



PAC Newsletter • February 2017

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PAC general website: www.peacearch.hotlunches.net (not just for Hot Lunch!)

PAC Facebook: www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac

Kindergarten Parents!

Did you know...?

♥ We have a [PAC website](http://www.peacearch.hotlunches.net) & [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac)! (Addresses above.) Register to stay up-to-date, and see PAC Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, calendar, etc. See Page 4: "Get Connected!"

♥ Kindergarten students are included in Round 3 of our **Hot Lunch program**. Order and pay through our website Feb. 26 – March 10, for lunches delivered weekly from March 31st until the end of June.

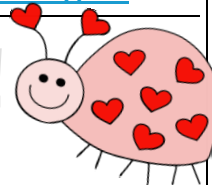
♥ Our **7th Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival** is just around the corner, and we need lots of parent involvement to make it a success! The Spring Fling is one of our 3 main fundraisers, and features carnival-style games & activities; food trucks, hotdogs, & snacks galore; a Silent Auction; a Wine Pull for adults; beautiful themed Raffle Baskets with items contributed by each Grade; a Cake Walk; and much more! See page 3 to find out how you can help.

♥ PAC meetings are a great way to get involved in your child's school experience, and get the inside scoop on what's happening at Peace Arch! **Our average meeting attendance is only 12 parents** out of more than 300 families, and many of these are moving on to high school in the next year or two. Simply put, **we need more parents** to get involved and participate in the PAC. Here's what we do:

- ✓ Hold 7 PAC meetings throughout the school year.
- ✓ Organize three main fundraisers: Cheque-Writing Campaign, Hot Lunch Program, and the Spring Fling (April).
- ✓ Decide how/where to allocate funds to our school (i.e. gym equipment, school musical, emergency preparedness, programs like Zumba and yoga, team jerseys, iPads, etc.)
- ✓ Organize school community events such as the Welcome Back Coffee (Sept), Snowball Family Dance (Dec), and Staff Appreciation Luncheon (June).

Please join our next meeting on Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone welcome, snacks and coffee/tea provided!

~ Your PAC Executive Team: Erin H., Elizabeth M., Laura C., & Kristen F.



Important Dates

Friday, February 17th

Pro-D Day – No School

Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30pm

PAC Meeting in Library

Wednesday, February 22nd

Pink Shirt Day; \$2.00 Krispy Kreme Donuts (Grade 7 camp fundraiser)

Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00pm

Community Drug Forum by RCMP hosted by P.Arch Elementary

Sun, February 26 – Fri, March 10

Round 3 Hot Lunch Ordering, including Kindergarten students

Tuesday, February 28

Raven Spirit Day – wear red, black, white, or Raven Wear!

Sat, March 11 – Sun, March 26

Spring Break – No School

Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30pm

PAC Meeting in Library

Friday, April 28th, 5:00-8:00pm

Spring Fling Carnival @ P.Arch!

Peace Arch Raven Wear available at the school office!
Youth (\$15) & Adult (\$20) sizes.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed!

Parent volunteers needed for Hot Lunch distribution,
11:55am-12:30pm

FEBRUARY: Thursday 16th

Friday 24th

MARCH: Fridays 3rd & 10th

Please sign up here:

Volunteersignup.org/9F9WH

District PAC Update (surreyDPAC.ca)

- BC's government website on the new curriculum, reporting and other issues: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>
- The Ministry of Education is seeking feedback from parents on how student progress is communicated. The province has re-vamped the curriculum for Kindergarten through Grade 9 and is now looking to develop a new approach to reporting student learning. In Surrey, depending on the school and the teacher, progress is currently relayed in several ways, including traditional report cards, student digital portfolios and parent-teacher meetings. In a letter to parents, Education Minister Mike Bernier says the goal is "to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information."
- ✓ Until February 28, 2017, input from parents can be shared at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/>.
- ✓ The province will gather the feedback and unveil a reporting plan in June 2017.
- **Next DPAC Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, 7:00-9:00pm** at the District Education Centre 14033 92nd Ave., Room 2020. Registration at 6:45pm. Light Refreshments. **TOPIC:** Drugs & Awareness: presentation by the RCMP, BC Ambulance, & Surrey School District. Everyone welcome!



*Thank you to our newly formed **Playground Replacement Team** for getting the ball rolling! Parents, stay tuned for updates on fundraising initiatives and to have your say as we move forward on this upcoming project.*

OLIVER! DVD

If you'd still like to order a DVD from the Peace Arch production of *Oliver!*, or if your previously ordered copy doesn't work properly, please email us at PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com to place a new order or request a replacement.

- Both Tues. and Wed. casts are on 1 DVD
 - Only \$12.00!

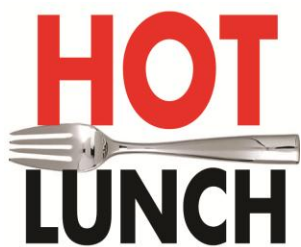


Ravens Jerseys

Have you noticed our Raven athletes proudly sporting their new jerseys this month?! Fully funded by PAC, these high-quality jerseys will be used by our **boys and girls basketball, volleyball, and badminton teams**. Go Ravens!!

PAC Volunteers ***URGENTLY*** Needed

Email Erin at PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com or Shelley at PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com to volunteer.



This is our current Hot Lunch Coordinator's **LAST YEAR AT OUR SCHOOL**, and **we urgently need someone to take over the position for next year.** This could be one person, or shared among a team. Shelley has created a thorough set of instructions, timelines, and contacts for the Hot Lunch program, and is eager to show the ropes to her successor! Round 3 of this year's program is about to begin, and the replacement volunteer(s) can shadow Shelley during this Round to see how everything works. We need volunteers ASAP!

Our **Hot Lunch Program** generates approximately **one third** of PAC's annual operating budget, and we are in danger of losing this program if we don't have any parent volunteers come forward!



Hot Lunch Coordinator (for next school year, 2017-2018)

- Oversee Hot Lunch (HL) program and coordinate set-up on HL website.
- Source vendors, negotiate & set prices, place weekly HL orders, purchase supplies as needed.
- Determine dates for HL & pre-selling ordering periods.
- Find HL Leaders & communicate with them regularly, and oversee volunteers.
- Create price lists & instructions for HL Leaders, volunteers, staff, & parents.
- Communicate with school staff, parents, PAC, & PAC Treasurer, and create emails, notices & signs.
- Write cheques to vendors, post payments, & prep for deposit; reconcile invoices to website.

Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator (for next school year, 2017-2018)

- Create sign-up sheets, monitor & ensure we have enough volunteers in each classroom every week.
- Send emails to coordinate volunteers, and fill in on HL days when necessary.

Please contact us if you're able to take on any aspect of these roles!

Email PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com or PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com to volunteer.

Also needed: Spring Fling volunteers!

NOW: **Silent Auction items:** acquire donated gift baskets and gift cards from businesses, community groups, local stores & restaurants, etc. Donation letter attached to this newsletter; available on PAC website (peacearch.hotlunches.net); or contact us for a copy.



SOON: Info to come on **Wine Pull** and **Raffle Baskets** donations (each Grade will be asked to donate items for a specifically themed Raffle Basket, such as 'Gardening', 'Games Night', 'Beach Fun', 'Wine & Dine', 'Movie Night', etc.). Wine donations accepted any time at the school office.

DAY OF: Parent volunteers will be needed to run games, concessions, tickets, prizes, cake walk, etc.

Community Drug Forum

Hosted by White Rock R.C.M.P. at Peace Arch Elementary

7:00pm, Thursday, February 23rd



The forum will consist of a panel of speakers including:

- local First Responders
- SD36 Safe Schools
- clandestine laboratory drug police officer well versed in fentanyl
- the family of a young person who passed away from an overdose.

The intent of the evening is to educate & inform the community on local drug trends/problems, and facilitate an open conversation on how to keep our children, families and community safe.



Peace Arch Elementary School Website: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/peacea

Sign up to receive email communication directly from the school. Calendar of events, school newsletters, school supply lists, parent resources, school info, etc.



Peace Arch Elementary on Twitter: [@PeaceArchElem](https://twitter.com/PeaceArchElem)

Follow Peace Arch Elementary for updates on student learning, Ravens sports teams, school closures, school community events, etc.



Surrey SchoolLink App (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#))

The official Surrey School District mobile app provides news, announcements, alerts, school closure reminders, urgent notifications, contact information, & featured stories from the District & schools you choose. Follow as many Surrey schools as you like.



Surrey School District Website: www.surreyschools.ca

A wealth of information including school calendars up to and including the 2018/2019 school year, new curriculum updates, free online tutoring, & much more.



Peace Arch PAC Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac

Administered by Peace Arch PAC parent volunteers. Follow us on Facebook for updates on PAC fundraising initiatives, Hot Lunch, Snowball Dance, Spring Fling, Staff Appreciation Luncheon, volunteer call outs, PAC meetings, etc.