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February Newsletter



Not 100% sure how January flew by so quickly but I am sure the groundhog is off his rocker this year, what a fantastic start to the month of February!

Stay tuned for fundraisers in the next coming months.

The PAC is looking for parents with any special talents that could potentially volunteer their time at school (subject to approval from the school of course). Please reply to 071-PAC@sd43.bc.ca if interested.

Happy Valentine's Day!

PAC Meetings

Here are the future Aspenwood PAC meeting dates for the 2012 school year

Tuesday, Feb 21 - 6:30p

Tuesday, Apr 17 - 6:30p

Tuesday, May 15 - 6:30p

Tuesday, Jun 19 - 6:30p

*There will not be any meetings in the month of March.

*** Free childcare will be provided by the PAC at all meetings**



Dates to Remember	What's Happening
February 2, 9, 16, 23	Hot Lunch Delivery Days in January - Please come & help with lunch delivery
February 6 & 20	Pizza Mondays
Tuesday, Feb 21	PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library
February 7, 8 & 9	Kindergarten Registration
February 29th	Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)
February 17th	Pro-D Day

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held on February 7, 8 and 9, 2012. Parents need to bring proof of citizenship for parent and child and proof of residency in B.C. Students need to be five years of age by December 31, 2012 to be accepted for the September 2012 school year. All students must be registered at their catchment area school. Siblings of students in attendance at the school are considered a catchment area child.

Graduate Committee 2012

Year End Class Trip

Eight (8) options for the Grade 5 class trip have been researched by the parent committee. Our goal was to empower the Grade 5's to select a destination that will give them a memorable experience from their time at Aspenwood, no matter where they choose to go. A meeting with the teachers to discuss these options was held on Wed Feb 1. Teachers and parents collaborated and shortlisted the options to three (3). The parent committee will present the three options to the Grade 5's in class on Fri Feb 10. The Grade 5's will be given information on all three options to take home over the weekend and a vote will be conducted by the parent committee on Mon Feb 13.

After the initial vote is completed, if there is no clear majority, the least popular option would drop off the list and a revote would be taken between the remaining two options. The most popular choice will be where the Grade 5's will go.

Fundraising

To date, more than \$4,900 has been raised through fundraising. There are two Aspenwood hoodies (non zip) that still need to be sold:

Navy hoodie – Youth Medium
Purple hoodie – Youth Small

Each hoodie is \$30.00 (incl HST) on a first come, first served basis. Email jengant@shaw.ca if you are interested in purchasing one or both and help us with our fundraising.

Pizza Mondays

Pizza orders are now due for the second half of the year. If you didn't receive an order form they are available on the PAC website.

Pizza dates for the rest of the year will be: February 6 & 20, March 5 & 26, April 2 & 23, May 7 & 30 (Wednesday), June 11 & 25.

For students who prefer a different pizza crust (flying wedge whole wheat crust has some herb in it) a cheese pizza on a plain white crust option is available. Please just note white pizza as your choice.

Playground Expansion

1. Loonies for LunarBlast -

Attention all students: between February 13-24 bring in your loose change and compete to be the class to raise the most money for the new LunarBlast climbing net. The LunarBlast climbing net is a new piece of play equipment that will be added to your playground. The class to bring in the most money will win a catered lunch of your choice (ie, pizza; subs; etc).

Remember - Loonies for LunarBlast! and help expand our playground!

2. DessertCo fundraiser -

Attention parents - it's that time of year again to stock up on all sweets and savories in your freezer - just in time for the upcoming holidays. Watch for order forms in your child's planner coming soon. Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

Order forms distributed to parents: Friday, February 24

Orders collected - Monday February 27 - March 7 (deadline for orders)

Pickup of goods - Wednesday March 28 between 2 - 4pm

All proceeds go towards the expansion of our playground.

3. Future Fundraising Activities

April - Scratch Booklets

May - Plant Sale



Playground Expansion Project

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

The undertaking of a project of this magnitude requires the cooperation and support of both the school community and the community at large. Together we can make this project a reality!

All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt for that calendar year.

In recognition of larger donations, two permanent display boards will be located within the playground area.



DISPLAY BOARD #1

"In recognition of donations \$1,000 - \$4,999"

DISPLAY BOARD #2

"In recognition of donations \$5,000+"



Please make cheques payable to:

Aspenwood PAC – Playground Expansion

For further information, please see the following: www.habitat-systems.com

Lunar Blast

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBgHB4rJqHw>

OmniSpin Spinner

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBhcvv4plQE>

Playground Expansion Committee –

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THE NEED FOR PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

Since Aspenwood first opened in 2000 with just over 100 students, the school has continued to grow both in physical size and number of students. The current student population is close to 500 students. Six additional classrooms will be opening Fall 2011. As such, the need for more play space has also increased.

The existing playground was last expanded in 2005. Changes and additions to our existing playground are necessary to accommodate our growing community, including new All Day Kindergarten, and enable children with various challenges to also take part in playtime with their friends.

The primary goals of the playground expansion are inclusiveness of all age groups and abilities, as well as contributing to the development of the community.

A MULTI-PHASE PROJECT

The playground expansion project has been broken down into three phases for both manageability and attainability. Once 50% of the funds for each phase have been raised, plans for installation will begin.



Phase I – Lunar Blast

The Lunar Blast Net Climber encourages children to invent limitless games while they learn about geometry. It promotes upper-body strength, balance and hand-eye coordination for children ages 5-12.

The Lunar Blast will replace the existing 4-person swing set, and allow up to 45 kids to play at a time.

Cost breakdown:

Equipment, Supply and Install - \$29,000.00

Surfacing & Landscaping - \$15,000.00

Total Funds - \$44,000.00



Phase II – Omni Spinner

An inclusive spinner that balances physical accessibility, age and developmental appropriateness, and sensory stimulating play for children of all abilities. A go-around on the OmniSpinner provides lots of social play, along with valuable vestibular stimulation, an important component in the development of proper balance and posture.

Cost breakdown:

Equipment, Supply and Install - \$10,000.00

Surfacing & Landscaping - \$10,000.00

Total Funds - \$20,000.00



Phase III – Shading

Phase three considers the safety needs of the children while they are at play. With growing concerns of sun damage, we found a need to introduce ways of sheltering our children. With the planting of 10 established trees along the south perimeter of the playground, children now have more areas to play where they will be protected from the sun.

The planting of the trees also helps to reduce land erosion and still maintains the natural beauty of the school's surroundings.

Cost breakdown:

Trees - \$3,000.00

Planting & Landscaping - \$4,000.00

Total Funds - \$ 7,000.00

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