grader in Pennsylvania who lobbied to get a buddy bench installed in his schoolyard prompted more than 200 other schools in the U.S. and Canada to follow suit.

On Monday, a rainbow-painted buddy bench was unveiled at Winnipeg's Gray Academy of Jewish Education, to the cheers of students.

"I think it's a very cool idea and I think it'll really help," Grade 4 student Nesya Greazes told CTV Winnipeg.

Local businessman Morris Henoach decided to arrange to have the bench installed near the schoolyard play structure, after he read about a student in New York who had a similar bench installed in his schoolyard.

Henoach says he hopes the bench will be more than just a place to rest; it'll become a place where kids will learn about helping one another.

"The bench is more than a bench; it's a tool. It's a tool to educate the children that they have to be inclusive," he said.

School administrators at Gray Academy say they hope the bench will build empathy, reinforce inclusiveness, and act as a constant reminder to kids to be kind to one another. They also hope that, eventually, the bench will be empty during recess.

"At some point, I would like to see the buddy bench be just a decoration in our school. That no one will have the need to use it because everyone is kind of getting along or finding something to do," says school guidance counsellor Marcelo Mohadeb.