

DATES TO NOTE:

- Recess Popcorn Day - Wed. Jan.30th
- Snowflake Ball - Fri. Feb. 1st 6:30pm to 9:00pm
- PAC Meeting - Wed. Feb. 6th 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- BC Family Day - Mon. Feb.11th
- Pink Shirt Day - Wed. Feb. 27th
- Boys Night Planning Meeting - Tue. Feb 5th 9:15am

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Midyear Check-In

Refreshed from the winter break, it's time to see what lies ahead for the rest of this year. In addition to fundraising, our goal is to organize events that allow families to get to know each other and to spend some quality time with their kids at school.

Leigh PAC Executive team met on January 23rd to review upcoming events for the rest of this school year. Some of the exciting events include Snowflake Ball, Boys Night Out, Teacher Appreciation Day and of course the Spring Carnival. We will also have a spring plant sale and perhaps a few more fun events. We have also decided to try out new online ordering system for PAC Hot Lunches. Read more about it on page 4.

Our monthly PAC meetings have been well attended and its been great to see some new parents coming out. Many decisions regarding PAC involvement, spending and procedures are made at these meetings, your input and vote makes all the difference. We welcome your suggestions for family



events, fundraisers or any other feedback. Best way to be heard is to come out to one of our meetings. You can also send us an e-mail at LeighPACinfo@gmail.com.

We are still looking to fill the Fundraising Coordinator and Parent Education Coordinator positions. Now is also a good time to start thinking about next school year and deciding on how you would like to be involved in your child's school. Working closely with an executive PAC member or a committee will allow you to seamlessly step into that role next year.

Next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, February 6th 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Library. All parents, guardians, teachers and staff are welcome to attend our meetings. Free child-minding is provided.

"Did you know that every parent or guardian who's child is attending Leigh Elementary School is part of the Leigh PAC?"

Snowflake Ball



Preparations for this year's Snowflake Ball on February 1st are well under way and it's not too late to RSVP and volunteer! To date we have 134 female students and their escorts planning on attending a fun evening of dancing, socializing with their friends and visiting the chocolate fountain.

A big "thank you" goes out to Pete Law of Rainwater Management for donating the chocolate fountain; along with Dave Cadwallader of Caddy's Mobile Music who is our DJ for the evening and Michelle Libby of Studio 32 Photography for her fabulous portraits!

Girls are welcome to attend with their father or other significant family member. This evening is for Leigh girls to come and have

fun, regardless of who they are accompanied by. Partial proceeds from ticket sales, along with all donations made to the wishing well will be donated to the Gaby Davis Foundation whose mission is to support families affected by childhood cancer. Please visit their website for more information on this charitable organization:

www.gabydavisfoundation.com

Volunteers are still needed for this event, for both set-up in the afternoon (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) and particularly for cleanup from 9:00 p.m. until it's finished (approximately 10:30 p.m.). As well, food and bottled water donations will still be gratefully accepted. Please contact Tricia Fung at t.fung@telus.net or call (604) 786-5498 if you are able to help out with either food donations or volunteering.



Family Movie Night

Leigh PAC is happy to announce another Family Movie Night sponsored by Marica Federation from Royal LePage Coronation West Realty.

Thurs., February 21st. Doors open 6:30 p.m, movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket order forms will be sent home closer to the event. We are looking for volunteer parents to help out with setup between 5:45 p.m - 6:30 p.m, concession from 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m and cleanup after the movie. You will be able to indicate on the ticket order form if you are available to help out with any of these tasks.

Grade 5 DVD Pictures

Please submit your kids baby picture and kindergarten picture (if you did not attend Leigh in kindergarten) to Raielene Langdon at raiele-ne@bluepixeldesign.com. You may also submit an alternative kindergarten picture if you were not happy with the original photographers picture. The deadline for this is **January 31st**. Also a reminder to submit any pictures you take of the grade fives throughout the year!



PINKSHIRTDAY²⁰¹³

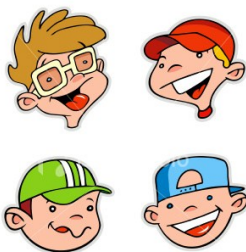
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

Bullying is a problem in our schools, workplaces and over the Internet. On February 27th we encourage everyone to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

The idea of wearing a pink shirt on that day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students who decided to organize a protest to wear a pink shirt in sympathy with a grade 9 boy was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They bought 50 pink tank tops, sent out a notice to schoolmates that night and the next morning handed out the tank tops to schoolmates to wear. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders', says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. "Finally someone stood up for a weaker kid." For more information visit <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/> and Iamsomeone.ca.

Also, if you haven't seen this video yet, halfway through a recent Vancouver Giants Game, a pink shirt wearing flash mob of about 1,800 kids from 16 different Vancouver area elementary schools did an amazing choreographed number in support of acceptance and anti-bullying awareness. [Watch the video here.](#)

Boys Night Out Planning Meeting



It is time again to start planning for the Boys Night Out that is happening on Friday, April 26th. We have some interesting plans in store but need your input and ideas to make them happen. We are calling on all parents of boys to come out to our first planning meeting on Tuesday morning, February 5th at 9:15 a.m. If you are not able to make this meeting, let us know that you want to help and we'll make sure to pass on all the information to you. Email LeighPACinfo@gmail.com.

Leigh PAC Hot Lunch and Snack Program

Welcome to February/March 2013 PAC Hot Lunch and Snack ordering!

We have exciting news! Our ordering system is going **GREEN!** Instead of filling out a paper order form, you will now be placing your hot lunch orders online using **Muncha-Lunch.com!** You can pay for your orders by credit card OR Paypal account OR cheque. This will replace the order form that you currently fill out every second month.

The reason for this switch is to streamline the ordering and payment process, eliminate or reduce the amount of cash being handled by

HOW TO REGISTER

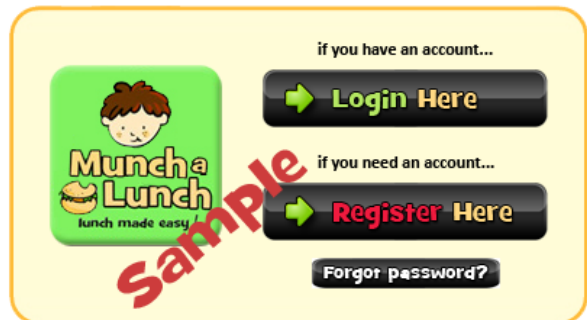
- Go to the school website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/leigh/Pages/default.aspx>
- Click the "**Register Here**" button (as shown on the right). The system will guide you through.
- After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
- Next time, just click the "**Login Here**" button to access your account.

ORDERING DETAILS

- Online ordering will be **OPEN** from **Tuesday, January 29th to Thursday, February 7th**
- If you need assistance with ordering please contact Robyn Hollingshead at 604-318-9593, my2gapkids@yahoo.com or Christine Knoll at 604-942-4711, acknoll@gmail.com
- Order forms can also be obtained from the Leigh Office if you do not have access to the internet

our volunteers and to reduce the number of mistakes made with orders.

We recognize that the new system will take some time for everyone to get used to and we are prepared to help parents with setting up their online accounts and placing orders. If you are not paying by credit card online, we encourage you to pay by a cheque no matter how small the amount is. This again will reduce the amount of cash handled by our volunteers and will make the process easier and safer for everyone.



Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch but we cannot keep the food for them for the next day. Consistent with previous years, there are **NO REFUNDS** as this is a PAC fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our Hot Lunch program as the funds go towards technology, playground equipment and general fundraising within the school.

We are always in need of **Volunteers!** There is a volunteer page in the online system where you can checkmark which dates you are available. The lunch coordinator will then contact you with a proposed schedule.

Our thanks to the Leigh parent community for supporting this important fundraiser and to our wonderful volunteers who help make this program a success!

Spring Carnival Planning Meeting

It is time again to strike up the Carnival planning committee. Spring Carnival is one of our biggest and most anticipated yearly events and is planned to happen on May 31st this year. Watch for information for our first planning meeting to come home with your child soon.

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