

Birchland Elementary PAC Newsletter

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We are in the home stretch of our 2011-2012 school year, and couldn't be more excited for what is to come! There are a lot of opportunities available to help our children at Birchland, and some of the bigger events we will begin planning for are Grade 5 Grad, and Sports Day! We are always looking for a new set of hands and fresh ideas! If you're looking for a way to get involved no matter how big or small- come join us at our next meeting, we'd love to meet you!

~Brittany & Cecilia~
Co-Chairs BPAC 2011-

The Birchland Parent Advisory Council passed a motion at our January 24/12 meeting to make amendments to our current Constitution. If you would like to suggest an amendment or bylaw to the new BPCA Constitution, please attend our next meeting on February 15, 2012 at 6:30pm in the school library.

All suggestions must be presented in writing, and will be reviewed for consideration by the PAC Executive.

A copy of the current constitution is available on the PAC board in the front foyer.

The new constitution will be voted on at the April 11 meeting

If you would like to have a copy of the current constitution emailed to you- please email us by February 10th

Dates to Remember

- February 10 – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 9:15
- February 10-15 – Book fair!
- February 15- Theme Day!; Red/Pink Day!
- February 15 – Next PAC Meeting
- February 17 – Pro D Day
- February 24- Jump Rope for Heart Event! 9-12
- February 29- Anti-Bullying Day
- March 7 – Hot Lunch Day
- March 12-24 – Spring Break!!!!



You're Invited

The next meeting of the Birchland Parent Advisory Council will be held in the library on February 15 @ 6:30pm.

If you would like to add an item of new business to the agenda, please fill out the form found on the PAC bulletin board in the front foyer.

Our AGM will be held on May 16th.

We're on the Web!

All PAC newsletters & forms can be found under the "Parents" tab. Stay up to date on everything Bulldogs!

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/birchland>

Running Club- Help Needed!

The PAC is STILL searching for a parent interested in supervising and operating the Running Club this Spring! Running club runs two afternoons per week until 3:30 pm. If you are interested in helping us make this activity available to our students please let a PAC member know, or drop into the office!



Check out our Hawaiian Luau Book Fair

Will be open at lunch and after school from February 10- February 15!

-Special Family Night opening
Monday February 13 from 6pm-8pm

Free gift with a \$25 purchase!

Volunteers Needed

We accept personal cheques, cash, debit and credit!



2011/2012 BIRCHLAND PAC

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Parent Volunteer Coordinator -

Stella Goncalves

Special Lunches Coordinator -

Karen Faminoff

Book fair Coordinators -

Karen Faminoff & Brittany Leavold

Fruit and Veggie Coordinator -

Suzanne Williamson

Recycling Coordinator -

Michelle Nikula

Theme Days Coordinators-

Suzanne Williamson & Kari Stewart

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator -

Brittany Leavold

Library Coordinators-

Michelle Nikula & Cecilia Joinson

Emergency Preparedness

Coordinator -

Donna Luteyn

Hot Lunch Coordinator -

Cynthia Jacobs

Running Club Coordinator-

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Newsletter Coordinator -

Cynthia Jacobs

More Positions Available!

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you very much to Division 2 & 7 parent Allison Habetler for volunteering at all of our Hot Lunch Days!

Upcoming Fundraisers!

Book Fair- Come visit the Book Fair from February 10-15. Cash, Debit, Cheques and Charge will be accepted!

Anti-Bullying Day- \$2.00 Anti Bullying Bracelets will be sold this month and \$0.50 cupcakes will be sold on Feb. 29

Hot Lunch Day- Our next Stay tuned!

Have a fundraising idea? Want to help with the fundraisers mentioned above? Join us at our next meeting!

February 29 is Anti-Bullying Day!!

And we are celebrating!! With Cupcakes!!

Soon, a notice will be sent home to the Birchland Families asking for a donation of 12 'PINK' Cupcakes for February 29th

Each student will receive a cupcake, however we are asking for a suggested donation of 50 cents. Leftover cupcakes will be sold during recess and lunch!

Anti-Bullying Pink wrist bands will be on sale for \$2!

Starting at lunch time on February 10 until sold out
Proceeds going to the Grade 5 Celebration!



Hot Lunch Program!!

Our last BPAC Hot Lunch was held on Jan 25, 2012.

Thank you to Cynthia Jacobs, Michelle Nikula, Jennifer Snider, Alison Habetler and Lisa Munro for volunteering your time with the January Hot Lunch!! It was a great success!!

Our Next Hot lunch will be held on March 7, watch for the order envelopes coming home in mid February.

Volunteers Needed!

Our school wide Jump event will be held the morning of February 24 with a variety of skipping and basketball activities. All proceeds going to the Heart & Stroke Foundation!



Please visit:
www.jumpproporheart.ca

**2011/2012
BIRCHLAND PAC EXECUTIVE
MEMBERS**

- Co-Chairs-** Cecilia Joinson & Brittany Leavold
- Vice Chair-** Jamie Hendley
- Treasurer-** Donna Luteyn
- Secretary-** Michelle Nikula
- DPAC Rep-** Kari Stewart
- SPC Reps-** Cecilia Joinson & Michelle Nikula

Contact us via email-
birchlandpac2011@hotmail.com



Did you know?
That we have an account at the Biggar Bottle Depot? Contribute to our fundraising efforts by letting the cashier know you'd like to donate your total to Birchland Elementary PRIOR to them counting you return!

2577 Kingsway Ave Port Coquitlam
Sunday-Friday 9-5:30, Saturday 9-6

~Thank you for contributing your ideas and feedback- we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting~
(Please return in your child's planner or drop off to the PAC box in the office)

BPAC Comments & Suggestions

CLASS ROOM TEACHER _____ DATE _____

PARENT NAME (optional) _____ CONTACT INFO (optional) _____

(Please return in your child's planner or drop off to the PAC box in the office)

Book Fair Volunteer Form

Please return by Tuesday February 7

	Friday February 10	Monday February 13	Tuesday February 14	Wednesday February 15
Lunch (11:45-1pm)				
After School (2:45-3:45)				

Other Volunteer Availability

Thursday February 9	Setup (2:45-3:30)	
Monday February 13	Family Night (6pm-8pm)	
Wednesday February 15	Take Down (2:45-3:30)	

Volunteer Check List	
I have completed the 2011 Volunteer Form	
I have a criminal record check on file in the office	
Please send home a volunteer package with my child	

Parent Name: _____
 Contact # _____

Email Address _____
 Child's Name _____

(Please return in your child's planner or drop off to the PAC box in the office)

Jump Rope for Heart- Volunteers Needed!

Friday February 24th!

From 9am-12pm

Please return by Friday February 10

I can help:

With Setup	Feb. 24 8:30-9:00	
With my child's class	Feb. 24	
I can operate a station for 1 session	Feb. 24 TBA	
I can operate a station for both sessions	Feb. 24 TBA	
With Cleanup	Feb. 24 (11:55-12:15)	

Parent Name: _____
 Contact # _____

Email Address _____
 Child's Name _____

Comments:

(Please return in your child's planner or drop off to the PAC box in the office)

Grade 5 Grad Committee- Parent Volunteers

If you are a grade 5 parent interested in the planning of the 2012 Grade 5 graduation, please send back this slip, so that we can start sharing ideas! A meeting will be held near the end of February!

Parent Name: _____
 Contact # _____

Email Address _____
 Child's Name _____