

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; first Friday and Saturday after school starts]
- 2.a. **Fall Event for Odd Years: Bricks and T-Shirts** [Fall semester]
- 2.b. **Fall Event for Even Years: The "Auction for Education" at Kent Square** [September or October]
3. **The Holiday Shopping Day at BNS** [usually the first Saturday in November]
4. **The Chocolate Party at University Mall** [the Saturday on or before Valentine's Day]
5. **The Used Book Sale** [April or May; specific date and location 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**

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 again this year. Help is needed in pricing items, organizing the sale, and working the sale. This event typically earns \$1500 to \$2000.

_____ **Fall Event for Odd Years: "Bricks and T-Shirts" (Fall Semester)**

This event will alternate with the Auction (described below). During years ending with an odd number we will give the Auction a rest and sell bricks (custom engraved) and T-shirts. The bricks are used in creating the walkways around the school grounds...and T-shirts are just fun. Sales could include other BNS paraphernalia as well. We'll need folks to handle the vendors and sales. Past brick sale raised over \$8000. T-shirt sales will come close to \$1000.

_____ **Fall Event for Even Years: "Auction for Education" at Kent Square (Sept. or Oct.)**

This is our most financially successful fundraising event—earning between \$8,000 and \$13,000 each time. 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, set-up and take-down for the event itself, and writing thank-you notes to all contributors.

_____ **The "Holiday Shopping Day" at BNS (usually the first Saturday in November)**

This is a very pleasant event in which vendors set up throughout the BNS classrooms. BNS earns a percentage of their sales. We make about \$1500 each 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.

_____ **The "Chocolate Party" at University Mall in February (Saturday on or before V-Day)**

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 that emerges each year is fantastic, creative, and delicious! Additionally, four professional vendors pay a fee and sell items that make terrific valentine gifts. The Chocolate Party earns about \$2500 each year.

_____ **The "Used Book Fair" in the Spring (April or May)**

Thousands of books are organized for this sale. It earns between \$1000 and \$2000 each year. Books are gathered year-round and stored off-campus until the sale. Work includes storing the books throughout the year, securing a location, intense set-up in a specific time-frame, as well as working the sale. Date 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!**