

Eagle Ridge PAC News

It's been a busy fall for the Parent Advisory Council! A highlight was our Pancake Breakfast in December which raised \$1200 for the Coquitlam Fire Department and several boxes of toys for SHARE. Thanks to everyone who has come out to PAC meetings, volunteered, and supported our fundraising efforts so far.

What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

In case you don't know, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is an important venue for parents to be involved in their child's education. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend meetings to hear about what's happening in the school, provide input, and help plan PAC activities. Fundraising is also an important part of our mandate.

Your PAC Executive 2017-2018

President	Melissa Fisher
Vice-President	Sharon Pugh
Treasurer	Diane Nishikihama
Secretary	Amanda Cawthra
DPAC Rep	Maribeth Pearson

Successful fundraising

Funds raised by the PAC go towards priorities identified by the teachers and principal, as well as an amount to each teacher for classroom supplies. There's a current motion to spend \$2000 on a ceiling mount for a projector in one of the intermediate classrooms, and discussions about the purchase of 10 replacement laptops for intermediate use. Here's a summary of our fundraising efforts so far:

Grade 5 movie night	\$1091
Purdy's Halloween lollipops	\$381
Pizza days (Sept – Nov)	\$1523
Craft fair	\$837
QSP	\$884
Purdy's Christmas chocolates	\$574
Best seats in the house (for laptop replacement)	\$988
Sobey's Smile Card	\$351
Lunch Lady	\$88



PAC Calendar

Wednesday January 24

PAC Meeting

In the library from 6:45 – 8pm. Babysitting provided. Everyone welcome.

Friday February 4

Pizza Day

Orders due January 24th.

February 14, 15 and 16

Scholastic Book Fair

Students will attend with their classes during school hours.

Monday February 26

PAC Meeting

In the library from 6:45 – 8pm.

Monday March 5

Emily Carr – Small Wonders

Art presentation for the students sponsored by the PAC.

Wednesday April 18

PAC Meeting.

In the library from 6:45 – 8pm.

Devry Plant Sale

Date to be confirmed but will be in time for Mother's Day.

Monday June 4

PAC AGM

Elections for next year's Executive will take place at this meeting.

Gaming Grant

The PAC also applies for and manages a Gaming Grant every year. This money is used for non-academic purposes (ie \$522 for new sporting equipment) and to provide extracurricular activities for the students. Last week Uzume Taiko gave an amazing drumming performance! Several other art and music performances throughout the year as well as the ever popular Dance Week will be funded by the Gaming Grant.

Upcoming PAC Events

Purdy's Valentine's Day Lollipops

Order forms will be sent home on January 22nd.

Scholastic Book Fair

Children will visit the Scholastic Book fair on Wednesday February 14th, and will have a chance to purchase books on February 15th or 16th with their class. Submit an entry to the Poster Contest for a chance to win great prizes. As always there will be a family shopping hour after school on the 16th. Stay tuned for our request for Book Fair volunteers.

Reusable Sandwich Bags Fundraiser

Will be launched February 19th – stayed tuned.

Dance Week

Dance week has been confirmed for the week before Spring Break. We are delighted to announce that Christina Hamdon will be joining us for the 4th year in a row. The kids will have a blast learning and performing their choreographed routines.

Devry Plant Sale

Order forms will come home in time for Mother's Day.

Pizza Days and Treat Days

Keep an eye on your child's planner – we have more Pizza Days planned as well as Treat Days (popcorn, freezies).

Executive Positions for Next Year

Several of our longstanding executive will be stepping down next year and in order for the PAC to continue to function we will need volunteers to take on these roles. Shortly we will be sending out a notice outlining the roles, their responsibilities and the process for submitting your name for consideration. Eagle Ridge needs you!

How to Keep in Touch

- Come to a PAC meeting. All parents and caregivers are welcome and most meetings we are able to provide free childcare.
- Follow Eagle Ridge Elementary School PAC on Facebook
- Visit the Eagle Ridge Elementary School website and check out our page under the Parents tab. All meeting minutes and agendas are posted there.
- Join our mailing list to receive updates and requests for volunteers. Email us to be added to the list.

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