

# Peace Arch Parent Advisory Council | Sept 2024



## WELCOME TO PEACE ARCH

### 1st PAC Meeting: Tues, Sept 17, 6:30PM

School Library | Babysitting, coffee & treats provided

### WELCOME!

It's our pleasure to welcome you to our wonderful school community, and encourage you to get involved with the school and the PAC. We support École Peace Arch Elementary through fundraising, advocacy, and community building.

**EVERY school parent is a member of PAC!**

### WHAT DOES PAC... DO?!

We are parent volunteers who help provide the extra tools, resources, and opportunities our kids need to succeed! We fundraise, organize school community events, run the weekly Hot Lunch program, and financially support school clubs, events, programs, projects, field trips, technology purchases, classroom supplies, etc. that enrich our children's educations.

### GET INVOLVED

- VISIT [our new PAC website](#)
- FOLLOW us on social media
- VOLUNTEER your time, at school or at home
- COME to a PAC meeting - we promise to make them fun!

*Who's "on the PAC"? YOU are!*

### PAC MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of the month

**Join us Tuesday, Sept. 17  
6:30 in the School Library**

All Peace Arch parents/guardians are invited to attend, meet this year's new Exec and school Administrators, and hear about plans for the year. Refreshments and child care provided. Hope you can join us and get involved in our wonderful community!



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\*NEW\* WEBSITE!**



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### RECENT FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS:

- Welcome Back Coffee for Parents, Sept. 2024
- Watermelon Station at Sports Day, June 2024
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon, June 2024
- Community Garden Installation, Spring 2024
- Splashes Community Wash Partner, April 2024 (\$1,000)
- Scholastic Book Fair, April 2024 (\$4,000)
- Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops, March 2024
- Winter Raven Fun Fair, Dec. 2023
- Neufeld Farms Frozen Foods, Nov. 2023 (\$3,400)
- 'Twoonie Tuesday' Donut/Freezie fundraisers
- Hot Lunch Program, Oct/23-June/24 (\$15,000)
- BC Gaming Grant, Sept. 2023 (\$10,300)
- Rainbow Crosswalk Installation, Sept. 2023
- Spring Fling Family Carnival, April 2023 (\$18,500)
- Parent Presentation *Making Sense of Anxiety*, Mar. 2023

### RECENT PAC EXPENDITURES:

- New IT products 2023: Laptops, iPads, projectors (\$19k)
- Classroom Wish-lists & Fieldtrips '23/24 (\$12,185)
- New IT products 2022: 40 iPad Bundles (\$16,994)
- Sound System for the Gym 2022 (\$11,160)
- Phase 2 Playground Replacement, Dec. 2020 (\$113k)
- Phase 1 Playground Replacement, July 2019 (\$100k)

### PAC Executive Volunteers 2024/2025

**Chairperson:** Shannon Versluis

**Co-Vice Chairs:** Mikki Kinnaird & Karlie Cirocco

**Treasurer:** Heather Johnstone • **Secretary:** Fiona Kehler

### Committees

**Hot Lunch Coordinators:** Lauren Drescher & Steph Gilmour

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Karlie Cirocco

**Canadian Parents for French:** [vacant] • **DPAC:** [vacant]

**Spring Fling:** Mikki Kinnaird, Jenn Morgan

**PAC Communications:** Kristen Fryer • **Website:** Natalie Whitmey

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Sept 13-22

Round 1 Hot Lunch ordering

### Mon, Sept 16

Individual & Class Photos

### Tues, Sept 17, 6:30PM

1st PAC Meeting, School Library

### Wed, Sept 18, 6-7PM

Meet the Teacher Night

### Thurs, Sept 26

Orange Shirt Day at Peace Arch

### Fri, Sept 27

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

### Mon, Sept 30

Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation  
(stat observed, no school)

## October (details TBA)

Spirit Wear Sales

### Fri, Oct 4

First Day of Hot Lunch

### Tues, Oct 8

Twoonie Tues Donut Sales

### Mon, Oct 14

Thanksgiving (no school)

### Tues, Oct 15, 6:30PM

PAC Meeting, School Library

### Thurs, Oct 24 (evening)

PAC Halloween Dance

### Fri, Oct 25

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

### Wed, Oct 30

Photo Re-take Day

### Thurs, Oct 31

Halloween

### Fri, Nov 8

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

### Mon, Nov 11

Remembrance Day (No School)

### Tues, Nov 19

Twoonie Tues Donut Sales

### Tues, Nov 19, 6:30PM

PAC Meeting; School Library

### Tues, Nov 26, 2:00PM

Neufeld Farms Pick-Up Day

# HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

- Ordering will be **Sept 13-22** through our [Hot Lunch website](#).
- Families must re-register every year using access code "**PAHL**".
- Round 1 is for lunches delivered Oct-Dec for Grades 1-7; Kindergarten students can join in starting in Round 2 (ordering in Dec for lunches Jan-Mar)
- Cutlery is **not** provided, so please pack cutlery for your child on hot lunch days; put it on the calendar!
- Our Hot Lunch program is one of our main PAC fundraisers, and raises approx \$15,000 each year for our school. THANK YOU to our dedicated parent volunteers who make it happen!



## THANK YOU GARDENING TEAM!



A very warm Thank You to the Peace Arch families who watered our new garden planter boxes over the summer!!



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Our PAC runs on volunteers! From Hot Lunch to Spring Fling and everything in between, we rely on family volunteers for all our fundraisers, events, and programs. A wonderful way to meet other families and make lasting connections within our school community!

**Hot Lunch:** 30-60 mins mostly Fridays, some Thurs, and if you're new to HL, we'll pair you up with a veteran to show you the ropes

**Twoonie Tuesdays:** the best 45 minutes a parent will have! Concession frenzy at lunch and/or after school, selling Krispy Kreme donuts, freezies, chips, etc.

**Halloween Dance, Winter Raven Fun Fair, Spring Fling:**

Help always needed with tasks and errands for our larger events; we know it's easier to start small and not be thrown into something!



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