

BNS Fundraising Event Participation Agreement

In addition to tuition, Blacksburg New School relies on the funds generated by the following annual events. Money earned from these events goes directly to the school's Building, Scholarship, Playground, and Endowment Funds. True to its historical roots, BNS is a parent-teacher cooperative. This means that parents join the teachers in contributing to the well-being of the school. There will be dozens of small ways to help at various moments in time and you can choose which of these to do. We must, however, have a *declared commitment* from each family for *solid participation* in one or more of the following annual fundraising events. Solid participation means at least 12 hours toward one of the projects. Higher participation is, of course, welcome... and quite common at BNS.

1. **The Giant Yard Sale** [August 28th and 29th; rain dates = September 11th and 12th]
2. **The "Auction for Education" at Kent Square** [Saturday, October 24th]
3. **The Holiday Shopping Day at BNS** [Saturday, November 7]
4. **The Chocolate Party at University Mall** [Saturday, February 6]
5. **The Used Book Sale at the Community Center** [April; specific dates TBA]

Please rank your top three (1, 2, 3...with 1 being your first choice) participation choices. Also, please print your name and sign this agreement form at the bottom.

_____ **The Giant Yard Sale at BNS in August (August 28 and 29)**

This Yard Sale is the kick-off event of the school year. It is usually held the first Friday and Saturday after school starts and we'll do it in the school parking lot this year. Help is needed in pricing items, organizing the sale, and working the sale. This event earns \$1500 to \$2000. Rain dates = September 11 and 12.

_____ **The "Auction for Education" at Kent Square in October (Saturday, October 24)**

This is our most financially successful fundraising event—earning between \$11,000 and \$13,000 each year. The workload includes soliciting and gathering a wide variety of auction items, weekly meetings during the autumn months, making arrangements for food and beverages, creating certificates for each item, publishing a program for the auction, and set-up for the event itself.

_____ **The "Holiday Shopping Day" at BNS in November (Saturday, November 7)**

This is a very pleasant event in which vendors set up throughout the BNS classrooms for a Saturday in early November. BNS earns a percentage of their sales. We made \$1100 last year and feel this event has the potential for even more financial yield. We offer a fabulous bake sale in the lobby along with some warm apple cider. Work includes organizing the vendors and executing the bake sale. How about a booth of BNS knit-wear, hand-made dolls, and more this year?!

_____ **The "Chocolate Party" at University Mall in February (Saturday, February 6)**

This event is linked to Valentine's Day and is our most highly visible event. Customers enjoy chocolate brownies, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate truffles and many free kid-activities. Families take on a food, craft, and/or activity booth and go wild with it. The variety last year was fantastic, creative, and delicious! Additionally, four professional vendors pay a fee and sell items that make terrific valentine gifts. Last year's Chocolate Party earned \$2500.

_____ **The "Used Book Fair" at the Blacksburg Community Center in April.**

Thousands of books are organized for the 3-day sale. It earned \$3000 this past year! Books are gathered year-round and stored off-campus until the sale. Work includes intense set-up in a specific time-frame as well as working the sale. Dates will be set by early spring.

Other suggestions: (Suggestions will be considered by the fundraising committee. Use back of form if necessary.)

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

***Please return this form with your other registration materials. Thanks!**