SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The Screen-Free-a-thon

Pledge to Unplug. Like a read-a-thon, but for time away from screens.

Dates to be set by the School Council



For two weeks, families at your school set a daily screen-time goal for their child. **Grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends pledge a small amount for every day the child stays under it.** It's a fundraiser that also makes the after-school phone conversation a little easier at home. We track it with **BuckTime!**, an allowance app for parents, on the App Store and Google Play.

How to join, in 3 steps

1

Set up BuckTime!

Install it on your phone and on your child's phone or tablet (iPhone, iPad or Android). Choose the apps that count, a daily allowance, and a daily screen-time goal.

2

Invite sponsors

In the app, invite up to 5 relatives or friends. Each one gets a link and a short code to accept. They don't need to install anything.

3

Unplug

During the two weeks, every day your child stays under the goal counts. Time on the chosen apps spends their allowance; time away keeps it.

How sponsors pledge

- A sponsor picks an amount for each day under the goal (for example, $1 a day) and a total limit, so there are no surprises.
- You approve the pledge before it starts.
- Sponsors get a Sunday email showing how the week went, and can send your child a cheer.
- When the event is over, each sponsor gets a short statement and pays **you** directly, by Interac e-Transfer or cash.

Where the money goes

- **BuckTime! never holds or moves anyone's money.** It keeps the count; people pay each other.
- **To support your school:** send your sponsors' total to the school council fund the usual way the school collects money: details from the council.
- **Or keep it in the family:** confirm the payment in the app and it goes into your child's Spend, Save and Give jars. The Give jar goes to a charity your child picks from a list of Canadian charities, and you make that donation.

Good to know

- **Nothing is blocked.** The app doesn't lock the phone or take anything away. It only keeps count.
- **What it sees:** which of the apps you chose is open. Not messages, photos, searches or location.
- **Statements go out at the start of each month,** so the two weeks fall at the end of one month and sponsors get a single statement right after the event.
- **Sponsors are part of the BuckTime! Family plan** (CA$6.99 a month or CA$59.99 a year). **Free for every family taking part, for the whole event.**
- **Your child's data stays with your family.** The school doesn't see it, and there's no class leaderboard.
- **Questions?** Ask the School Council or write to hello@bucktime.ca.

Get BuckTime! on the App Store or Google Play

Search "BuckTime" or visit bucktime.ca, then set up your child before the first day.

bucktime.ca

BuckTime! is an allowance app for parents. The Screen-Free-a-thon is run by your School Council.