LEIGH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Leigh PAC

Together We Accomplish More

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DATES TO NOTE:

- Fri., Nov. 23rd -Hot Lunch Day
- Tue. Nov. 27th at 7pm - Snowflake Ball planning meeting
- Wed. Nov. 28th Popcorn day
- Wed., Nov. 28th 6:30pm - Saleema Noon
- Fri., Nov. 30th at 7pm Movie Night
- Wed., Dec. 5th7pm LPACMeeting

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October Review

Leigh PAC and our school families completed two successful fundraisers in October. We thank Deidre Pattenden for organizing the Family Photo Night, many families took advantage of getting their portraits ready just in time for the holidays. Funds raised - \$800.00.

We also thank Tracy Scribner for organizing the Entertainment and Values Books fundraiser, total funds raised was a whopping \$1,900.00. We appreciate the support of all the families who took part in the Value Books fundraiser, it was a great success!



Values Books Prize Draws



The winners of the Pizza parties are Mrs. Letkeman's class and Mrs. Hourihane's class. Way to go!

There are also three lucky kids who won the Hot Lunch for the Year, Principal for the Day and Lunch with the Principal awards.

Winners have been notified individually. Congratulations!

Ice Age Prizes will be arriving during the week of November 19th.

Leigh PAC would like to remind you that we are always is need of parents to take on leading roles within our Parent Advisory Council. **The Fundraising Coordinator position is currently open.** Fundraising Coordinator oversees all fundraising activities approved by the executive, forms any necessary committees for each fundraising event and communicates with local businesses and organizations in search of suitable fundraising opportunities. As a Fundraising Coordinator, you will not be alone but will have a team of active PAC parents behind you and working with you!

If you are interested, please email LeighPACinfo@gmail.com

Saleema Noon

Sexual Health Educators

Sexual Health Educator Saleema Noon will be presenting at Leigh later this month. A parent education evening will be held Wednesday, November 28th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The student sessions will take place during school hours on Thursday, November 29th in three separate age appropriate sessions. As per School District 43 policies, the session for children in grades K-2

must take place with a parent present. The K-2 presentation will be held at 2:00pm and ONLY students with a parent present will be able to attend. Please watch for further information to come (including a permission form). In the meantime, please feel free to visit Saleema Noon's website for further information regarding her presentation.

www.saleemanoon.com

"Bear with us as we update our electronic contact list. Send an email to LeighPACinfo@gmail .com for questions or to receive PAC

info via email."

Following is an excerpt of information taken from Saleema Noon's website:

"We can all agree that the world is a much different place than it was when we were growing up...racy song lyrics on the radio, girls being sexualized at younger ages in the media, commercials for Viagra on TV during after school hours, pornography on the internet, sexting on cell phones...Love Boat Fantasy Island on a Saturday night would be the least of parents worries today! The question is, how do we help our children and teens make sense of all of this? How do we empower them to make smart decisions on their way to becoming sexually mature, healthy and happy adults? And how can parents feel more confident and comfortable broaching the topic of sexual health with their kids?

Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators is a group of smart and current sexual health professionals with a focus on safe, practical, inclusive content. We give parents concrete tools with which to answer even the toughest questions. With good information and a youthful, fun approachable delivery, talking about sexual health has never been easier.

Children learn how their bodies change and what those changes mean. Parents will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the myriad of questions all children are sure to ask."



Family Movie Night is Back!

Leigh PAC is happy to be holding movie nights sponsored by Marica Federation from Royal LePage Coronation West Realty.

On **Friday, November 30th** we will be showing the movie Arthur Christmas in the Leigh gym. So bring your blankets, pillows and stuffies to enjoy the movie in comfort with your friends and family.

Pre ordered tickets are only \$10 per family! Ticket order forms are coming home this week. All proceeds go directly to the PAC which pays for much needed items for our kids. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$12.

Door prize draw for a \$50 gift card to Toys R Us!

Doors open at 6:30pm and movie will start at 7:00pm sharp. Popcorn and concession items will be available for purchase in the PAC kitchen.

Your Fundraising Dollars

You might sometimes wonder where all the money is going that you send to school for Value Books, Family Photo Night, Movie Night etc. Proceeds from our fundraising events go directly to our kids and our school to create a more enjoyable and productive learning environment for our kids.



As an example, in agreement with Principal Remi Collins, we are happy to announce that Leigh PAC has committed \$10,000 for improvements on technology at Leigh Elementary School. This money will be used to purchase 20 iPads and 2 LCD projectors to begin integrating technology into students day to day learning.

At our monthly general meetings we to discuss other urgent needs for our school and we encourage you to take part in this discussion. Aside from continuing to improve technology at Leigh, our second goal is to raise money for rebuilding an upper playground area. This is a large project and it needs your input to make it happen, we would like to hear from anyone who is willing to take part in this process.



Leigh PAC is in need of a new sandwich board or two. We use them for announcing meetings and other events happening at school and our current sandwich board is starting to break down. If you are handy with woodworking or perhaps have a business that has a sandwich board to donate, we would love to hear from you! Please email LeighPACinfo@gmail.com

Snowflake Ball



Snowflake Ball is an annual father-daughter dance held in January and it has become much anticipated event over the last 4 years. Funds raised are usually donated to local charities.

The first planning session for this year's Snowflake Ball will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00pm in the library. Please bring your fabulous ideas and enthusiasm so we can make the 5th annual ball a success! If you cannot attend, but would like to participate, please contact Tricia Fung at t.fung@telus.net or call (604) 786-5498.

"We are parents working together toward a common goal - creating better school and educational experience for our children!"

Leigh Parent Advisory Council has decided that it is time to review our PAC Constitution and Bylaws. Last revisions were made in 2008 and it is time to revisit some sections to ensure that they are clear today and meet the needs of our school community and PAC.



We are calling out for anyone interested in taking a lead in reviewing the PAC Constitu-

tion and Bylaws, our executive team will be providing the support to ensure this process is successful. If you are interested, please come to our next PAC meeting or email LeighPACinfo@gmail.com

PAC meetings are the best way to find out what's happening in and around the school, please join us for the discussion. Everyone is welcome and your input is appreciated! Our next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00pm in the library.

Free child-minding is provided!