

Cedar Drive PAC Newsletter

September 2019

Welcome Back!

Allow us to introduce ourselves

What is the Parent Advisory Council or PAC?

PAC is the collective voice of all parents and caregivers at our school. Every school needs to have an active PAC in order to receive government grants. PAC provides our community with the opportunity to discuss matters affecting Cedar Drive and the education of our children. In addition, the money raised through collection and fundraising helps to offset the costs to parents for things like fieldtrips and pays for fun in school speaker and entertainment activities. Money raised also helps support the school with upgrades to school equipment and technology advancements. We strive to represent diversity in our community, but can only do so with your involvement!

WE ARE ALL PAC!! All parents and guardians of students are encouraged to participate, after all, many hands make light work. Give a little, give a lot, it's possible to be involved in some capacity and your support makes all the difference.

A handy resource to stay up to date is our parent managed Facebook page. Another way to stay informed is to attend the monthly PAC meetings with our first of the year scheduled for Thursday, September 19th. These meetings always include reports on upcoming events, budget, principal's report and usually – a lot of laughs! We encourage an open floor for you to express concerns or questions. If you aren't comfortable speaking up, email our PAC Chair Kate Head headkd@hotmail.com and it will be discussed. Childminding is available at every meeting.

Kate Head (Chair), Jamie Manchester (Vice Chair), Jane Adams (Treasurer), Queenie Wong (Secretary), Waleah Blais (DPAC), Corrine Wilson (Volunteer Coordinator), Rocheil MacGregor & Erica Salemink (Members at large) – Your PAC Executive

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

- Elizabeth Andrew



Back to School

2019/2020 Proposed Budget

Grade 5 Camp	\$560.00
Classroom Funding	\$3,000.00
Fieldtrip Funding	\$3,250.00
First Day of School	\$50.00
PAC General Meetings	\$160.00
Gifts & Honouraria	\$300.00
Staff Appreciation	\$300.00
Special Miscellaneous	\$400.00
Performing Arts	\$2,000.00
Life, Leisure & Learning	\$2,000.00
Year End BBQ	\$1,400.00
Survivor	\$900.00
Dance	\$1,400.00
KM Kids Tokens	\$1,250.00
BCCPAC Membership	\$75.00
Parent Student Education	\$800.00
Fruit & Veggie	\$250.00
Calendar Magnets	\$350.00
BOKS	\$200.00
Bank Fees	\$140.00
Choir Risers	\$6,000.00
Total	\$24,785.00

Join Us...



BOKS – Build Our Kids Success

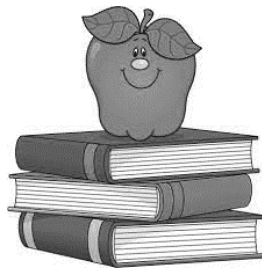
BOKS is a free before school exercise program that has been offered at Cedar Drive on twice a week since 2015. In order to run the program again this year another volunteer head coach and one or two more assistant coaches are required. No experience is necessary, we run a set program supplied by BOKS. Volunteers would need to commit to Tuesday and/or Thursday from 8:00 am to the first bell, October until December. We may run a 2nd session in the new year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us before **September 18th** - Waleah Blais - waleah@gmail.com or Mike Blais - mjblais@gmail.com



Fruit & Veggies: The BC Fruit & Vegetable program provides fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to every child at Cedar Drive throughout the school year. Many of those students are now making fruits and vegetables a part of their regular diet – both at school and at home. They are learning about the health benefits of eating fresh fruits and vegetables, while finding out how great they taste. All grades also get milk.

Our first delivery of the year will be blueberries on **Wednesday September 18th**. Please encourage your children to try the produce at school or to bring it home for the rest of the family to enjoy.

We are also looking for two volunteers to help run the program, as our current volunteers have children in grade 5. If you are interested, please email Kate Head at headkd@hotmail.com



Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 19: School Open House & PAC General Meeting

September 20: Pro-D Day

September 26: Terry Fox Run

September 27: Individual Photo Day

September 30: Orange Shirt Day

October 3: Lice Clinic

Volunteer Opportunities:

The following are events and fundraisers we have throughout the year that require volunteers. If you are unable to donate your time, we will accept monetary donations. Contact Corrine Wilson corrine.e.wilson@gmail.com for more info.

September 26: Terry Fox Run – Volunteers needed to man stations that children run to

November 16: Survivor – Many volunteers are needed to make this night a success. This event is for boys and an adult female in their life. We need parents, family members and Cedar alumni to be game techs, runners and other positions, as well as set up and decorating.

November & April Book Fairs: Volunteers are needed to help run our two Scholastic Book Fairs. Set up, take down and work the fair.

February 1: Crazy Caribbean Carnival – Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are required to help run games, sell raffle tickets, man prize and auction tables. This event is the most important at Cedar Drive. Cedar alumni welcome.

April 4: Dance – An extraordinary evening for Cedar Girls and an adult who is special to them. Volunteers are needed to pre-make decorations, decorate, help the night of and take down décor.

May 4-8: Staff Appreciation – Our week to say thanks to the Cedar staff for all that they do. Volunteers are needed to bring in snacks and treats, luncheon items and help decorate the library.

June 6: Year End BBQ – Volunteers needed to help with food service

June 19: Sports Day – Volunteers required to help run sports stations.

