

LEIGH PARENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

DATES  
FOR THE  
CALENDAR:

- Fri. Sept 26,  
9am—Green  
Committee  
Meeting
- Wed. Oct 1,  
6:30pm—G5  
Leaving  
Committee  
Meeting
- Wed. Oct 1,  
7pm—PAC  
Meeting
- Wed. Oct 1—  
Values Books  
orders due
- Fri. Oct 17,  
6:30pm—  
Family Movie  
Night
- Fri. Oct. 23—  
Hot Lunch Day
- Wed. Oct 29—  
Haunted  
House  
Decorating
- Thurs. Oct 30—  
Haunted  
House Tours

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# Leigh PAC

## Keeping Parents Informed

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### Starting a New School Year

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Scott Young for all he has done at Leigh over the past two years in his role of PAC Chair. He has been a strong and consistent leader for the parent community here at Leigh, and we are grateful for his many contributions.

This year, Kathie Metzner and Jennifer Henderson will work together as Co-Chairs of Leigh PAC, while Tam Shepert and Tricia Fung stay on in their respective positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. Jody Ewart has kindly stepped up as Treasurer. We have many committees already underway, with parents who stayed on to head them, including: Hot Lunch (Gina Young and Janet Kampf); Fruit & Veggie Program (Christine Knoll); Emergency

Preparedness (Lori Matthes) and School Planning Council – last year's members have let their names stand for another term – Tam Shepert, Jen Smith and Carol Wilson—but if you are interested in a position on the SPC, please contact Jennifer Henderson as voting will take place at the Oct. 1 PAC meeting.

We still have openings for the following positions: Fundraising Coordinator, Members At Large, DPAC Rep, Traffic & Safety, Parent Ed Coordinator, and Minnehada Liaison, and will be looking for lots of help throughout this school year.

We hope to see lots of new faces at the next PAC meeting on **Wednesday, October 1 at 7pm**. Please join us after the meeting for wine and cheese so

you can meet this year's Executive in a less formal setting. PAC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, and **free childminding** will be available at every meeting.

If you are new to the school, come on out and find out what we do and how we do it. It's a great way to have a say in the decisions that impact your children at Leigh. Every PAC meeting features the "Principal's Report" which is a great way to learn first-hand what's happening at the school. We can't promise wine and cheese at every meeting, but we will continue to strive for efficiently run meetings where we work together with parents, teachers and the administration to come up with the best solutions for our school. Hope to see you there!

### School Website

Please check the school website regularly, as it is frequently updated with information by parent/teacher Jacquie Bischoff. We are grateful for Ms Bischoff's expertise and willingness to help us out with this effort. Under the Parent section, we will be

posting all PAC minutes, newsletters, forms and notices.

Add it to your Bookmarks and stay informed!  
<http://sites.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/leigh>



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# Hot Lunch Program



October 23 is Subway Day!

The Hot Lunch Program is off to another great start this year. Please be sure to submit your Hot Lunch orders to each of your children's teachers. You may make out one cheque per family but it is most helpful if you do not put all of your children's order forms in one envelope. Thank you very much!

Gina & Janet

October 23  
Hot Lunch Helpers:  
Carrie Chursinoff  
Petra Davis  
Kim Egli  
Tricia Fung  
Penny Gorman  
Elaine Houghton  
Cindy Joseph  
Christine Knoll  
Lori Matthes

Kim Lauridsen  
Diana Medeiros  
Karla Ramirez  
Tam Shepert  
Jill Stewart  
Kathy Strath  
Leanne Taylor  
Linda Winston  
Shari Workman

**Hot Lunch Schedule is posted on school website!**

*How can we make Leigh a "greener" community?*

# Leigh Greening Committee

**Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>- 9am**

The Leigh Greening committee is made up of Leigh parents who are working to promote "greening" strategies in our school community. Some areas of interest are recycling/re-using strategies, greening the

school grounds, and efficient use of resources and energy.

Our first meeting this year will be on Friday September 26th at 9am. All parents are welcome to bring ideas and work on implementation. Come see what greening is about!



# Family Movie Night

Kung Fu Panda comes to Leigh Friday, October 17 in the Gym!



Family Movie Night returns to the Leigh Gym on Friday, October 17. Bring your blankets and watch Kung Fu Panda with all your friends.

Doors open at 6:30pm; movie begins at 7pm. Snacks and beverages will be available to purchase at the event. Tickets only \$5 per family. Watch for your ticket order forms coming home soon!



# Hallowe'en is Coming!



The Adult Ed Room will be transformed once again into a Haunted House on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Each division will have time scheduled to visit and explore the room. We will be

looking for some fresh ideas and props from parents who can help decorate on Wednesday, October 29!

Hallowe'en falls on a Friday night this year, and we would like to make sure our school stays safe. If you can volunteer an hour or so to help patrol the school grounds that evening, please contact Scott Young at 604-944-6214 or [tcv@telus.net](mailto:tcv@telus.net).

Volunteers will be paired up. In the past this has been very successful, and their presence alone has discouraged young people from loitering. Volunteers are being asked only to observe and report only.

Watch for more info to come home soon on the Hallowe'en for Hunger initiative here at Leigh!



*Eating the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables improves children's health and their ability to concentrate.*

## Fruit & Veggie Program

The Fruit and Veggie Program started up again at Leigh on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are fortunate to be part of this free program which is part of ActNowBC, an initiative to improve the health of BC children and families. It provides two snacks per week, every second week. The snacks come pre-washed and ready to be handed out to the classes.

Many of the items are also organic. Barring any crop problems, the schedule will include BC grown pears, plums, apples, carrots, oranges, mini cucumbers and grape tomatoes. The snacks will be eaten in class and are not meant to replace recess or lunch items sent from home. Permission forms **MUST** be sent back before a student is allowed to participate in the

program. If you have not sent one back already, extras are available at the office or on the website, or you can send a signed and dated note to the office. We only need one form per family, as long as each child's name is listed. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Knoll at 604-942-4711.



## Entertainment and Values Books

Don't forget to get your orders in for this year's Values or Entertainment Books. There are thousands of dollars in savings to be had from many local businesses in these books!

**Orders are due back by Wednesday, October 1.**

The Values Book is \$20, or you may also order the Entertainment Book for \$46. Books will be sent home

within a day or two. If anyone has questions, please contact Chris Towers at 604-945-1907.



# Grade 5 Leaving Committee

The start-up meeting for this committee will take place just prior to the PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30pm in the Adult Ed Room. We will be choosing a logo for the Grade 5 hoodies at this

meeting so that we can distribute them as soon as possible. This committee will meet several times throughout the year to help plan for the Grade 5 Leaving event, including their day of fun, an

annual and DVD. For more info please contact Barb Mulligan at 604-944-7304.



## LPAC Fieldtrip Policy

Last June the PAC voted to solicit donations of \$15 per child at the start of this school year to be put towards fieldtrips. This was in response to difficulties teachers were having collecting funds for fieldtrips and parents' concerns that all students have comparable and quality fieldtrip experiences.

Parents and educators agree that fieldtrips are a valuable and necessary part of the

educational experience, and we at Leigh are committed to working together to ensure that every student receives at least one quality fieldtrip experience each school year.

All money donated to this cause will go directly into this fieldtrip fund which will then be passed along to the school for its intended purpose. For the remainder of this school year, staff will draw on this money to fund their fieldtrips. Some may opt for one large fieldtrip;

others may choose to split it into several smaller fieldtrips.

We will be evaluating this effort at the end of the school year to determine how successful it has been in meeting this need.

Please be sure to return your form (also available on the school website and at the office) by October 3. Thank you for your support.



## Leigh Parent Advisory Council

### Co Chairs:

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## October PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 1, 2008—7pm

### Introductions, Approval of Minutes

### Reports:

2008/09 PAC Budget review and approval  
Principal's Report

### Updates:

Playground Equipment  
Constitution Changes  
Playground Stencils  
Fieldtrip Policy  
Get-Active Cards  
Fruit & Veggie Program  
Emergency Preparedness  
Grade 5 Leaving Committee  
Greening Committee  
Movie Night

### New Business:

Hallowe'en  
Family Photo Night  
Hand Sanitizers  
Traffic Safety

### Elections:

SPC, Fundraising Coordinator (2 positions), Parent  
Ed Coordinator, Minnehada Liaison, DPAC Rep,  
Member at Large (4 positions)

Effort will be made to adjourn  
the business meeting by 8:30pm.  
Join us for wine & cheese afterwards!



## Please obey the simple school driving safety rules:

Slow Down

Don't stop in the Cross Walk

Don't park in the Drop Off Zone

Don't block traffic or the school bus

Don't stop in No Stopping Zones

**It's up to us to set a good example for our children and keep them safe.**