PAC NEWS

DEEP COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ ÉCOLE DEEP COVE

SEPTEMBER 2013

Welcome Message from the PAC Executive

Once again we are back into the school routine. It's amazing how quickly it happens! Judging by the excitement in the school, it appears that everyone is happy to be back and eager to begin a year of fun learning.

Every year new families join Deep Cove and we welcome you to our wonderful community. And welcome back to those who are returning! If any parents have questions about the PAC or parent involvement at the school please don't hesitate to contact any one of us on the Executive. As parents and guardians of children in the school you are all members of the PAC and are all invited to attend meetings and participate in the decision making processes that directly impact our children. The PAC's General Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of October, November, January, February, April and May.

We rely on the generosity of parent volunteers to ensure Deep Cove extracurricular activities occur both seamlessly and effectively. We need volunteers to coordinate and/or assist with many of the programs that create a safe and healthy environment, build cultural and environmental awareness and foster community spirit. This is a wonderful way to connect with your child/ren in their school environment. Every year we lose key volunteers as their children graduate and move on; so if you can help out by donating some of your time, please let us know.

We look forward to working with you throughout the 2012-2013 school-year.

Lisa Makar – PAC President

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

SEPT/OCT EVENTS

Thursday, September 19th – Getting To Know You Evening

Thursday, September 26th 9am
Terry Fox Run – *Volunteers needed*

Friday, September 27th – NID

Monday 1st October
Special Funding Request Deadline
Storybook Theater performance

APPRECIATIONS

A big Thank You to **Tikki Butcher and her 2 children** for their care of the courtyard over the summer. **Susi McMillan** writes; "They watered the plants in the courtyard over the whole summer which is quite outstanding considering that her little one is 3 and her older one starts kindergarten this year!!! She is a trained Horticulture Technician and we are thrilled that she is joining the Earth mother team and will lead the Garden team."

Many thanks go out to **Deborah Rogers** our outgoing Newsletter Coordinator! Deb has set a high standard and this new 'rookie' Coordinator is more than appreciative of her help in guiding the way forward!! Deb is a busy, working Mum who volunteers her time towards many endeavors and we so appreciate the time and effort she has given to the PAC and all of us at Deep Cove!

PAC PROFILES

Read on to discover things about our newly minted VP that you may not have known before!!!

Introducing – Steve MacGregor, Vice Principal

Here's what he had to say:

Favourite Food:
Ice Cream (Ben and Jerry's Half Baked is likely the best food ever invented).

Favourite Beverage:
Either a Starbucks Mocha or Double Chocolate Chip Frappuccino depending on the weather. I'm told that Starbucks chocolate is fortified with essential nutrients. Ha-ha!

If you were not a teacher, what profession would you be in and why?:
I have been a sports nut and especially a Canucks fan since I was about 3, and I would probably have done something in the field of kinesiology, physical therapy, or perhaps sports journalism if I weren't a teacher.

What is your most embarrassing teaching moment?
I make lots of little to medium sized mistakes in class all the time but we tend to laugh those off pretty easily. Maybe one of my most embarrassing moments was while out on a community walk with a couple of classes 2 years ago. I was at the front of the line walking backwards to make sure that everyone was being respectful and walking safely... when I walked into the post of a street sign. After the shock and embarrassment wore off a bit, I was able to laugh about it and use this as an example of why it is important to watch where we are going.

What do you like most about working at Deep Cove?
I love the staff, kids, and community of Deep Cove, but the highlight is easily working at the school that my daughter attends.

Your most relaxing day off would be?
Either watching a Blue Jays' game with my family at Safeco Field in Seattle or just on TV at home on a Sunday morning.

UPDATES

- Class Reps - this year there will not be Class Reps. Please reference the statement in the school newsletter for details
- Volunteer positions – there is some urgency to find a **Book Fair Coordinator** and a **Christmas Fair Coordinator**. **Safe Arrival** is also in need of more volunteers!! 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 for the job!!
- School population – 325 students

- Board Office Changes – Superintendent Nancy McDonald; Assistant Superintendents Scott Stinson and Mark Frazer
- New Teachers on Staff – Ms. Magee Gr.1/2 English, Ms. McDonnell Gr.3/4 English, Mme.Burke Gr. 4/5 French
- Welcome Back – M. Jungen Gr.3/4 French
- Grade Changes – VP MacGregor 4/5 English, Mme. Lister Gr. 2 French

TOAST CLUB REPORT

Welcome back, Deep Cove families! With the long school days and the busyness of the school season underway, our kids are sometimes running behind in the morning and don't eat sufficiently, or else their little bodies are just plain still hungry when they get to school! This is third year that Toast Club has been up and running to provide our kids with a top-up in the morning before going in to class. As many families moved on from Deep Cove last year, we lost most of our volunteers and are in dire need to fill positions each morning of the week. Without your help, the Club will not be able to run this year. If you are an early bird and are willing to come into school about a half hour early one morning a week to make toast, this is the place for you! Please contact **Lara Gladych,** Toast Club Coordinator or **Stacey Rees**, Volunteer Coordinator, if you are interested or have any questions.

Thanks, and have a great year!

Lara Gladych

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CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF)

SAANICH MAGAZINE DRIVE

Canadian Parents for French – Saanich Chapter will be having its annual magazine drive from:

October 1 - 18.

This year, we are using the Canadian Community Reading Plan or CCRP (not QSP). CCRP is offering some great prizes including weekly prize draws! You can order your favorite magazine, renew a current subscription, or do some early Christmas shopping for family and friends and help us to fund French resources and activities in the district. We guarantee low prices and will honour discount coupons during the drive.

Online orders can be made at www.ccrp.ca <http://www.ccrp.ca> <http://www.ccrp.ca> using our campaign code **BC3033**. Catalogues with more information will be distributed soon. Thanks in advance for your support of French programs in Saanich School District.

Canadian Parents for French -- Saanich 2nd Annual French Resource Fair

CPF-Saanich's French Resource Fair is about connecting you and your family with French language resources and experiences. We hope to see you there!!!

Friday, October 4th, 2013

Saanich Schools' Education Centre (SSEC)

- Located on the grounds of Keating Elementary, behind the portables

6843 Central Saanich Road

2:30 pm to 6:30 pm

French Book Fair (Offered by Munro's Books)

- Lots of unique French titles and authors for primary, intermediate and middle school students!
- A 20% discount will be offered to CPF members. Sign up, or renew, on-site at our membership table.

Check out our website to see other offerings that will be at the fair http://cpf.bc.ca/saanich/

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 students, and more extra-curricular activities in French for our kids!
http://bc-yk.cpf.ca/about-us/branches/membership-drive-sponsors/

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BURNING QUESTIONS ANSWERED HERE

- **What is the PAC and how does it get money?**
- **More importantly, how does it spend the money and how can YOU get your hands on some to spend!!!?**

Read on to find out!!!

Did you know that **YOU** are a PAC member if you are a parent or guardian of a child at Deep Cove School!!! That's right – you are a member whether you like it or not!!!

The PAC (Parent's Advisory Council) is a parent organization which supports the entire school community – both English and French

The Executive members are elected in February. Our current PAC Executive is listed below.

We are a fun loving group who like to be involved! We encourage questions so please feel free to approach us to discuss any issues related to the school and the PAC in general – we are always happy to chat! In fact, it is likely our 'chattiness' that got us interested in being on the PAC executive in the first place!

How does the PAC raise money?

There are various ways the PAC raises money throughout the year.

The PAC has one major fund raiser, the Christmas Fair. This is an amazing event that involves everyone at the school. Families look forward to the event and the majority of our annual fund raising is done in one night. ***The Christmas Fair needs many, many, many volunteers in order to make it the roaring success that it always proves to be!!!*** Please consider volunteering this year!

Other ways the PAC raises money include Thrifty Food Smile Cards and CO-OP numbers for gas and food purchases.

How does the PAC spend money?

Ongoing committees and projects are funded annually from the budget which is adopted at the April AGM. Within the budget there is a substantial sum of money allocated for **Special Funding Requests**. For the 2013/14 School year **$20000** was allocated for these requests and is now available to fund different school activities. In September **parents/guardians and staff** are asked to submit requests for things they wish to be funded. These requests can be large or small

amounts to cover items not included in the budget e.g. equipment, guest performers, field trips etc. These requests are reviewed and voted on at the October General Meeting. If you want to spend some money on a worthwhile cause, please fill out the **PAC Special Funding Request Form** that was sent home in your September start up package or obtain one from the office, the Treasurer's folder in the copy room or from any member of the PAC!!!

Deadline for Parent Requests is October 1, 2013

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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Parent newsletter submissions – if you have community information to share in this newsletter please contact me marymackay@shaw.ca

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SPEED SKATING

IT'S FAST... IT'S FUN... YOU can TRY IT NOW !!

The **Peninsula Speed Skating Club** is offering a special introduction for all students to come out and try speed skating. It's a great time to experience one of Canada's most exciting winter sports. You'll have lots of fun, make new friends and improve your skating and fitness. You can even try skating on speed skates.

3 Introductory sessions for $20.

WHERE: Arena B,
Panorama Recreation Centre
(1885 Forest Park Dr., North Saanich)

Peninsula Speed Skating Club

WHEN: Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesdays, 6:20-7:20pm (Starting Sept 18)

WHO: Everyone (all ages and abilities)

All you need to bring is a helmet, gloves, and skates if you have them. For more information visit http://victoriaspeedskating.wordpress.com.