# June 2020, End of Year Newsletter

# Ocean Cliff PAC

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#### Dear Ocean Cliff families,

The last few months have brought many challenges to the members of our Ocean Cliff family; but it has also been wonderful to see how people have been reaching out to support one another.

We had been very fortunate to have raised a significant amount of money this year for new technology. The profits from the September Casino Night, along with funds raised from past years gave us the means to purchase several new iPads and laptops along with charging stations. Whom amongst us could have anticipated the urgent need to go full on digital a few months later? Several school devices were lent out to families during the shutdown so students could continue with their online classes. Teachers, students and parents all having to make quick order of adjusting to a new way to school and learn in relative isolation. Of course the group most robbed was the Grade 7's whose end of school camping trip and events all came to a quick stop.

Next September will be a new start but at this time we can't anticipate any large events taking place before 2021. Fundraising will be limited to Hot Lunch, Spirit Wear and Panago Pizza Drives. We will all just keep in a holding pattern until then.

Elections for a new PAC Executive will now be in October (see below) but this will give a group of parents, not usually available to sit on the PAC, a chance to join the executive, this being the Kindergarten Parents.

From all of us, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer and will look forward to seeing you on September 8.

Glenna Owen(President), Sara Deyo(Vice-President), Ashley Leite (Secretary), Sarah Imrie (Treasurer)



## **Coming Up**

#### June 22

Report Card Pick-up (familes A-K)

#### June 23

Report Card Pick-up (families L-Z)

#### June 25

Last day of school Early Dismissal 1:30

#### October TBD

PAC Annual General Meeting and Elections.

### How You Can Help

Each year Ocean Cliff parents and care givers have supported the learning and school experience of our students in many ways, here's how you can help lead the way next year:

#### **PAC Executive Vacancies**

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer DPAC Rep.

#### **Hot Lunch Volunteers**

Our delivery system will be different next year and extra hands will be needed.

#### Our New "normal" needs New Ideals

Great Ideas? Please share!

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# Highlights

#### New Sign

At the March PAC meeting, it was voted unanimously to purchase our very own Marquee sign. It has been outside the school since the beginning of June and is fitted with vandal guards to help keep our messages from being reworked during the night. The cost was \$1526.00, much less than an annual rental and sure to be a valued asset to the PAC and the school community.



#### PAC Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is typically held each May to review our year and to elect our new executive. The Societies Act allows for an AGM to be held once each calendar year. We have decided to plan our AGM for this coming October with the hope we will be able to gather together while following any government guidelines related to Covid-19.



If you have any questions about the positions on the executive, all of which are open, please get in touch. The positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC Rep. More information about the election and the duties and responsibilities of each position will be made available at the beginning of the September.

#### Hot Lunch Program

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Ocean Cliff has enjoyed the hot lunch program for several years and not just because it's a treat on Wednesdays but also because of the fundraising benefits. We intend to continue with MunchaLunch next school year and have confirmed the following vendors will be open to working with us again: Jugo Juice, White Spot, Subway and Panago. Our dates and frequency may need to adjust due to the impact of Covid-19 and any parents interested in volunteering with this program please get in touch at <u>oceancliffhotlunch@gmail.com</u> our program only succeeds when we all get involved.



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#### Congratulations Grade 7 Grads! Onward and Upward

While the plans you so enthusiastically made for your end of year events were cut short in March, we know you have gained something else: resilience, flexibility, courage and optimism. The future is there waiting to be experienced. Good Luck in high school and in all your future endeavors.

# Highlights Cont.

#### Elgin Park Secondary School, Ocean Cliff Alumni Scholarship Award Winners

We are pleased to announce the two Ocean Cliff Elementary School Alumni graduating from Elgin Park Secondary School this June are: **Makayla Lubinich** and **Malcolm Mori**.

Each received a \$300 award from the PAC. Congratulations and best of luck on your future studies.

#### Events and Adventures from this year

Family BBQ A great way to bring the school community together on an evening where we get to meet the teachers for the year. Next time... more grilling dad's needed! We also raised an amazing \$658.00

**Casino Night** A chance to "put on the dog" and let the "chips fall where they may". OC parents supported this event far beyond expectations and raised an incredible **\$9,252.00** 

Visit from "Fatty Legs" Authors Christy Jorda-Fenton and Margret Pokiak-Fenton PAC support made this visit possible and gave OC students an opportunity to learn about Residential Schools and a significant part of Canada's First Nations story.

**Panago Vouchers** Always a solid fundraiser and in December, a wonderful stocking stuffer. These vouchers also make family pizza night just a little bit easier on the wallet and support a great local business owner who truly loves to support Ocean Cliff Elementary. We raised **\$1240.00** 

**Pancakes & PJ's** A visit from Santa himself, crafts and cookie decorating and Pancakes. There were a few grade 7 boys who ate enough pancakes to equal the number needed to feed a kindergarten class – very impressive! A wonderful PAC event bringing the whole school together.

**Sibling School Clothing Drive** OC Families delivers 90 bags of clothing and socks to help W.E. Kinvig Elementary School families. This year we topped out at 1321 pairs of socks beating last year by 193

Lunar New Year An opportunity to share a little about another of the diverse cultures represented at Ocean Cliff. A terrific group of parents reached out to our PAC and planned an engaging and fun day of learning.

Hot Lunch Orders from September to March we added to our bank \$9432.00

#### Hard Work PAYS off

Just a few ways our fundraising dollars went back into the school.

Teachers Wish List: 5 rainbow tables, art drying rack exercise balls, wiggle cushions, \$4,400

New Upright Freezer - \$515

Technology (ipads, laptops and secure charging carts) - \$18,074

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