

Tara, ON

January 03, 2023

Subject: Rental Tara Facility Grade 8 graduation

Dear members of the Arran Elderslie council,

It is my honour to write you in name of the Arran Tara Elementary School Grade 8 students.

We currently have 38 students graduating our local elementary school in June of 2023. The size of our graduating class does not allow us to have an appropriate celebration at our school. In the past, our school has limited the amount of people attending to parents plus one sibling or even less. With a graduating group this size, it is impossible to even allow any siblings to attend, merely because we don't have the space. As a solution, we would like to rent the curling club space and the dancehall in the Tara arena on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Of course, this comes at a cost. The school board has no funds to help the graduates and the parents will be responsible for all costs inclined: decorating, snacks, facility rental, ... I am writing you to ask you allow us to use the facility for our graduation at no charge. We would ultimately be responsible for set up and clean up. It would mean a lot to all the families involved and especially those that are already struggling to make ends meet.

We, the Grade 8 parents and students, have been fundraising effortlessly since August of 2022 (men's ball tournament, Tara Festival of Crafts, pointsettia sales, ... etc). As per tradition, our 4-day graduating trip will take us to our capital Ottawa. The cost of this trip will be \$760 per student. This includes all amenities, breakfasts and all planned visits; it does not include lunches and dinners. Our fundraising efforts will allow us to contribute to some extent for every student participating in the Ottawa trip. The remainder of the costs will have to be paid for by the individual families and for some of them, this will be difficult. Our goal is to fundraise 100% of the funds for the trip.

It would be lovely to be able to use the community centre spaces at no cost to us.

Looking forward to your reply.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

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