

June, 2009

Dear Parents:

For the 2009/10 school year all classrooms will once again be participating in our “community supplies” program. Teachers will purchase supplies over the summer and parents can pay for them during our “Meet the Teacher” days to be held Sept. 9 and 10. **Cheques should be made payable to Strathmillan School.**

Community supplies have many benefits for students, parents and teachers. Some of these include the following:

- Community supplies are cheaper for parents.
- Parents are not required to purchase further supplies over the course of the year.
- Community supplies eliminate the “have – have-not” problem. All students have access to all supplies.
- There is less waste. We have found that we actually use fewer markers, pencils, crayons over the year.
- Students take better care of community supplies. Fewer materials are lost because everyone assumes the responsibility for picking things up and ensuring that they are returned to their proper places.
- Community supplies support activity-based and cooperative learning.

Below are the amounts we will be collecting for each grade.

Kindergarten	\$20.00
Grades 1 – 5	\$40.00

Students will require a pair of running shoes (not black-soled shoes because they mark up the gym floor) for gym and indoor use. Grade 3’s can purchase recorders from the music teacher for \$8.00.

If you have any concerns regarding community supplies, please feel free to call any of the teachers at 888-0148 to discuss this matter further.