

# École Porter Street PAC Newsletter

September 2024



## Welcome back!

Dear Porter Street PAC Members,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer.

As we're getting started this year I'd like to offer a special thank you to our team of PAC executives, Silviya, Ashley, and Angie who are returning to serve a second term - your hard work and dedication have been invaluable and I'm so thankful to be working with you again this year.

We've been very lucky to have several members step into coordinator roles this year. Please welcome Tiffany Fonseka heading up Communications, Heather Wallace working with Elio Parente on Hot Lunch, Kathleen Green pulling together our Events, and Mike Calder running KM Club. We also have Tiffanie Tromp and Brandi Bailey returning to organize the Fruit & Veggie Program for us again. We're so thankful to have each of you in these crucial roles.

Every one of us has an important role to play so I also want to welcome and thank all the members that will join us in a variety of ways like organizing extra fundraisers, attending PAC meetings, delivering hot lunch, taking tickets, flipping pancakes, running a craft station, or working in the concession; and finally I'd like to send a big thank you to all those members who support our efforts by buying hot lunches and attending the events that help us build a strong, supportive school community and raise funds to benefit our students education.

A final thought for those wanting to attend a PAC meeting or volunteer for the first time. Take comfort in our unofficial motto: come as you are, do what you can. We're just a friendly bunch of parents that put the kids first.

We hope you're all looking forward to another fun-filled year at Porter Street!

Cheers,  
Jenn Faccin PSPAC Chair 2024/25

## Your PAC Execs 2024/2025

**Chair** - Jenn Faccin

**Treasurer** - Silviya Vasilevska

**Secretary** - Ashley Ainsley

**DPAC Representative** - Angie Lee



## Save the Dates - Upcoming Events

### Next PAC Meeting

Childminding will be provided!  
**Monday, Sept. 23 - check-in at 6:15pm for  
childminding; meeting starts at 6:30pm**  
Porter Street Library

**Thursday, Sept. 19** - Open House/Cookie Social - 6pm

**Friday, Sept. 20** - Pro-D Day

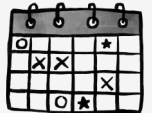
**Wednesday, Sept. 25** - KM Club starts - 2:55pm

**Thursday, Sept. 26** - Fruit & Veggie Day

**Friday, Sept. 27** - Hot Lunch (Domino's)

**Friday, October 18** - PJ Movie Night - 5pm

See full [school calendar](#) for additional upcoming events.



## What is PAC?

We are you! All parents and guardians of Porter Street students are members of the [Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\)](#).

Some members take on one of the executive roles of the PAC to perform specific functions in the interest of operating PAC meetings, formalizing communication, providing financial reporting, and liaising with the district PAC but all members contribute to the ongoing success of our PAC.

The first PAC meeting of the year will be in-person, but majority of the meetings will have a virtual option. Childminding will also be provided at all in-person meetings!

**Bring your ideas to the table at our [next meeting](#)!**



## Volunteer with us!

We are always in need of volunteers, whether it's to coordinate hot lunches, set up and take down of equipment during events, or to coordinate some fundraising. Time commitment can be as much or as little as your schedule allows. Please reach out to our new Events Coordinator, [Kathleen](#), at [pspac.kathleengreen@gmail.com](mailto:pspac.kathleengreen@gmail.com) if you can help!



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## Hot Lunches

We heard you – you want more hot lunches! This year, we are pleased to have 15 hot lunch dates (that's one almost every 2 weeks!) on Fridays. Ordering will be done on [MunchaLunch](#) and must be submitted no less than 10 days prior to the hot lunch date. Please see the [school calendar](#) for all available dates. Our fantastic coordinators, [Elio](#) and [Heather](#) are always looking for extra help! Volunteers meet in the PAC room at 11:15am on hot lunch days. Everyone is welcome – no experience necessary. For Hot Lunch questions please email: [PorterStreetLunch@gmail.com](mailto:PorterStreetLunch@gmail.com). **Bonus:** Hot lunch service is a fundraising activity for the PAC!



## What's Happening?

### Fruit & Veggie Program is back!

This free-to-children program where one of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh, local BC foods such as fruits, vegetables and some dairy products to our students during class time. Check the [school calendar](#) for delivery dates. Fruit & Veggie program is made possible by our lovely volunteers, [Tiffanie](#) and [Brandi](#)!

### Breakfast Club has started up again!

Thanks to funding provided by Porter Street and efforts of our wonderful counsellor and Food Security Team Leader, [Mrs. Chang](#), Breakfast Club is back! It is available every day at door 2 – (North undercover) and everyone is welcome to grab a healthy breakfast to-go.

### KM Club now moved to Wednesdays

KM Club will be back on September 25 from 2:55pm to 3:45pm, thanks to our new KM Club Coordinator, [Mike](#).

The goals of the KM Club are:

1. To improve cardiovascular fitness through running and walking
2. To reach kilometre milestones and earn fitness charms to track progress
3. To have fun!

See the recent email from Mr. Jiwa for more details and to register.



## Ongoing Fundraisers

We rely on fundraising activities to be able to pay for things like equipment, sports jerseys, school upgrades, community events, and more.

In addition to fundraising events, we have [ongoing fundraisers throughout the year](#).

### Mabel's Labels

Porter Street will earn 20% of every purchase made. If you're ordering labels anyway this is a great way to support improvements at our school.



### Return-it Express Bottle Drive



Donate your beverage containers to Porter Street PAC through the Return-It Express program at your local bottle depot.

### Frans' Flowers \*new this year!\*

Receive 15% off your order and we will receive 10% back!



### Tru Earth \*it's back!\*



When you place an order, our fundraiser receives 20% of the total sales value!



## Stay in the know!

There are many ways to stay up to date on what's happening at Porter Street.

- Attend [PAC Meetings!](#)
- **Subscribe to the [Calendar](#)** on École Porter Street Elementary School website.
- Visit the **Porter Street PAC website:** <https://www.pspac.com>
- **Contact us** at [pspac.communications@gmail.com](mailto:pspac.communications@gmail.com)
- **Join the [PAC Action WhatsApp Group Chat](#).**

