PAC Newsletter

RISING UP TOGETHER



We need your help to send a message to the BC Government!

It has been almost 16 months since Hazel Trembath was destroyed and almost 3 months since the last provincial election, and our community still has not received any information or confirmation that it will be rebuilt. The PAC's attempts at opening a dialogue with the Ministry of Education have returned nothing but a standard form-letter response, identical to the replies we received in May of 2024. We need to make our voices heard by the provincial government urging them to give us a decision and timeline on the rebuild of Hazel Trembath.

Parent Advocacy is needed to put pressure on the provincial government to make a decision on the future of our school. We are asking Hazel Trembath families to send letters and emails to the government en masse, questioning them on why we have not heard anything.

To make this campaign easier for you, we have a pre-made letter in both Word and text only versions ready for you to download and send.



Click on the images above or go to <u>https://rebuildhazeltrembath.com/advocacy-letter</u> to download your letter to send.

Information on who to send it to can be found at <u>https://rebuildhazeltrembath.com/</u><u>who-to-advocate-to</u>.

Together, our voices will be heard.



Issue 7

<u>Download</u> and review the minutes from the January 2025 PAC Meeting here!



FEBRUARY 18, 2025 7:00pm

<u>Citadel Middle School</u> <u>1265 Citadel Dr.</u> Port Coquitlam

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TREASURER'S REPORT

CLICK HERE to take a look at the PAC's financial summary for the month of December.

FUNDRAISING

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Be prepared for two unique fundraisers coming up in March!

GARDENWORKS

Just in time for spring, Hazel Trembath's PAC will be teaming up with Gardenworks to give green thumbs a fantastic opportunity to spruce up their gardens and raise money for the PAC at the same time.



And returning once again will be the popular Spring Family Photo sessions with portraits taken by <u>Kim</u> <u>Culbert Photography</u>. Look out for more information on sessions planned for March or April.

SNACK SALE

The next snack sale is scheduled Friday February 21st. Bring cash after school at the bus drop off at Settlers Park and help raise funds for the Grade 5 School leaving festivities.



Planning for Inclement Weather

As we're expecting colder and wetter weather for the beginning of February, we thought it would be best to re-print this information, especially with snow in the immediate forecast.

When snow falls, poor travel conditions may lead to a possibility for school and bus travel disruptions. Here are some important things to take note of:

- The decision to close the school due to inclement weather will be made prior to 6:30 am. Please check the school and district websites for updates regarding school closures.
- If for some reason school is open but buses are not able to run, this will be posted on the <u>school website</u> and an email sent to parents/guardians. Parents/ guardians have the option of keeping their child home or transporting their child to and from school.
- The district will be plowing the old Hazel site to ensure the buses are able to operate in inclement weather. If for some unforeseen circumstance we are unable to use the current drop off location, the buses will use the previous pickup/drop-off location (Confederation Drive).
- School administration has contacted the city to ask them to plow the gravel parent parking lots. We are hoping this occurs but parents/guardians should be mindful of this situation and consider alternatives when travelling to the bus drop off and pick up.

Classroom Parent Reps

The PAC Executive is looking for input and potential volunteers for classroom division representatives in order to help facilitate communication between parents and teachers. With our children being bussed to their teachers every day, there is a huge disconnect in communication and connection with those teachers that we used to see every day and drop off and pickup.

This initiative is a work in progress and we hope to bring further definition to the roles after more internal PAC

Executive discussion and from input gathered from our members. Look out for communications coming soon from the PAC, or email us at PAChazeltrembath@gmail.com if you have any ideas!

February's Hot Lunch

February's Hot Lunch is on Wednesday February 19th with lunch from Sushi Fu! Volunteers can help by sorting the orders and delivering lunches to classrooms at Winslow. Email PAChazeltrembath@gmail.com and put Hot Lunch Volunteer in the subject line





if you can come help!

with Megan MacDonald

...fundraisers don't just happen by themselves?

Volunteers are the backbone of any school's fundraising activities. Without fundraising, PACs cannot assist teachers in replacing important classroom consumables, replace or repair aging playground equipment, assist in funding annual staff appreciation lunches or end of year gifts, or covering expenditures for specific recurring events like Hot Lunch and the annual Santa Breakfast.

The more volunteers the less time an individual needs to spend on a specific fundraising activity. Any time given to help volunteer with the PAC is important, no amount of time is "too little". Hazel Trembath's PAC puts out calls for volunteer opportunities at the start of every year and any time an event needs support. Have any new ideas or willing to contribute some time? Reach out to the PAC!

Keep an eye on our social media feeds for more quick tips from our PAC Secretary Megan MacDonald on how you can be more involved with our PAC.



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