PAC NEWS

DEEP COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ ÉCOLE DEEP COVE

OCTOBER 2012

Message from the PAC President

Last month I swore I would not start another message with a "time flies" comment but seriously… I just had a panic attack in Costco when I saw all the Christmas stuff out for sale and I haven't even recovered from Thanksgiving! Alas, we cannot stop time and here we are in mid-October.

The Executive would like to give our sincere thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the 2012/13 school year. We greatly appreciate the commitment that you have made to the school community. For those of you waiting for that "special something" to volunteer for, the Silent Auction has a variety of opportunities that are key to the success of the Christmas Fair. Please check them out below.

On the PAC front, we will vote on the Special Funding Requests at the General Meeting this Wednesday, October 17 at 7pm. I encourage all parents and guardians to attend. These are PAC funds, raised by PAC events and this is an important opportunity for you to participate in decisions pertaining to their allocation. You can review the recommendations for Special Funding Requests as put forth by the Executive further on in the newsletter; they are also on display on the PAC Board by the front office.

For your kids….
What do skeletons always order at a restaurant? Spare ribs!
Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Lisa Makar – PAC President

PAC EVENTS

PAC General Meetings 2012/13:

Wednesday 17th October 7pm

Wednesday 21st November 7pm

Wednesday 16th January 7pm

Wednesday 20th February 7pm

Wednesday 17th April 7pm

Wednesday 15th May 7pm

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday 17th October
Parent Ed – Multi-age (split) classes

Friday 19th October
Pro-D Day

Friday 26th October
Hot Lunch Day

Wednesday 31st October
Halloween Haunted House & Parade

ENGLISH BOOK FAIR

October 15th – 18th Multi-Purpose Room

Our annual English book fair will be held the week of October 15th. With this fair, 70% of every dollar we spend will go to our school library. This is a fabulous opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping, or add to your home library. We have books for preschoolers to teens, including many "must have" titles. Be sure to check it out!

French Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported the French book fair. We earned enough to buy $750 in books for our library. As always, the success of the fair is the result of the many volunteers – Thank-you!

COPACS REPORT

The School District has been busy with the implementation of the ERASE (Effect Respect And a Safe Education) program. ERASE is a government initiative to reduce bullying and manage any potential threats in schools. SD63 is now undergoing bullying and threat assessments.

Nancy McDonald is the district's "Have a Safe School" coordinator. There will be a 5-year training program for staff in order to establish a safe school culture. Online bullying reporting tools and stronger codes of conduct are also in the works. One of the non-instructional days will revolve around the anti-bullying program.

There will be an Education Ministry-led forum on the new graduation requirements on November 8, from 4 to 7 pm. There will be about 45 people attending from the district and we would like to have 6 COPACS or parent representatives.

2013 Vancouver Island Parent Conference – www.vipc.ca – presented by School District Parents' Advisory Councils of Greater Victoria & Sooke:

Saturday February 23rd, 2013, 8:30am – 4:30pm at Spectrum Community School.

This year's lineup includes, Jane Elliot and Dr Gabor Mate. COPACS has allocated $3000 towards registration fees for parents interested to attend (first come first serve).

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Don't forget our Parent Education Evening after the PAC General Meeting Wednesday 17th October, 8 pm. Multi-age classes (sometimes known as split-classes) will be discussed by an expert panel:

Nicole Irwin; is a French Immersion teacher at DC. She will speak about her experience in a Multi-Age class at Keating Elem.**-Steve MacGregor**; is an English teacher at DC; teaching a "Multi-Age" 2/3 class. He will speak to curriculum, planning and what occurs on a daily basis. **Jean Bowman** is a Multi-Age teacher at Royal Oak Middle school, she is part of the District Innovation Team and she will speak about common core and student learning. **Scott Stinson**; is the Assistant Superintendent for SD 63. He will provide an overview of Multi-Age classrooms, as well as sharing the history and the district perspective.

New additions to the parent library

Recently added librarian suggested titles:

- **What To Do When Your Temper Flares: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Problems With Anger** by Dawn Huebner
- **What To Do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety** by Dawn Huebner
- **Putting on the Brakes Activity Book for Kids with ADD or ADHD** by Patricia O. Quinn (Author), Judith M. Stern (Author), Joe Lee (Illustrator)

DEEP COVE DIRECTORY

Business name and description	Contact details
Health Within TCM & Acupuncture Our clinic offers pain relief for joints, muscles, headaches, migraines and cramps. We also provide treatments for hormone imbalance, stress, and chronic and acute asthma or cough.	www.healthwithin.ca Dr. Jeffrey Jones TCM & Mikiala Christie BA, RAc, R.TCM.P 9156 Cresswell Rd North Saanich, (250) 656-2067
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
Kelset Elementary Family Games Night to raise funds for a Kelset family in their fight to find a kidney donor for their young son. Join us for a fun night of your favourite games and stay for dinner.	Thursday 18th October, 6-8pm Kelset School

The idea of an area for Deep Cove PAC members (ie all parents and guardians of Deep Cove students) to advertise their businesses, and local events that they are involved in, came from parents themselves. 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.***

If there is no interest in this service the page will be removed from the newsletter – let me know what you think.

PROPOSED PAC SPECIAL FUNDING REQUESTS - 2012-2013

To be voted on at the October 17, 2012 General Meeting

Equipment	
Crossing Guard Rainwear (three good quality to compliment the existing inventory	300.00
Ponchos 60 for Nature Walks	-
Rugby Jerseys	-
Deep Cove Event Jersey	-
Soccer Nets for Outdoor activity (pop-up)	400.00
Playground Equipment - Solid Structure	-
Naturescape Playground Enhancements - Kindergarten	1,500.00
Outdoor Play Equipment	250.00
Outdoor Baseball Equipment (bats and balls)	-
Total Equipment	**$2,450.00**
Activities and Events	
Transportation Support for Sport Jamborees	1,400.00
Swim Club subsidization	-
Grade 4/5 Leadership- Camp Pringles and Beaver lake	2,000.00
Contingency Fund for the Grade 4/5 Leadership- Camp Pringles and Beaver lake	-
Parent Appreciation Luncheon and Hospitality Fund	-
Earth Week Activities	500.00
Science Venture	1,125.00
Home Reading Program Reward Program	3,200.00
Author Visit	1,500.00
Swan Lake Classroom Visits	1,630.00
Brown Bag Lunch program	150.00
Growing Schools	750.00
Toast Club	150.00
African Kunda Dancing and Culture	765.00
Total for Activities and Events	**$13,170.00**
Curriculum/Cultural Supplies and Resources	
Special Art Supplies	1,000.00
Safe Kids	2,125.00
Lesotho	-
Canadian Lit	500.00
Red Cedar	-
Magazines	340.00
Total for Curriculum Supplies and Resources	**$4,655.00**

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Other Proposals	
School in Need	1,500.00
Seed Money for Fundraiser programs	-
Field Trips and Bussing	7,905.00
Thank-you Cards for Guest Speakers - School Uninitiated	120.00
Thank-you and hospitality for Parent Education Guest Speakers	200.00
Total PAC Executive Proposals	**$9,725.00**
GRAND TOTAL	***$30,000.00***

Any questions please contact Lisa Makar (email lisa.makar@sidneypier.com) or Monica Copeland (email monicaco@telus.net)

CHRISTMAS FAIR SILENT AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Letters went home to parents last week stressing the importance of getting some volunteers involved with our Silent Auction. It is a MAJOR fund-raiser for the school, up to $10,000! Responsibilities have been split as shown below:-

- ASAP! Donation collection from 4 quadrants of Sidney business community (Beacon Northwest, Beacon Northeast, Beacon Southwest, Beacon Southeast)
- ASAP! Donation collection from outlaying Peninsula businesses (ie. Slegg's, Pan Rec Centre, Butterfly Gardens, Van Isle Marina, The Roost)
- ASAP! Donation collection for 3 raffle ticket prizes, working with Raffle Ticket Coordinator, Shelley Rebneris
- Cataloguing donations as they arrive at school (paper copy in office)
- Keep a computer spreadsheet at home of paper copy in office of incoming donations (winners names and winning bids to be added after Christmas Fair)
- Auction set-up Thursday, Dec 6
- Auction set-up Friday, Dec 7
- Auction clean-up after Christmas Fair
- Office help the week following Christmas Fair (Dec 10-14)to phone Auction winners, distribute prizes, return unclaimed items

These are manageable roles, and don't forget that parents can team up to do a job, a husband and wife, or 2 or more friends, or even keen grandparents or parent guardians. The success of the Silent Auction depends largely on the donation collection which needs to get underway before the end of October, as many other organizations and schools compete with us for Christmas donations.

Return your form by October 17th or contact a PAC executive member to express your interest.

DEEP COVE CLOTHING.

PAC members, students and staff have worked alongside local screenprinters *LJC Arts* to produce a design for some Deep Cove clothing with the aim to promote our school community and to celebrate 100 years of Deep Cove School. Currently we have t-shirts available in child sizes and hoodies for adults. We can arrange for small batches of clothing to be printed depending on demand. The pre-printed clothing is available now and can be requested from Monica who will also have samples at the school in November and at the Christmas Fair. Further information and requests can be sent to monicaco@telus.net.

Please note that the clothing is sold at cost, it is not for PAC fund-raising.

Grey cotton hoodie with Deep Cove logo on back and dolphin print on front. Currently available in adult sizes S, M, L $50

100% organic cotton T-shirt with Deep Cove logo on front and dolphin print and text on back. Currently available in Child sizes S, M, L $20

Many thanks to our models and photographer Shealyn Jackson