



COLEBROOK PAC NEWS

Building a community and creating lasting connections

October 2023

Message from Executive

We want to thank all parents for their patience and understanding while we are organizing ourselves for a great year ahead. Some parents may be wondering what does the executive members do? We have been busy preparing budgets, obtaining the gaming grant, finding new hot lunch committee leads and organizing meets for the upcoming school year.

Just like all PAC members, we are volunteers who believe in creating a strong Colebrook community for students, parents and teachers. We are also learning and would welcome more parents to help us build a resilient Colebrook culture.

One of our commitments to all PAC members is to ensure open line of communications and transparency on all PAC matters. We are implementing ways to get information and open to feedback. We urge you to get involved and stay informed.

PAC Budget

The PAC is starting off the year with a healthy balance sheet. We have a total of \$27,674.81 as of October 5 that will go directly to students. These funds were raised in the previous school year through the hot lunch program, fundraisers and gala. We also received a provincial grant. The PAC has three accounts: playground, gaming and main account. A draft budget for the current school year will be presented and discussed at the October 16 PAC meeting.

Recognizing that public funds are limited, schools rely on PAC fundraising efforts to support extracurricular activities for students.

Our goal for this school year is to raise \$15,000.

Help us to achieve this goal!

Hot Lunch Committee

Get ready! The hot lunch program is back and the new committee will be ready to take your orders starting Monday, October 9. The first hot lunch will be October 27 and all orders for this fall have to be in no later than **October 20**.

We want to thank Shantel and Harp who have led this program for the last few years. They have passed the buton to a new group. Please welcome our new members who will be organizing the program- Aman, Harj, and Gurjit.

Without dedicated volunteers this program would not exist, and much needed funds would not be raised. We are also exploring extending the program to twice a week. If you have any suggestions or know of vendors/ caterers that would be interested in participating in our program, please reach out!



Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to form the following committees: events, bookfair and fundraising.

Did you know?

- You can get a tax receipt if you donate directly to Colebrook Elementary and specify the funds should be directed to PAC.
- We have a private Facebook page- **Colebrook Elementary PAC**. Send us an invite!

Have you joined the PAC mailing list?

You can fill out the online form or survey below.

<https://forms.gle/C59qa23gvf3nCcqbT9>



- Join us at our next PAC meeting is on October 16 - 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Send us ideas for fun fundraising activities/events
- Volunteer your time on a committee.
- Fill out the survey by October 20 and be entered for a free hot lunch
- Hot lunch orders start October 9 and must be submitted by October 20
- If you have any question, contact us at colebrookpacexec@gmail.com

PAC SURVEY

Please send back with your child by October 20, 2023

The Colebrook PAC wants to ensure that all parents and guardians are informed and involved in PAC activities and events. We are requesting that you fill out the required information to help us plan a fun and successful school year. Note: all the information you provide will only be used for PAC purposes and not shared with anyone. Also, PAC does not have access to the current school mailing list and this is the reason we are asking for contact information to build our parent community.

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Contact Information:

Name(s) _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name and Grade of Student(s): _____

Hot Lunch:

Are you willing and able to help distribute hot lunch? Yes_____ or No_____ Maybe_____

How many days would you prefer hot lunch? 1 day_____ 2days_____ 3days_____

What type of food do you prefer? Pizza_____ Sandwiches_____ Hamburgers_____ Salads_____ Wraps_____

Chinese Noodles_____ Sushi_____ Donair_____ Pasta_____ Tocos/Burrito_____ Indian:_____

Other_____

Volunteering with PAC:

Colebrook has many traditions that the current PAC wants to carry on. We require volunteers to help organizing the gala, fun night and other activities and fundraisers. Please indicate if you are willing to volunteer with the following committees:

- o Events Committee _____
- o Sponsorship Committee _____
- o Book Fair Committee _____
- o Fundraising Committee _____

Volunteer on- an- on needed basis _____