

Berkshire Park PAC

*Making Your School
the Best Place to
Learn and Grow*

Happy Back-to-School September Berkshire Park Parents & Guardians!



We are excited to welcome all our families back to school as well as welcome new families who have moved to our school or have kindergarteners now with us 😊 We are truly blessed to have our children in a school with amazing staff that care about and help our children grow to be the best they can be, academically and as wonderful humans too!

We continue this year with vigilance to keep the Covid virus out of our schools, please continue to remind your children to practice proper hand hygiene, physical distancing, and wearing a mask. The school, district, and PAC remind parents to ensure to mask up on school grounds. Let's keep ourselves and our school community safe. We are all in this together! Togetherness, care, kindness, and compassion.

Why do we have a PAC? Why do we have fundraisers? What impact do I have on my school?

Great Questions! We have them answered in the 'What is the PAC' notice attached to this email.

We are hoping to have many fun events this year, but we need *your* help so they can happen! We are looking for volunteers to assist with things such as: Hot Lunches, Book Fair, Clothing Drive. Please email us at BerkshireParkPAC@outlook.com, or message Tabitha through the Facebook parents group.

Hot Lunches: YES, the District is allowing Hot Lunches again! WOOHOO! However, to be able to have Hot Lunch, **we need at least one volunteer** (or two, or even three) who would be available for approximately one hour (around 11am), one or two days per month to be able to receive the orders from vendors, and simply separate it into classes. Without volunteers, we cannot have Hot Lunch.

Facebook 'Parents Group' and 'Events Page':

"Berkshire Park PAC": Is our safe, closed, private parent group to connect with our parent community. Event invites to DPAC presentations, information impacting our school and students, sharing photos of our kids on spirit days, and receiving updates and reminders on important dates such as fundraiser orders, pro-d days, events, etc. To join, simply search for 'Berkshire Park PAC' and answer the joining questions. When you are a member, you can 'invite' other Berkshire Elementary parents as well. This group is only for direct households of our school and posts made within this group cannot be 'shared' to your newsfeed.

"Berkshire Park Community Events": Is our public Community Page for sharing Events, Information, and Fundraisers with the rest of our Berkshire Community, our family, and friends. Posts in this group can be 'shared' to your newsfeed, and is highly encouraged. Being a member of this page as well as liking and sharing, helps us reach more people to increase our community culture, as well as helping raise funds for our fundraisers with links such as Neufeld, Purdy's, and Book Fair, with just one click. Simply 'like' <https://www.facebook.com/berkshireparkevents/>.

Munch-a-Lunch: This is our PAC online ordering system. It's NOT only for parents and there's no cost to register...teachers, friends, and family can register too! Registration is quick and simple, in 4 easy steps! Once you have registered, you don't have to do it again as your account carries through year after year. Get set up now at [Munch-a-Lunch](#).

How can I help? 'I'm not sure how much time I will have to help at the school.' That is perfectly fine! Although we need several volunteers to help with events, we know each family has different demands and circumstances. For you to make sure our students are able to experience all the fun and events we can give them, simply 'Like' and 'Share' our [Community Events Facebook page](#) (and posts) to help our school raise funds with our events and wonderful fundraisers, so family and friends can enjoy too!

We want to meet YOU with 'Meet the PAC': We will have a table set up during Meet the Teacher night, Thursday, September 16th from 5:15-6:45pm. Come visit us for a back to school meet n greet, find out what we do, who we are, purchase your School Spirit Berkshire Park logo water bottle, and enter a door prize draw for a little back to school gift for your little one.

Thank you to Tabitha Rodgers (President), Alexandra Eastman (Vice President), Vannie Bautista (Treasurer), Jen Chahal and Krystle Maclean (Co-Secretaries) for volunteering your time to be our PAC Executive team this year, securing another year of BC Provincial Government Gaming Grant Funding!

Clothing Drive: Coming Soon, Stay tuned! Get bagging all those clothes from last school year that have been outgrown. We will also accept linens and other soft items in bags. Our vendor asks any books and board games be in boxes instead of bags please. Gently used backpacks and luggage are also accepted.

Keep your eyes peeled, as we plan our school activities for the year. We will have a new newsletter via email to you as soon as we have dates and plans finalized for the upcoming weeks. Like everything else, there are constant changes, and we thank you in advance for your kindness as patience as we navigate them.

Thank you! All of you! For all you do in inspiring our students and keeping them healthy and safe. When we all work together, we can make the world a great place.
One child. One family. One act of kindness, at a time!

PAC Executive Team 2020/21

President: Tabitha Rodgers / **Vice President:** Alexandra Eastman
Treasurer: Vannie Bautista / **Secretary:** Jen C. & Krystle M.

Please email us your questions, comments, kudos, ideas anytime at BerkshireParkPAC@outlook.com



Online ordering for Fundraisers,
FunDay snacks, and Hot Lunch:
<https://munchalunch.com/login>



Search "[Berkshire Park PAC](#)"
for our parents group to stay
up-to-date on school events

Berkshire Park is blessed to have a very active PAC and is always looking for more parents who would like to be involved. The definition of the PAC is very simply the [Parents' Advisory Council](#).

In our constitution two of the official PURPOSES of the Berkshire Park PAC are:

1. To promote co-operation & communication among school administration, staff, students and parents with respect to school programs & policies.
2. To review & discuss school policy, procedure, programs and facilities and recommend needed changes.
(If you would like to find out about our other official purposes please come to a PAC meeting and ask for a copy of the PAC constitution)

The success of the PAC depends entirely upon support and participation from parents and guardians of Berkshire Park students. Parents and guardians of each student are voting members of the PAC Yes, that means you! Please join us at our PAC meetings. In these meetings we discuss a variety of topics that directly impact your children and the school, including how to spend the funds raised. We would enjoy, and greatly value your input and advice on these important issues.

Important Information Regarding Fundraising:

Funds raised by the PAC pays (or subsidizes) for school activities including, but not limited to: new library books, new/upgraded technology, fine arts, author visits, school performances/lessons such as dance, gymnastics, yoga, etc. Without your help and fundraising dollars these events would not happen because the government does not pay for them. As such, fundraising is especially important to our school and students. Thank you for continued support!