PAC NEWS

DEEP COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ ÉCOLE DEEP COVE

OCTOBER 2013

Message from the PAC Executive

Well we're almost two months in and it seems that the time is already flying by! During this time, the PAC focused on two key processes that are critical to starting the year off - filling the upcoming years' volunteer requirements and the Special Funding Requests. First and foremost, thank you so much to everyone who participated in both!

The Special Funding Request vote took place Wednesday, October 16th and there was really great discussion amongst the parents about how to allocate the budget. The Special Funding Requests, submitted by both parents and faculty, support a wide variety of initiatives. Please take a look at copy of the SFR budget on the PAC website – it's pretty amazing to see what our PAC funds support and the extent to which our kids benefit as a result. Please contact any member of the PAC executive if you have any questions about the SFR budget or the process.

So….we have this sizeable budget that supports all of these incredible benefits for our kids and ensures that we, as parents, rarely have to contribute financially toward school based activities. Here's the kicker, this doesn't happen without volunteers working toward raising our **$25,000** SFR budget. We greatly appreciate everyone who has stepped forward for volunteer positions so far. Not only are you helping the whole school community, but kids really love seeing their parents participating and valuing their elementary school experience. **If you are interested in volunteering please contact our volunteer coordinators, Stacey Rees or Shealyn Jackson.**

However there is still a critical position that we need filled for next year. Our beloved Christmas Fair Coordinator, **Lesley MacLaughlin**, will be leaving next year so this is her last year in the role. This is obviously a very important position because without the Christmas Fair, we would get nowhere near our budget. This is a

PAC EVENTS

PAC General Meetings 2013/14:

Wednesday 16th October 7pm

Wednesday 20th November 7pm

Wednesday 22nd January 7pm

Wednesday 19th February 7pm

Wednesday 16th April 7pm

Wednesday 21st May 7pm

OCT/NOV EVENTS

Thursday, October 24 – Hot Lunch

Friday, October 24 – NID

Friday, October 30th – "*Way to Go Walk to School Day"*; meet at Denham Till Park and walk to school

Wednesday, November 6th – Photo Retakes

Thursday, November 7th – Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday, November 8th – NID

Monday, November 11th – Remembrance Day; no school

Wednesday , November 20th - Early Dismissal @ 1:48

Wednesday, November 20th PAC

Friday, November 22nd – Hot Lunch

role that can be filled by one person or a group of two or three. Come on…how much fun would it be to organize a fair with your friends!! If you (or group of you) are interested or want to learn more about what the role entails, please feel free to chat with Lesley about what is involved. There is a great opportunity for someone to work with Lesley this year to see how it's done and learn her tricks of the trade! Again, please contact any member of the executive if you would like to discuss this or any other volunteer position.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Halloween!

Lisa Makar

APPRECIATIONS

A big Thank You to **Libby Kaul** who has taken on the task of coordinating both the English and French Book Fairs this year!!! Look for these events to be happening sometime in the Spring. Thank you Libby!!!

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who took the time to attend the October PAC General meeting to discuss and vote on the Special Funding Request Allocations and Budget. This process is guided by the schools' Administration Team as well as parent input. Thank you for taking the time out of your evening to attend and participate in this process.

UPDATES

Volunteer positions – there is some urgency to find a new **Christmas Fair Coordinator**. **Lesley MacLaughlin** will be leaving this position next year. Lesley is more than happy to work with a new group to share her wisdom and to help make for a smooth transition for next year. This is the PAC's major fund raiser and is a huge hit each year! If you have been looking for a position to fill this may be the one for you!!! Please let Volunteer Coordinator **Stacey Rees** know if you are the man/woman/group of friends for the job!!

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF)

CPF – BC & Yukon's Annual Membership Drive

September 1st to October 31st, 2013

Renew your membership! Ask others to join!

And do it before October 31st because during our membership drive you can win wonderful prizes! Remember 80% of the membership fee goes right back to Saanich chapter. That means more fun events in schools, more resources for parents, teachers and

COPACS UPDATES

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Interactive Math Night

"This is an informative, practical, and interactive session for parents. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for parents to gain a better understanding of current math curriculum and teaching. Talented district staff with Math expertise will be volunteering their time to meet with us. All academic levels will be addressed in appropriate grade groupings.

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 @ 7pm

ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Open to all SD63 Parents and Guardians

RSVP: copacssd63@gmail.com

An Invitation for all PAC Executive and Parents of SD #63

COPACS

Invites you to attend

The annual POLICY 1100 Meeting

Bayside Middle School (1100 Newton Place Brentwood Bay) November 6th @ 7:00pm

This is an annual meeting hosted by both District 63 and COPACS. School Administrators, trustees, and district staff will be in attendance along with PAC executive members and parents. Our hope is for as many PAC executive and parents to attend this evening as possible! In addition to learning more about what's going on at the district level, COPACS would like to provide an opportunity for PAC executives to meet, mingle, and share their triumphs and expertise. Our goal is to bring involved parents like you together to network and reach out to one another to help our PACS run more smoothly and effectively. We look forward to seeing you there for a great evening!

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PAC PROFILES

In our second installment of 'profiles' we are pleased to introduce you to two teachers who are new to Deep Cove Elementary. Thank you so much to Carolin McDonnell and Marilyn Magee for sharing their responses below.

Here's what they had to say:

Carolin McDonnell:

Favourite Beverage: Craft Beer

Favourite Food: Anything made from potatoes (and cheese and bacon - of course!)

Most Relaxing Day off would be: Home alone, reading a great book, in a tidy house, or paddling on the ocean...

Most embarrassing or most meaningful teaching moment was: Most meaningful was creating our Holocaust Museums at North Saanich Middle School and seeing how all of the students affected our guests thru their powerful demonstrations of their learning.
Most embarrassing was playing for the teachers at the annual Viking Cup hockey game in my figure skates and goalie helmet!
This year...doing a series of silly call-outs with my class, without realizing that Mr. Stinson our assistant Superintendant was standing at the door!
My most meaningful is when the kids actually thank me for teaching them!

What do you like best about teaching at Deep Cove Elementary School: The people! The kids, staff, and parents are so friendly and supportive. We share lots of laughs and make each day enjoyable! And Soup Club - yum!

If you were not a teacher, what profession would you be in and why?: What would I choose? I would love to be a host or journalist for CBC Radio. It seems like you get to meet so many interesting people - and every day is different - a lot like teaching. Or an independently wealthy artist - that gets to play and work all day without having to worry if anyone would buy it!

Marilyn Magee:

Favourite Beverage: Tall extra hot half sweet mocha light whip

Favourite Food: Butter chicken, samosas and all things spicy

Most Relaxing Day off would be: Brunch @ Jam cafe and a matinee on a Sunday!

Most embarrassing or most meaningful teaching moment was: Teaching a little girl who came from Pakistan and told my class how lucky they were to be able to go to school and get an education. She also brought me amazingly hot chippatis--yum!

What do you like best about teaching at Deep Cove Elementary School: I think the bucolic setting puts me at ease and the caring and generous community is very special.

If you were not a teacher,what profession would you be in and why?: I would have a production company and call it Pocketful of Posies Productions and specialize in writing and producing the movie trailers (ads for the movies!). It combines two things I love--movies and writing.

PLEASE NOTE:

A trial **podcast** was launched at the October General Meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting you can still 'tune in' to follow the proceedings from the comfort of home. This will continue to be in place for upcoming General Meetings.

You can view the minutes of meetings, review the SFR budget allocations and find information on upcoming meetings such as agendas, proposed budgets, events etc.

Please go to: http://deepcove.sd63.bc.ca/course/view.php?id=51

PAC EXECUTIVE

The executive has been voted for and represents all parents and guardians at the school. Please speak to us at the school, or e-mail us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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