PAC NEWS

DEEP COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ ÉCOLE DEEP COVE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween. It was nice to see so many of the school families at the Fire Hall bonfire. Despite construction, rain and mud, I think everyone had a lot of fun. Our thanks go out to the North Saanich Firefighters Association for putting on such a great event for the community.

We have successfully concluded this year's round of Special Funding Requests. We would like to thank the parents and teachers who spent time and energy in submitting their requests. It's wonderful that we have so many who are continuously looking for ways to improve our school and our children's education. We would also like to thank all of the parents who came out to discuss and vote on the requests. There were important conversations and it was great to see all the parents thoroughly examine the options before voting.

> WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS TO VISIT THE PAC BOARD AT THE SCHOOL OR THE PAC SECTION OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE WHERE WE HAVE POSTED THE LIST OF APPROVED SPECIAL FUNDING REQUESTS IN DETAIL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US DIRECTLY SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REQUEST OR THE PROCESS.

Kim and I also had the pleasure of meeting the PAC and families from this years' School in Need recipient, Craigflower Elementary. We attended their PAC meeting and presented them with a cheque for $1500 to put towards their own funding requirements. Needless to say, they were surprised and very grateful. They immediately mentioned how much they need books in their library and were excited at the possibility. We have asked that they keep in touch to let us know how and where they decide to allocate the funds. We also invited them to our Christmas Fair in the hope that they might get some new fundraising ideas. We stayed for their meeting and got some great ideas to bring back to our school too! Everyone at Deep Cove should be very proud of how this important "pay it forward" initiative makes such an immense difference to another school, its children and families.

I know this will be covered elsewhere in the newsletter but please review the volunteer requirements for the Christmas Fair. This is our one big funding drive and it's a lot of fun too - so please sign up for a shift. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Lisa

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

November 21st - PAC General Meeting

November 30th - Hot Lunch

December 7th - Christmas Fair

December 21st - Christmas Assembly

December 22nd – January 6th - Christmas Vacation

January 7th - School Starts back

CHRISTMAS FAIR

For 11 months we wait … For one month, we work like Santa's little elves … For one night, we party!

Deep Cove School will be holding its legendary **Christmas Fair** on **Friday December 7th** and it is really something to celebrate: in one night of good family fun we manage to do most of our fundraising for the year.

If all goes well **we'll raise about $25,000 for our school and about $2,000 for Motati, our sister school in Lesotho.** Yes! You read that right, the Christmas Fair, with the Raffle and the Silent Auction does raise that much!

The success of the Fair depends upon the concerted efforts of parents, guardians, some older children (including ex-students) staff, and other community members who volunteer to participate in the venues by donating:

- Their time during the Fair to coordinate the venues and volunteer at them.
- Their time spent collecting items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle.
- Donating baked goods, books, toys, cds, dvds, stuffies, lovely bits and pieces for the Emporium, Silent Auction items etc.

The night of the Fair is always full of hustle and bustle and every helping hand is very much appreciated. If you are unable to come and assist on the night of the Fair there are still plenty of things to do in preparation for the big night, such as baking, selling Raffle tickets or providing Emporium or Silent Auction donations. Setting things up and cleaning up after the fair are also areas in which we need lots of help.

Do I have to volunteer? No, of course not! But we really hope you do. Every year parents who have been very involved at Deep Cove School move on because their youngest child has graduated. It is your turn to step in and replace them. We would love to welcome you to our team.

How Do I Help?

- By donating items! As of now you can leave your donated goodies on the Stage in the Big Gym We need stuffies (to be used as prizes), gently used items for the Emporium (toys, costume jewellery, plant pots, candles, kitchenware, ornaments, lovely bits & pieces etc.), and books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs for the book sale. Xmas wrapping paper, ribbon and working Xmas lights are needed too!

- Do you have a bigger item, gift certificate, event tickets (or something else?) that you would like to donate to the **Silent Auction**? Please leave your donation, name, and phone number with Lori at the main office who will ensure that it is safely stored until the Fair.

- By selling **Raffle Tickets**: they will be coming home with your child the week of November 19th.

For more information, to volunteer, to donate contact **Lesley MacLaughlin** macjackson@shaw.ca

POINSETTIAS:

Gorgeous poinsettias for your Christmas. Every year we get the most beautiful poinsettias that look fabulous and last right through into the New Year. Orders can still be placed using the form on the PAC website, or on the rack outside the school office; the last date for orders will be November 30th.

Pre-ordered plants will be available for pickup before the Fair on Wednesday December 5th, 2.40 – 3.15pm, Thursday December 6th from 8.30-8.45am & 2.40-3.15pm and on the night of the Christmas Fair, Friday December 7th.

If you have any questions please contact Alison Coley-Donohue at alisoncd@shaw.ca

SELL RAFFLE TICKETS:

Thanks to some generous donors this year's Raffle has three fabulous prizes.

1st Prize: 2 nights accommodation at Poet's Cove Resort & flights for 2 from Pat Bay to Poet's Cove compliments of Pat Bay Air, Golder Associates Ltd., and Victoria Airport Authority (value $1100).

2nd Prize : 1 night Sea View accommodation at The Sidney Pier Hotel and $50 Gift Certificate for Haros Restaurant (value $228) compliments of Sidney Pier Hotel.

3rd Prize: 6 month Active Pass at Panorama Recreation Centre (value $256) compliments of Panorama Recreation Centre.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with each student at Deep Cove School the week of November 19th. There is no expectation that children sell all of their tickets, however, all **SOLD AND UNSOLD**tickets MUST be returned to the school by **Thursday December 6th, 2012**. Please return tickets and cash and or cheque (payable to Deep Cove PAC) in a sealed envelope.

There will be a prize for the student who sells the most tickets and all students who sell at least two tickets will be entered in a separate draw for a child's prize.

Last year's raffle was a great success – we raised over $6400. Let's try to raise that amount again or more this year J

For more tickets you can email Simone McClure at smclure@shaw.ca or Leann Collins lmcollins@shaw.ca or Shelley Rebneris at rsrebneris@shaw.ca with your name and child's class and tickets will be delivered to you.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

Now is the time to clean out your closets and make some space on the playroom shelves. Along with silent auction donations, we are encouraging families to have a winter purge in their homes and bring their unwanted toys, books, DVDs, and housewares to the stage in the big gym.

Message from a Deep Cove Parent

"I just wanted to thank Nicole Irwin and admin for their great energy in organizing Friday's aerobics in the gym. This activity has totally energized the kids and is a huge success when it comes to encouraging kids to love being active. If parents have a minute to stop by the gym and take a peek Friday mornings they can't help but be thankful for the great teachers we have. **Thanks Nicole for your time and energy!!**" Rebekah Hunter (DC parent)

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF)

Thank You to everyone who participated in the Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Magazine Drive Fundraiser. Magazines can always be purchased online at QSP.ca using our group number 16681. Your participation supports French language resources and socio-cultural experiences in our schools for both FI and Core French students.

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Canadian Parents for French (CPF) will be hosting another **Bonjour/Bonne Nuit** event for FI Kindergarten and Grade 1 students at Deep Cove School.

Date: Tuesday, November 27
Time: 6:15 – 7:00 pm
Location: Deep Cove School Library
RSVP: Monday, November 19 (to sfidyk@centralmail.com). I need to know approximate numbers in order to secure enough Stelly's students for the event.

Come out in your pajamas and spend some time listening to French bedtime stories read by Senior French Immersion students from Stelly's Secondary School. Children will read with the Stelly's FI students in the library and parents can mingle in the staffroom.

Part of the magic of Bonjour, Bonne Nuit is the sense of community it offers. To accomplish this, I am once again calling on any person wishing to help with this event by volunteering. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Merci! Thank you!

Susan Fidyk sfidyk@centralmail.com
CPF Rep – Deep Cove School

SUPPORTING PARENTS IN RAISING THEIR FAMILIES

PARENTING PROGRAMS FALL 2012

Evening Community Workshops for Parents of Preteens / Young Teens. Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria and Ecole Bayside Middle School are pleased to offer a short series of Evening Community Workshops for parents of preteens/young teens, age 7-13.

The focus is to provide an overview of how families may be affected as children change/develop from preteen to teen. Workshops may be attended as individual events or as a series!

Topic/Date:

Week 1 – Parenting and Families – Wednesday, Nov 7. Explore parent's role with emerging young teens & discuss adolescent development process

Week 2 – Tasks of Adolescence and Communication – Wednesday, Nov 14. Deepen understanding of developmental process & expand respectful communication tools.

Week 3 – Self-Care and Self Understanding – Wednesday, Nov 21. Learn about temperament / our natures, & importance of self-care to family and selves.

Week 4 – Values and Perceptions – Wednesday, Nov 28. Consider and discuss how perceptions and values may relate to &/or impact parenting

Where: Ecole Bayside Middle School – 1101 Newton Place, Brentwood Bay
Time: Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:45pm
Suggested $10/person/workshop – Community members. Subsidies Available | Please Inquire
Cost: $ 5 /person/workshop – Boys & Girls Club participants/family
Registration: Must pre-register as minimum seating available. For more information/registration call Jan Townsend at 250.217.4929 or email: jtownsend@bgcvic.org.

DEEP COVE DIRECTORY

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Outfit - Fresh Air Fitness Outfit is an outdoor fitness class for all levels. Whatever the weather we will use the trails, parks and streets of North Saanich to challenge our bodies. Focusing on cardiovascular, strength and interval training. Monday, Wednesday, Friday.	www.out-fitbootcamp.com 250-812-3256 julie-out-fit@hotmail.com
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Event description	Date and time
Touch of Saltspring Craft Show. Panorama Recreation Centre With over 230 crafters and artisans, it is the largest attended arts & crafts show on Vancouver Island. If you are looking for unique and thoughtful gifts for the holiday season, make a point to come see the show	Friday November 30th 10am - 8pm Saturday December 1st 10am - 5pm Sunday December 2nd 10am - 5pm

If you would like to advertise a business or inform us of an upcoming community event please e-mail: deborah@expressivediting.com ***with 'newsletter item' in the subject line.***