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Happy New Year! We're delighted to announce that PAC's Annual Donations Drive for the 2019/20 school year raised \$6,050 from 65 families! Thank you! This money goes towards playground savings for Phase 2; technology acquisition (iPads,

laptops, A/V equipment); sports & gym equipment; Body Science workshops; field trip & sporting transportation; Zumba; and much more. A very special thank you to **Dayhu Group** via the Sandhu family for their generous donation of \$1,000. To all who contributed, your support is deeply appreciated, and directly benefits the kids and classrooms of Peace Arch!

# THANK YOU

A huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU to Ms. Blackman**, plus all the staff & students who made December's Winter Concert so fantastic! As a parent group, we're very appreciative of how much time and energy go into organizing a school performance at such a busy time of year.

Tickets on sale NOW at the school office for this Sunday's **Surrey Eagles Hockey Game!** Support the PAC and show your Peace Arch pride on **January 26**, **4pm** at the South Surrey Arena. Star Wars Theme and FREE family skate after the game! Tickets only \$10 for all ages 6+.

Our next big task is **Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement Project.** The <u>White Rock Rotary Club</u> has very generously committed to helping us fund and install a new intermediate playground *by the end of this school year.* WOW! But we need to keep our own fundraising efforts going strong to accomplish this task! Keep reading on Page 2...

Save the date for Friday, April 24... our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival! Big thanks to Superstar Parent Volunteers Jennifer & Kirsten for stepping up to coordinate this year's Fling. We you. Interested in volunteering? Lots of help needed with Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, Prizes, Concession, Games, etc. → peacearch.springfling@gmail.com

See you at our next PAC meeting **TONIGHT! January 21, 6:30pm** in the school library. *Everyone welcome!* Agenda: Donations Drive recap, Snowball Dance recap, Playground Replacement & Design Proposals, Eagles Hockey Game, Hot Lunch, upcoming Spring Fling.

~ Your PAC Executive Team: Jennifer W., Katie E., Tana J., and Kristen F.

#### Tuesday, January 21

PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm in school Library

**Sunday, January 26, 4pm**Peace Arch Elementary @ the **Surrey Eagles** Hockey Game!

**Wednesday, January 29**Early Dismissal, 1:25pm

Monday, February 17 Family Day - No School

Tuesday, February 18
PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, February 21

Non-Instructional Day – No School

Wednesday, February 26
Pink Shirt Day: Kindness/Anti-Bullying

March 14-29, 2020 Spring Break! – No School

April 10-13, 2020

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekend - No School

Tuesday, April 14

Class Photos & Panorama

PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm



#### Friday, May 1

Non-Instructional Day - No School

### **2020 PAC Meetings**

**Library 6:30-8:00 pm** 3rd Wed. evenings monthly

## Playground Replacement Project - Phase 2 - 2020



Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement is well underway!

When the Rotary Club of White Rock heard that both of our city's elementary schools have been fundraising for several years for new playgrounds, they jumped in to help our fundraising efforts at both Peace Arch Elementary and White Rock Elementary. With the continued support of our parent group and community partners, Rotary has committed to help us bridge the financing gap by the end of this school year.

Our north intermediate playground (dark blue/green) will be replaced at a cost of approximately \$85,000. Please continue to support our PAC fundraising initiatives throughout the year,

and stay tuned for other ways you can contribute to Rotary's final fundraising push to help us reach our goal! Thank you to all our Peace Arch families who participated in Rotary's Turkey Walk in October 2019 and Annual Book Sale in December 2019 – proceeds from both events have gone to our Playground fund!



Our warmest thanks to Mr. Rajagopal, Mr. Rae, Dr. Browne de Paula, and the **Rotary Club of White Rock** for taking on this significant project for our school community. As a non-profit, community service organization, the Rotary Club of White Rock's purpose is "to provide funds for projects supporting community development, assisting the less advantaged in our society, improving basic education and literacy which includes academic and physical skills, maternal and child health, and youth development."

We deeply appreciate that they selected our Playground Replacement as one of their primary projects to support this year, and all the hard work they're pouring into fundraising on our behalf!

Have questions/comments/ideas and would like to get involved? Please join our Playground Replacement Committee and have your say in what our new playground equipment will look like! Full replacement proposal specs will be reviewed at tonight's PAC meeting. Hope you can join us! peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com.





Parent volunteers always needed to help with Hot Lunch distribution at lunchtime on Fridays!

Please sign up here if you can help 11:45am-12:20pm.



## volunteersignup.org/KWXT7



HOT LUNCH LEADERS NEEDED: 2 parent volunteers needed every Friday to help organize lunches and sort into bins; and to cook hot dogs on Hot Dog Days. Time commitment is 10:45am-12:45pm. Please email PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com



Please add a note to your family calendar for Hot Lunch days requiring cutlery... In an effort to reduce garbage, students are asked to <u>please bring their own cutlery if needed for Hot Lunch!</u> We no longer distribute cutlery with ANY lunches! (pasta, salads, etc.)



Our **10**<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival is coming up in a few short months, and it's not too soon to start thinking about collecting donations for our popular Silent Auction. Here's a timeline of what's needed to prepare for this fun-filled school tradition, and ways you can get involved and help!



NOW: Silent Auction items: acquire donated

items, gift baskets, and gift cards from businesses, community groups, local stores & restaurants, etc. A donation letter is available on our PAC website > Documents (peacearch.hotlunches.net), or contact us for a copy.

SOON:

Info to come on **Wine Pull** and **Raffle Baskets** donations (each Grade will be asked to donate items for a specifically themed Raffle Basket, such as *Gardening, Games Night, Beach Fun, Wine & Dine, Movie Night, Crafter's Delight*, etc.). Wine donations for the Spring Fling Wine Pull are accepted any time at the school office.

**WEEK OF: Parent volunteers** to help assemble Raffle Baskets; assemble candy bags and prizes; help with Silent Auction prep; prepare cakes/cupcakes for Cake Walk.



**DAY OF:** Drop off **cake/cupcake donations** at the office.

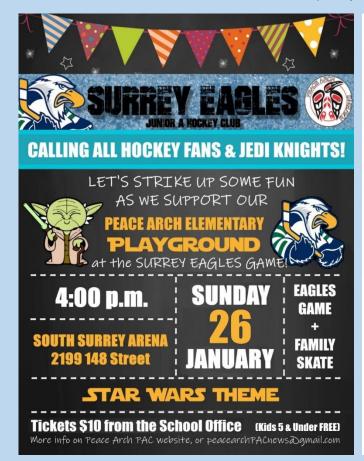
Parent volunteers to run games, concessions, tickets, prizes, etc.

Set up and clean up.

Stay tuned for more info and an online volunteer sign-up sheet. Want to help with planning? Email <a href="mailto:peacearch.springfling@gmail.com">peacearch.springfling@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your support!

#### Sunday, January 26 - 4:00PM

Tickets **ON SALE NOW** at the school office | Only **\$10** (Ages 6+) | FREE Family Skate After the Game!







### Saleema Noon "Body Science" Workshops

Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops were held last week, January 16-17, for students in grade groupings (K-1, Gr. 2-3, Gr. 4-5, Gr. 6-7), preceded by an evening Parents' Session on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the 60+ parents who attended! From the Saleema

Noon <u>website</u>: "The workshops are light-hearted, but deliver straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good decisions for a lifetime." PAC is proud to sponsor this important learning opportunity for our kids. Many thanks to Peace Arch kids Astrid, Cohen, and Elizabeth for their excellent babysitting skills at the Parent Session!

Parents, please take a look at the <u>iGirl</u> and <u>iGuy</u> programs offered through Saleema Noon. PAC is interested in eventually bringing these innovative learning opportunities to our Grade 6-7 kids at Peace Arch.



# THANK YOU SNOW MUCH

Great news... December's Snowball Dance raised over \$3,750!!

Huge thanks to Super-Snowball Parent Volunteers for pulling off another fantastic family event!

Coordinator **Shannon Versluis**,

and the Snowball team of Stephanie G., Mikki K., Kristen F., and Angie B. Thank you!!

Thank you also to our generous parent community for the many donations of gift cards, wine, yummy baking, volunteer time, and wicked-awesome dance moves. YOU make this event possible!

