



# PAC Newsletter • May 2018

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## Peace Arch Elementary Spring Fling 2018

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling family carnival was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of our parent, student, and community volunteers; fabulous donations from school families and local businesses; and the fantastic turnout and generous spirit of our school community! This year **we raised just over \$9,500**, which will directly benefit our kids and classrooms at Peace Arch.

*Thank you* to all who attended, donated, and volunteered for contributing to an awesome Spring Fling! Please see page 4 for a list of our generous donors.



The **Parent Advisory Council's AGM** (Annual General Meeting) is this week in our school library, **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm**. All parents & guardians of Peace Arch students are encouraged to attend. Agenda items: Election of next year's PAC Executive (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary; see pg. 3 for Executive Roles); discussion of next year's annual Fundraising Campaign and imperative Playground Replacement fundraising; how funds will be allocated; upcoming PAC fundraisers and events; and ideas for parent presentations. Please join us for the AGM, or email us your comments, suggestions, and ideas directly at [peacearchpacnews@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchpacnews@gmail.com).



Next up is the **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** in the school courtyard. Please watch for a volunteer sign-up email requesting food donations and volunteer time. This is a lovely annual event put on by parents to thank the hard-working staff at Peace Arch for all they do for our kids throughout the year.

As we look towards next year, please consider volunteering your time to one of the many PAC initiatives at our school. Jump into Hot Lunch! Organize watermelons! Keep reading to see how YOU can help.

~ Your PAC Executive Team:

*Erin H., Elizabeth M., Laura C., & Kristen F.*

## Important Dates

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30**

Family Appreciation Tea &  
Student Art Show in gym

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

PAC Meeting in Library – AGM

**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Spirit Day: "When I Grow Up"

**Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Victoria Day – school closed

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**

Ready-Set-Learn for 3-4yr-olds

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-D Day (no class for students)

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

District Track Meet (Gr. 3-7)

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sports Day (rain-out day June 18)

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 7 Farewell

**Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of School, 1:25 Dismissal



**Parent Volunteers needed**

**5 more Fridays for  
Hot Lunch distribution,  
11:50am – 12:20pm.**

Please sign up here:

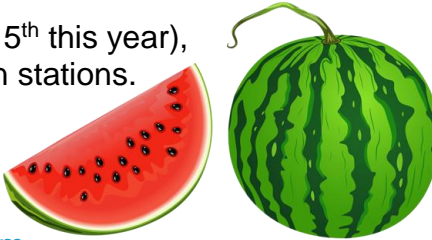
[www.volunteersignup.org/8999M](http://www.volunteersignup.org/8999M)

# Sports Day Watermelon Station

Seeking a few parent volunteers to take on the super popular  
**Watermelon Station at Sports Day!**

**Duties include:**

- Organize donation & pick-up from local grocery store.
- On Sports Day (Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> this year), set up and run two watermelon stations.
- Parents, grab a friend or two and get involved! If interested, please email us at [peacearchpacnews@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchpacnews@gmail.com).



## Playground Replacement Update



Our main playground structure is slated for **mandatory removal** in 2019, and the northern green playground in 2020.

**Funding for a replacement playground comes from PAC. That means YOU, the parents!**

All playground structures at Peace Arch Elementary are maintained by the Surrey School District and are subject to annual reviews for safety and maintenance affordability. **Our main yellow and pink playground structure (south end, closest to Roper Ave.) has been identified by the School Board for *mandatory removal* in 2019**, with the green play structure at the north end of the play area coming out the following year. PAC is responsible for raising funds from parents, non-profit grants, and the business community to fund replacement structures. If funds are not sufficient to replace this playground the site will be turned into an empty space for general use.

**Last week the Provincial Government announced its Playground Equipment Program will provide \$5 million per year to build/replace school playgrounds (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000863>). The program is based on greatest need, and only one school in the Surrey School District was awarded funding this year. With this in mind, our Peace Arch PAC does not expect to receive a portion of this provincial funding, and intends to proceed with efforts to fundraise for the entire cost of the playground.**

**A replacement playground will cost upwards of \$150,000**, and we have only one more year to continue fundraising for this huge project. This year we will earmark \$20-25k towards our Playground Fund, bringing our total thus far to \$50k. Our Annual Fundraising Campaign at the beginning of next school year will focus on communicating this pressing need to our school community. Parents, if you have any business/community group contacts, please inquire about donations for this project. Email [peacearchpacnews@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchpacnews@gmail.com) for more info.



## Why join the Peace Arch Parent Advisory Council?

Connect with other parents. Be the first to hear about important school news & upcoming events. Have a voice on how our PAC \$\$\$ is spent, and which activities/programs we fund. Learn how Peace Arch students benefit from the work of the PAC. Volunteer your time, at school or at home, to make a difference in our school community.



- **PAC has just 7 meetings** each school year (no meetings in Dec, March, or June).
- **We run only 3 fundraisers** throughout the year:
  - Annual Fundraising Campaign (Sept-Dec)
  - Hot Lunch Program (Sept-June)
  - Spring Fling Family Carnival (April/May)

Many of our active PAC members are 'graduating' on to high school next year, so **we need renewed participation and new parents to step forward to carry on the work of the PAC. A new PAC President and V.P. must be elected this year**, as both Erin & Elizabeth have served the maximum 4-year term in their Executive roles.

*Get involved in your child's school and education, and join us for the final meeting of the year!*

### 2018/19 AGM & Elected Executive Roles

We are looking forward to voting in our new PAC Executive committee at our **May 16<sup>th</sup> AGM**.

Executive positions and some of their duties are:

#### A. The President/Chair may

- speak on behalf of the council
- consult with council members
- preside at membership and executive meetings
- ensure that an agenda is prepared
- ensure that the council is represented in school and district activities
- work closely with the school's administration team to achieve objectives

#### B. The Vice-President may

- support the president
- assume the duties of the president in the president's absence or upon request
- assist the president in the performance of his or her duties
- accept extra duties as required

#### C. The Secretary may

- ensure that members are notified of meetings
- record and file minutes of all meetings
- prepare and maintain other documentation as requested by the membership or executive
- create PAC newsletters

#### D. The Treasurer may

- be a signing officer
- ensure all funds are properly accounted for
- disburse funds as authorized by the membership or executive
- ensure that proper financial records and books of account are maintained
- with the assistance of the executive, draft an annual budget
- ensure that another signing officer has access to the financial records in the treasurer's absence
- submit an annual financial statement at the annual general meeting

**Please join us  
Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>,  
for the PAC AGM  
and election of next year's  
PAC Executive Committee!**

Source: <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Role-of-PAC-DPAC-Executives.pdf>



# Peace Arch Elementary **2018** **Spring Fling**

## THANK YOU to our generous donors!

4Cats Arts Studio – *Maria Ramsey*  
4<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Pathfinders  
Ambiente Gifts, Décor & Design  
Arin Bird  
Arthur Murray Dance Studio –  
*Dawn O'Kane*  
Babayaya's Handmade Creations  
Bay Realty – *Rhys Leonard & Kathleen*  
*Thomas*

thank  
you!

Blo Blow-Dry Bar  
Bree VanNes  
C-Lovers Fish & Chips  
Cactus Club South Point  
Canadian Tire Auto Service Centre –  
*Jordan Knight*

thank  
you!

Charlie Don't Surf  
City of White Rock Council & Mayor Baldwin  
Constables Sears & Anderson  
Cosmos Greek Restaurant  
David's Tea

EA Sports – *Alana Bergstrom*  
*Elizabeth McCrank*  
Envision Financial – *Cara Watmough*  
*Erin Harvie*

Everything Wine  
Expedia CruiseShip Centre – *The*  
*Blanchettes*

Fairmont YVR Airport – *Lesliann Kuhn*  
Femme & Homme Spa Boutique  
Jan's on the Beach

*Julie Ross*  
*Karen Droege*  
*Kristen Fryer*  
*Laura Creech*  
*Looby Doo*  
Montgomery's Cottage Lunch  
*Ms. A. Dewar*  
*Ms. G. Mott*

thank  
you!

Nature's Fare Market  
Oceanside Yacht Club  
Pamper Me – *Louise Sparrow*  
Peekaboo Beans – *Kasha Duff*  
Recreation Surrey Sport & Leisure –  
*Rhianne Mari*

Reiki by the Sea  
Restoration Chiropractic  
*Robin Knight*

thank  
you!

Sal y Limón Mexican Cuisine  
SensaFloat Spa  
Sin 7 Salon

Silver Hills Bakery – *Depak Parmar*  
South Point Dry Cleaners  
Splashes

Starbucks Grandview Corners –  
*Fiona Kehler*

Tara Senicki  
The Keg Morgan Creek  
The Turkey House and Deli  
Vanessa Goad  
Whitby's Books & Gifts

thank  
you!

To the many parents, staff, & students who contributed in so many ways:  
procuring Silent Auction items; donating cakes, cupcakes, wine, and raffle  
basket items; set-up/clean-up; and volunteering at the event – **THANK YOU**  
for making Spring Fling such a success! We couldn't have done it without you!!