



# ÉCOLE PEACE ARCH ELEMENTARY

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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Dear parents and guardians of Peace Arch Elementary students:

September 2017

It's that time of year again! Please dig out your chequebooks/bank cards and give generously to your child's school through **Peace Arch Elementary PAC's Annual Fundraising Campaign**. The Fundraising Campaign (previously known as our "Cheque-Writing Campaign" or "CWC"), our Hot Lunch Program, and our Spring Fling family fun night on April 27, 2018 comprise the extent of the PAC's fundraising activities. This makes it easy for parents to make one annual donation instead of being asked throughout the year to sell cookie dough, coupon books, gift cards, plants, etc. to raise money for the students of Peace Arch Elementary.

The primary goal of the Peace Arch PAC is to enrich the school life of all 548 Peace Arch students. Last year our PAC raised over \$48,000 to support our children's education by way of:

- \$6,500 in IT products, like 5 MacBook Airs
- Team jerseys and track & field spike shoes
- Teachers' classroom supplies
- Field trips for each classroom; plus additional funds for the annual Gr.4 field trip to Victoria, transportation to the Vancouver Symphony, district Track Meet, and the annual Gr.1 field trip to Science World
- Cultural performances and popular athletic activities, such as Yoga and Zumba
- Savings for our impending playground replacement project.
- Buses for fieldtrips & athletic outings
- Teacher/Staff Classroom Wishlists
- School Musical (Oliver!, Oct 2016)

### *Did you know...*

- Last year we raised nearly **\$11,000 from 74 families** via the annual Cheque-Writing campaign.
- This year, **PAC's goal is to raise at least \$20,000**. In addition to funding all the things we normally do (laptops, iPads, field trips, classroom supplies, emergency preparedness supplies, parent presentations, welcome tea, staff appreciation lunch, Zumba, performances, Grade 7 Farewell, sports equipment, etc.) **we also need to replace several portions of our playground that are scheduled for removal in the 2019/20 school year.**
- The School District does not fund playground equipment, so it's up to our parent community, through the PAC, to raise the estimated **\$100,000 required for a replacement playground** through fundraising and grants.
- Since starting the CWC two years ago, Peace Arch families have made donations **ranging from \$5 - \$500**, and *every single dollar* has been put to good use, because *every bit matters*! These are our children and it's up to us to ensure they get the best school experience possible. Considering what gets donated every year to charities or spent on extra-curricular activities, it makes sense to dedicate some family funds to this year's Fundraising Campaign since 100% goes directly towards your child's school experience and school community.
- With school enrollment at 548 students, the goal of \$20,000 works out to \$37/student *if everyone participates*. **This year our goal is to increase the proportion of parents who contribute to PAC fundraising, as last year's 74 of an estimated 350 families represents only 20% participation by our parent community.** Please give what you can. Large or small, your contribution *will* make a difference.

The Fundraising Campaign will run from now until the end of November. **Online and cheque donations of \$25 or more will receive a tax receipt from the School District.** Use the Surrey Schools "School Cash Online" site ([surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com](http://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com)) > "Make A Donation" tab > select **Peace Arch Elementary as the "Fund Destination"**. If you work for a company that has a corporate giving program, please consider designating Peace Arch Elementary. **For cheque donations, please fill in and return the attached form to the school office by Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**



*Thank you for your support. from the PAC Executive!*

Erin Harvie, President; Elizabeth McCrank, Vice-President; Laura Creech, Treasurer; Kristen Fryer, Secretary



# *Peace Arch Elementary PAC 2017-2018 Annual Fundraising Campaign*

**Please return this form** with your cheque donation to the school office by **November 30, 2017.**

## **I DO NOT NEED A TAX RECEIPT:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, **do not** require a tax receipt. Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **"Peace Arch Elementary PAC"**.

## **I WOULD LIKE A TAX RECEIPT: (CHEQUE DONATIONS)**

If you require a tax receipt AND are donating \$25 or more, please complete the information below.

I request a tax receipt, and am donating by CHEQUE. Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **"Surrey School District #36"**, with PEACE ARCH ELEMENTARY in the memo line.

**Name to be shown on tax receipt:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone number:**

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*The PAC & students of Peace Arch thank you for your generous support!*