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Happy New Year, and welcome back! We are delighted to announce that PAC's Annual Fundraising Campaign for the 2017/18 school year raised \$11,647 from 87 families and 1 local business! An enormous thank you to all who donated! This money goes towards technology acquisition (iPads, iPad minis, laptops, tech cart); playground replacement savings; sports equipment; the Saleema Noon Body Science



workshops (Nov. 2017); field trip & sporting transportation; Zumba (Jan. 2018); emergency preparedness re-provisioning; and much more. A very special thank you to **Dayhu Group of Companies** via the Sandhu family for their generous donation of \$1,000 in December. To all who contributed, your support and generosity is deeply appreciated, and directly benefits the kids and classrooms of Peace Arch Elementary.



On behalf of our parent community at Peace Arch, we'd like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to **Ms. Blackman**, plus all the staff & students who made December's Winter Concert such a hit! As a parent group, we're very appreciative of the time & energy that goes into creating a school show, and love how our school community comes together at events like this.

Stay tuned for an update in February about our Playground Replacement Project, and remember to mark your calendar for our next big event on the evening of Friday, April 27th – our 8th Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival! Interested in volunteering? Lots of help needed with Silent Auction, Prizes, Concession, Games, etc. Please email PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com for more info.

Hope to see you at our next PAC meeting this Wednesday, January 17th, 6:30pm in the school library. **Everyone welcome!** Items on the agenda: Fundraising Campaign tally and recap, Snowball Dance recap, Playgound Replacement update, Hot Lunch Leaders needed, Spring Fling coming up.

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

Important Dates

Monday, January 15th

Kindergarten Registration begins for 2013 kids; Surrey Dist. Choice Programs info here.

Tuesday, January 16th

Grade 7 Info Night @ EMS, 6pm

Wednesday, January 17th

- PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm
- Pink Shirt Orders due (\$7.55, cheques to Peace Arch Elem.)

Tuesday, February 6th

Early Dismissal, 1:25pm

Monday, February 12th

Family Day - No School

Friday, February 16th

Non-Instructional Day - No School

Wednesday, February 21st

PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday, February 28th

Pink Shirt Day for Kindness and Anti-Bullying

Sat. Mar 17th – Mon. Apr 2nd Spring Break

Wednesday, April 18th

PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm



2018 PAC Meetings

Library 6:30-8:00 pm Monthly, third Wed. evenings:Jan 17, Feb 21, Apr 18, May 16



Parent volunteers always needed to help with Hot Lunch distribution at lunchtime on Fridays! Please sign up here if you can help 11:55am-12:30pm.

Remember to please sign up rather than just showing up, so we don't have awkward duplicate volunteers!



www.volunteersignup.org/PA7AC



HOT LUNCH LEADERS NEEDED: 2 parent volunteers needed every Friday to help organize lunches and sort into bins; and to cook hot dogs on Hot Dog Days. Time commitment is 10:45am-12:45pm. Please email Mary: Quintana.mary@gmail.com



GOING FORWARD, THE **CONCESSION WINDOW** WILL BE OPEN ONLY FOR HOT DOG DAYS (Jan 19th & Mar 9th) AND PIZZA DAY (Jan 12th).

If you do not have a prepaid order, students will not be able to purchase Hot Lunch through the concession window other than on Hot Dog/Pizza Day.

Our 8th Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival is coming up in a few short months, and it's not too soon to start thinking about collecting donations for our popular Silent Auction. Here's a timeline of what's needed to prepare for this fun-filled school tradition, and ways you can get involved and help!



NOW: Silent Auction items: acquire donated items, gift baskets, and gift cards from

> businesses, community groups, local stores & restaurants, etc. A donation letter is available on our 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, Crafter's Delight, etc.). Wine donations for the Spring Fling Wine Pull are accepted any time at the school office.

WEEK OF: Parent volunteers to help assemble Raffle Baskets; assemble candy bags and prizes; help with Silent Auction prep; prepare cakes/cupcakes for Cake Walk.



DAY OF: Drop off **cake/cupcake donations** at the office.

Parent volunteers to run games, concessions, tickets, prizes, etc.

Set up and clean up.

Stay tuned for more info and an online volunteer sign-up sheet. Thank you for your support!