



# Welcome to Mountain View Elementary!

Congratulations on joining the Mountain View Elementary Community **and on becoming a PAC member!** That's right, every parent/guardian of a Mountain View student is automatically a member of the Parent Advisory Council; what you decide to do with that privilege is entirely up to you...

## What is the PAC?

The PAC is your opportunity to help shape your child's school experience. We are a growing group of parents that organize events and projects to enrich the lives of our students, both while at school and through extra-curricular activities. In short, it's parents helping kids.

## Why have a PAC? Isn't everything already taken care of by the school?

Without a PAC, our kids will have access to school curriculum but little of the school "experience". Many events like field trips and special assemblies are often not provided under current school funding. Certain government grants are available for academic and cultural events only when applied for by a Parents' Group. In addition, "extras" such as playground equipment, additional classroom materials and even computer equipment are not fully covered without the financial help that the PAC provides. A PAC can also ensure that ALL students are granted the opportunities that they might normally miss out on if their families could not afford the fees.

## What has the PAC done?

In past years, the Mountain View PAC has:

- Hosted family movie and fun nights
- Offered fun, monthly hot lunch days (such as Boston Pizza, Hot Dog Day and even Sushi)
- Arranged Hockey Night with the Coquitlam Express
- Organized and run the Scholastic Book Fair
- Purchased computer monitors and iPads for the library as well as playground structures
- Sponsored and arranged transportation for skating and swimming lessons
- Supported a school mural (ALL of the kids helped the artist paint)
- Helped to pay for the annual Grade 5 leaving events
- Provided field trips (eg. VSO and Burnaby Village Museum)
- Worked to keep open parent-school communication, so that all voices are heard
- Set up and sponsored annual events like Santa's Breakfast and the Staff Appreciation lunch
- Special Events (Planetarium, Van Aquarium, Green Thumb Theatre, Mad Science)



...and that's just a small sample. **The more parents that are involved, the more we can do!**

## How can I contribute?

Being involved is not as scary or difficult as it might sound and it doesn't require a huge time commitment. There are so many ways that you can get involved:

- Attending** PAC meetings when you can
- Volunteering** your time or special skills
- Participating** in fundraising efforts
- Supporting** our Community Partners

If you have any questions, please contact Paul ([pmoersch@telus.net](mailto:pmoersch@telus.net)) and once again,

# Welcome (back) to Mountain View Elementary!

## Upcoming Events:

First PAC Meeting of the Year – **Tuesday, September 10** (6:30pm - School Library)

