

### **PAC Newsletter • November 2016**

# **École Peace Arch Elementary PAC**

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Peace Arch Elementary has waited 15 long years for a school-wide musical production... And *Oliver!* exceeded all expectations!! Students, staff, and families were absolutely thrilled with the four glorious performances during the last week of October. A huge thank you to **Ms. Thorvaldson** for leading this wonderful community-building event in our school, and to **Director Al** 



**Pichler** for making the magic happen! Thank you also to the dozens of teachers, school staff, and parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make *Oliver!* such a "raven" success! Stop by the hallway outside the office to see photos of your kids in action on stage, and watch for **DVD order forms** to come home in your child's agenda.

And finally THANK YOU to our Peace Arch parent community for your generous contributions to our PAC fundraising efforts. *Oliver!* was financed and made possible through PAC fundraisers such as the Cheque-Writing Campaign, Hot Lunch Program, and Spring Fling. To paraphrase a famous

orphan... "Please sir, we want some more!!" We'd love to have another school musical in the next few years at Peace Arch, so let's keep those contributions coming!

This year's **Cheque-Writing Campaign** runs until December 9<sup>th</sup>, and we're still a long way from our goal of \$50,000. Donations can now be made with PayPal through our PAC website (if a tax receipt is



not desired). Does your business or employer have a corporate giving program? Please consider designating Peace Arch Elementary PAC as a beneficiary. Tax receipts are available for cheques made out to "Surrey School District #36", with "Peace Arch Elementary" in the memo line.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming **Annual Snowball Family Dance** in the school gym, on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be available on the PAC website or at the office, and a request for volunteers will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Contact us any time with ideas, suggestions, or to volunteer! <a href="mailto:PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com">PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com</a> Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone welcome!

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

# Important Dates

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30-11:30am

Thursday, November 10th

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> French Film Festival, Gr. 3-7

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
Snowball Family Dance, PAC
evening event in school gym

**Sunday, Dec. 4 – Friday, Dec. 16**Round 2 Hot Lunch Ordering

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
Last day before Winter Break

### **QSP Magazine Subscriptions**

Use code **3701299** 

to renew or start your magazine subscriptions via QSP, and help support Peace Arch Elementary!

Print & digital editions available.

### 2016-17 PAC Meetings

Peace Arch Elem. Library 6:30-8:00 pm

**Alternating Tues/Wed evenings:** 

Tues. Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Tues. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Wed. Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Wed. Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Tues. May 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **Parent Volunteers Still Needed:**

- Spring Fling Coordinator
- Silent Auction Lead
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (2017)
- Playground Replacement Team

# OLIVER! DVD

On sale now! Order in time for the holidays!



Peace Arch Elementary's Musical Production of *Oliver!*October 25-26, 2016

- ✓ Both casts on 1 disc (A/Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & B/Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>)
- ✓ High quality professional video production.

Orders due by Friday, November 25th.

Available for order on the PAC website: peacearch.hotlunches.net > login > Orders.

Or watch for order form to come home in agendas, and send cash or cheque (payable to Peace Arch Elementary PAC) along with order form to classroom teacher or the office. DVDs will be delivered to students no later than December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### You'll FLIP for a DVD of Oliver!



# PAC Fundraising Update: Cheque-Writing Campaign

- ✓ Help us reach this year's target of \$50,000 for our kids!
  - ✓ Any amount is helpful and greatly appreciated; \$200 per family will get us to our goal!
  - ✓ Tax receipts available for cheques \$20 or more.
    - ✓ Donation forms available at the office.
- ✓ This is our main source of fundraising -- we won't also
  ask you to buy pies and gift wrap and poinsettias and
  coupon books and chocolate...!
  - ✓ Campaign ends Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.



# **PAC Volunteer Positions Needed**

Email Erin at <a href="mailto:PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com">PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com</a> or Shelley at <a href="mailto:PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com">PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com</a> to volunteer!

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

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

#### **Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator**

- 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.

### Spring Fling Carnival (Apr. 28, 2017): Coordinator & Silent Auction Lead (starting Jan. 2017)

- **Carnival Coordinator:** Oversee and coordinate the different aspects of our annual Spring Fling Carnival: games, tickets, prizes, silent auction, raffle baskets, concession, food trucks, cake walk, volunteers, etc. A team of volunteers will run each of these areas; the Coordinator is simply the team leader.
- **Silent Auction Lead:** arrange the acquisition of Silent Auction items from parent volunteers and community donors; gather & prepare items for display; run the Silent Auction tables at the Spring Fling.

### **Playground Replacement Team**

- We expect it will take 3-4 years to raise the approximate \$100,000 needed for playground replacement.
- We are seeking a team of volunteers to investigate outside sources of funding from municipal and community groups (in addition to our internal fundraising), and to determine what type of playground will best suit our school's needs. This is a great opportunity for parents of students in Kindergarten/Grades 1-2 to get involved, and have a say in the future of your children's school!

# **Seeking More Parent Volunteers for Hot Lunch**

Our <u>Hot Lunch Program</u> generates approximately **one third** of the PAC's operating budget each year. Many volunteers work behind the scenes to make our Hot Lunch a success, and <u>we need your help!</u>

Sign up here for Round 1 (November-December):

https://www.volunteersignup.org/YTDQF



- Weekly Parent Volunteers, Div 8-19: 11:55-12:30pm on Hot Lunch Days (mainly Fri, some Thurs)
- \*NEW\* 100-POD Grade 5-7 Parent Supervisor on Hot Lunch Days
- Hot Lunch Leaders for Round 2 (January March): 1-3 parents per Hot Lunch Day
- o Please email Shelley at <a href="mailto:PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com">PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com</a> to volunteer to be a Hot Lunch Leader.

