

2020 Aces Cake Raffle wrap up report

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The cake raffle was held February 10, 2020. 48 cakes/gift baskets were received (39 had been confirmed ahead of time). Total raised from the event was \$1424.40.

10 volunteers assisted throughout the day. Duties included ballot sales, accepting and prepping cake donations and assisting students with filling out ballots. Mr. Simpson also coordinated having grade 5/6 volunteers present for the entire cake raffle in shifts of 4, which was extremely helpful.

Due to teachers' job action, the teachers were not able to pre-sell ballots as is typically done. In discussion with school principal, it was decided that the most efficient alternative was to sell ballots on day of raffle only.

Three separate emails went out to school community via the school office (2 weeks out, 1 week out, and Friday before). The same information was also shared on the ACES Parents and the ACES School Council Facebook pages. Paper notices were not used as job action prevented their distribution by teachers. Mr. Simpson handled putting up signs around the school advertising date and ballot prices. Event was also mentioned in the morning announcements on Friday before.

Suggestions for next year:

This was an unusual year, so much of the challenges are unlikely to be present next year. It is obviously ideal to have teachers pre-sell ballots as it makes things run far smoother on the day of the raffle and requires less volunteers.

One issue was that the tables were not set up in advance as usual. Recommend liaising directly with the school custodian rather than via the principal to ensure communication is clear.

There was one donation which clearly included nuts. Nut-free was very clearly advertised and the school has always been nut free so it is unlikely this could have been avoided. (This was gifted to a teacher whose name was randomly chosen).