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Hello Peace Arch families! We're well into October, and the PAC's annual **Cheque-Writing Campaign** is underway to raise much-needed funds for our kids and our school. GREAT NEWS: **You can now donate online** through the PAC website (above). Simply log in, scroll to the bottom of the home page, and click "Donate" to access Pay-Pal. *****Please note that tax receipts cannot be issued for online donations.***** If



you'd like a tax receipt for donations of \$20 or more, please submit your cheque to the school office, made out to "School District #36" with "Peace Arch Elementary" on the

memo line. Help us reach our **goal of \$50,000** for the school by **Dec. 9th**!

Our popular **Hot Lunch program** began last week, and we need more volunteers to keep it running smoothly. Please see Page 2 of this newsletter for more info, including how to sign up for Round 1 (October – December).

Have you seen the amazing **mural on the courtyard wall**, left of the gym doors? Championed by Ms. Thorvaldson, paid for by PAC, and created with input from our students, we're thrilled for this beautiful addition to the school!

Students, staff, and parents are so excited for the upcoming musical **Oliver!** PAC will be hosting a pre-show concession before the performances and needs volunteers to help bake goodies, make popcorn, set up & sell items **Oct 25-26**. Also seeking burlap fabric, wicker baskets, or other "1800's-era" items for concession display. To volunteer, loan props, or donate baked goods, please sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/3RLHQ.

And finally, we'd like to strongly encourage parents of younger students at the school to **get involved in your Parent Advisory Council!**

- We've begun fundraising for an eventual replacement of our aging playground structure, and we need volunteers to spearhead a **Playground Replacement Team**. This involves a 3-4 year plan and is ideal for parents with Kindergarten-Grade 2 students who will reap the benefits of a fantastic new playground!
- Our PAC President, Vice-President, and Treasurer are all in their 3rd year of four-year terms, & **replacements will soon be needed**. Let's see some new parents at our meetings to keep our PAC going strong!

Contact us any time with ideas, suggestions, or to volunteer! PeaceArchPacNews@gmail.com Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 19th, 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone welcome!

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 19th

PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library

Friday, October 21st

Non-Instructional Day

Tues-Wed, October 25-26th

School Musical **Oliver!**

Thursday, October 27th

- Photo Re-Take Day
- 1st Session of Chess Club

Monday, October 31st

Halloween Costume Parade,
Grades 1-7, 1:45pm

Tuesday, November 1st

Early Dismissal, 1:28pm

Friday, November 4th

Non-Instructional Day

Wednesday, November 9th

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday, November 10th

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, November 11th

Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 15th

PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library

Friday, December 2nd

Snowball Family Dance, PAC
evening event in school gym

Friday, December 16th

Last day before Winter Break

2016-17 PAC Meetings

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

Alternating Tues/Wed evenings:

Wed. Oct 19 th	Tues. Feb 21 st
Tues. Nov 15 th	Wed. Apr 19 th
Wed. Jan 18 th	Tues. May 16 th

STILL Seeking Parent Volunteers for Hot Lunch



The **Hot Lunch Program** 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 **we need more help!** Sign up here for Round 1:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/YTDQF> 

Weekly Parent Volunteers, Div 8-19: 11:55-12:30pm on Hot Lunch Days (mainly Fri, some Thurs):

- 1-2 Parents per classroom: Pick up bins from PAC kitchen (hallway outside the school office), take to classroom, hand out hot lunches to students, return empty bins to PAC kitchen.

***NEW* 100-POD Grade 5-7 Parent Supervisor on Hot Lunch Days:**

- 1 Parent from Div 1-7 per Hot Lunch Day needed to supervise Hot Lunch Student Helpers in the 100-Pod.

Hot Lunch Leader – 1-3 parents per Hot Lunch Day in Round 1:

- **Still needed for Nov. 18th & 25th, and Dec. 2nd (all Fridays); 10:00am-12:45pm.**
- **Please email Shelley at PeaceArchHotLunch@gmail.com to volunteer.**
- Responsible for sorting hot lunch products into classroom bins for specific day(s) throughout the school year, ensure bins are delivered & handed out to classrooms; also sell extra hot lunches at the PAC kitchen window.



Other PAC Volunteer Positions Needed

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

The time has come! Our school playground is in need of replacement, and we expect it will take 3-4 years to raise the *approximate* \$100,000 needed. This year, **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! Email us at PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com to learn more.

PAC TREASURY UPDATE

With recent items in the local news about funds missing from PAC accounts at two Surrey schools, we'd like to assure our Peace Arch Elementary parent community that our Parent Advisory Council accounts are well-monitored and secure, and we have an excellent system of controls in place to ensure financial transparency and integrity. Bank statements can be produced at PAC meetings if requested, and questions can be directed to our PAC Treasurer, Laura Creech, at peacearchpacnews@gmail.com



"Advocating for Education 101"

Parent Presentation by Surrey Students Now

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Location: École Woodward Hill, 6082 142nd Street, Surrey

Time: 6:30-8pm, reception to follow

Childminding is free; please register at the website below.

From www.SurreyStudentsNow.com: "Education impacts every single person in our community. In this free session, we will explore why it's important to be informed and understand our education system. **Surrey Students Now**, a group of concerned parents just like you, has jumped through many of the hoops and we see how dizzying the information can be. It doesn't have to be that way. We have taken in all the info and can share it with you in a succinct manner. Advocacy can be done by everyone, in various ways. From writing an email, to speaking at a Board of Education meeting and everything in between, you can have an impact on education in Surrey."

Presented by:

Surrey Students Now (formerly South Newton Community Group)
École Woodward Hill Elementary Parent Advisory Committee
Surrey District Parent Advisory Council (Surrey DPAC)
Canadian Parents for French – Surrey Chapter (CPF – Surrey)

Chess Club Starts Thursday, October 27th

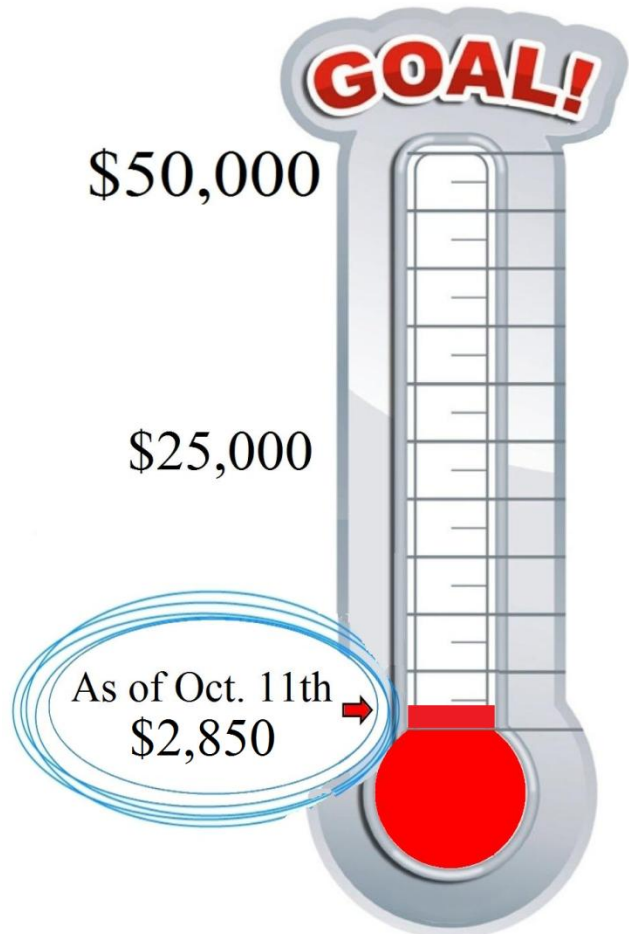
Chess Club is a School-sponsored club for Peace Arch students in Grades 3 and up. Running Thursdays for an 8-week session starting Thursday, October 27th from **3:00-4:30pm** at the school. **Chess Coach is Henry Sikorski**. Basic knowledge of chess is recommended (e.g. how pieces move and capture; castling). It's a higher level, quiet learning activity that promotes concentration, logic, and problem solving skills. **\$40/student for the 8-week session**. Please provide your child with a nut-free after-school snack. Watch for a flyer later in October with registration details.



PAC Fundraising Update: Cheque-Writing Campaign

Why We Fundraise:

- on-going maintenance, upgrades, and replacement of our existing IT equipment (laptops, iPads, & iPad minis)
- furniture and additional IT equipment for the school's new Learning Commons
- school musical, *Oliver!*, in October 2016
- saving for a replacement playground
- new sports equipment including volleyball nets & a brand new set of jerseys for multiple P.Arch sports teams
- teachers' classroom supplies
- field trips for each classroom
- additional funds for the annual Gr.4 field trip to Victoria, transportation to the Vancouver Symphony, dist. Track Meet, & annual Gr.1 field trip to Science World
- cultural performances and popular athletic activities (such as the Goh Ballet and Zumba in 2015/16, and yoga in 2016/17)



How to Contribute:

The Cheque-Writing Campaign will run until **December 9th**. We would like to suggest a contribution of **\$200 per family** to make all of these goals possible, but *any amount is helpful and most appreciated*.

Care for a tax receipt?

Surrey School District can issue tax receipts for any donation of \$20 or more; simply make your cheque payable to 'Surrey School District #36' and fill in the form that came home earlier in September (forms also available at the office or on the PAC website). All tax receipts will be mailed.

Don't require a tax receipt?

If you don't need a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to 'Peace Arch Elementary PAC'. **Please return cheques and completed forms to the school office.** Alternatively, you can now **donate online** through the Peace Arch Hot Lunch/PAC website peacearch.hotlunches.net, by logging in and scrolling to the bottom of the Home Page. Or simply click here!

