

# Eagle Ridge PAC News

Happy fall! September has sped past as usual in a blur of paperwork and online forms. Thanks to those parents who took the time to come out to our first PAC meeting. We hope to meet many more of you as the year progresses!

## What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

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 participate in planning PAC activities.

Fundraising is an important part of our mandate. Last year we raised over \$5,400 for our school and donated \$2,150 to our teachers to purchase classroom supplies. Money raised over the years has bought a new sound system for our gym, smartboards, books for our library, and iPads for our classrooms.

Our most impressive feat was raising \$80,000 in 2014 (thanks in part to a Spirit Grant from the City of Coquitlam) to build the new blue and green playground at the lower end of the school. So many of the great things you see at our school come about through the hard work of parent volunteers and the generosity of our parent community.

We also sponsor events for the school such as the Saleema Noon body health workshop, Dance Week (kids are taught dance by a professional choreographer), author readings, musical and cultural performances, and more.

The PAC executive is elected every spring. Any parent or caregiver can run for an executive position. The first step is to come out to our meetings and learn what we're all about. This year our monthly meetings alternate between a Monday or a Wednesday evening. The principal is usually present at our meetings to give a report, so it's a great opportunity to hear about what's happening in the school.

Can't make it to meetings? No problem. Our agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the Eagle Ridge website, under the Parents tab. And you can still volunteer to help out at events and activities throughout the year. We'll send out volunteer requests throughout the year by email.



## PAC Calendar

**October 14**

### **Movie Night – Zootopia**

In the school gym. Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7.

**October 26**

### **Parents' Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**

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

**November 18**

### **Craft Fair**

6-9pm in the gym.

**December 2**

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Before school, in the school gym.

**December 8 & 9**

### **Secret Shopper**

During class time.

## Your PAC Executive 2016-2017

President	Melissa Fisher
Vice-President	Sharon Pugh
Treasurer	Alison Summer
Secretary	Amanda Cawthra
DPAC Rep	VACANT

## Come Join Us!

We currently need people to fill the following vacant positions:

**DPAC Representative:** This position involves attending a monthly meeting of the District Parent Advisory Committee (near Blue Mountain park) and reporting back to the PAC about what's going on in the district and to share ideas about what other schools are doing in terms of fundraising and community building. This is a fantastic position for anyone looking to get a 'bigger picture' understanding of what is happening in our schools and in your child's education. I know at some schools two parents share this position so you only have to attend half of the meetings.

**Hot Lunch/Treat Days coordinator:** This position involves sourcing options for hot lunches and treats, organizing delivery and payment, and coordinating with volunteers on event days. We have had several parents voicing an interest in more healthy options - who wants to make it happen? This position could be taken on by an individual or a group.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Someone to liase with the District with regards to our responsibilities as a school and to facilitate communication about these issues.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year we need parent volunteers for a variety of events. Here are just some of the things parents and caregivers do:

- Help out at school activities like Terry Fox run and Activity Day
- Count money and process order forms for hot lunches
- Volunteer at movie night – we need people to work the concession, help with clean up, pop popcorn, etc.
- Take on a special project (ie the Craft Fair or street cleanup)
- Wrap gifts at Secret Shopper
- Help out at the Scholastic Book Fair

Got other ideas? Send us an email! [eagleridgepac@gmail.com](mailto:eagleridgepac@gmail.com)

## Keep in Touch

- Come to a PAC meeting
- Follow Eagle Ridge PAC on Facebook
- Check our page on the Eagle Ridge school website, under the Parents tab. It is updated regularly.
- Join our mailing list by emailing us:

[eagleridgepac@gmail.com](mailto:eagleridgepac@gmail.com)

## Parking at King of Life Lutheran Church

**Drop off & Pick Up** - Parking at the church down the street from the school is available during school pick-up and drop-off. Please consider this option as it will ease congestion along Falcon Drive. Please follow the signs placed in the parking lot and DO NOT use the driveway as a pedestrian entry/exit point, there have been too many near misses with vehicles. Instead, use the pathway that runs from the front door of the church to the sidewalk.

**Evening School Events** - Parking at the church will NOT be available during evening school events (movie nights, Christmas concerts, craft fair, etc.) unless otherwise indicated by the school/PAC. The church often has its own events in the evening. Please give yourself lots of time to find parking. When possible we will open the gravel field for overflow parking during school events – if we can find parking attendant volunteers!

## Upcoming Events

### **Movie Night – Zootopia!**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7pm. Admission is by donation and a concession will be available with popcorn, water and licorice. Cash only. We'll be selling raffle tickets for Best Seats in the House too – buy a ticket for your chance to sit on the big comfy couches. All proceeds support our Grade 5 year end activity. Come join us!

### **Purdy's Halloween Lollipops**

PAC will be selling chocolate lollipops - keep an eye on your child's planner for a notice. Sales will run from October 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, and orders will be sent home October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **QSP Magazine Subscriptions and Gift Wrap fundraiser**

Stay tuned for more details around the end of October.

### **Eagle Ridge Holiday Fair! – November 18, 2016**

We are so excited to announce that we will be having a community craft fair here at Eagle Ridge on Friday, November 18, from 6pm to 9pm. To make it happen we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help out in many different ways, and we are looking for crafters who would like to rent a table and sell their wares. For more information, please find our Facebook event "Eagle Ridge Holiday Fair", and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or a vendor, please email [eagleridgecraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:eagleridgecraftfair@gmail.com). We hope you will come out and support your school, you community, and get your holiday shopping done early!

### **Pancake Breakfast – December 2, 2016**

Join us in the gym between 8 – 9am for a pancake breakfast cooked up by our local firefighters. Admission is a cash donation or an unwrapped toy, and all proceeds given to organizations supporting needy families. Eagle Ridge school community continually amazes us with its generosity at this event.

### **Secret Shopper – December 8 & 9, 2016**

Secret Shopper is a tradition that Eagle Ridge students look forward to every year. Our school library is transformed into a store, staffed by friendly parent elves and helpers. All kids will have a chance to visit with their classes to do their Christmas shopping. Most of the gifts range in price from \$1 to \$5. This event is not a fundraiser but a special activity that the kids love!

This event needs a ton of volunteers to run – we need wrappers, cashiers, and general helpers. A volunteer call will be sent out closer to the date. We'll also be asking for donations of wrapping paper, bows, tape and boxes to be used to wrap breakables. In December there will be a large box by the office to drop-off donations. Thanks for your support!

### **Adopt-A-Street (ongoing)**

The Eagle Ridge Elementary PAC has partnered with the City of Coquitlam to keep our neighbouring streets litter-free and looking great! Our designated streets are Falcon Drive (north of Guildford to the Port Moody border), Peregrine Place and Tercel Court. Approximately once a month we will be sending out an on-line sign up for this event. If you are interested in helping out keep your eyes on your inbox!