



PAC Newsletter • OCTOBER 2017

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Hello Peace Arch families! We're well into October, and **PAC's Annual Fundraising Campaign** is underway to raise much-needed funds for our kids and our school. GREAT NEWS: **You can now donate online** through the District "School Cash Online" website. (surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com). "Make A Donation" tab > select Peace Arch Elementary as the "Fund Destination". Tax receipts will be emailed for donations \$25 and up. You can also donate via cheque ("Peace Arch Elementary PAC") to the school office. **Help us reach our goal of \$20,000 for the school by Nov. 30th!**

Our weekly Hot Lunch program is in full swing, and we always need parent volunteers to help with distribution at lunchtime on Fridays (and some Thursdays). Please sign up here to volunteer! → volunteersignup.org/9QTWC.

A big **thank you** to White Rock RCMP, City of White Rock, and our Administrators at Peace Arch Elementary for supporting student and traffic safety at our school! The new "No Parking" signs in the drop-off zones, along with increased safety awareness during drop-off and pick-up times are going a long way towards making the street *safer for our kids*, and are greatly appreciated by the Peace Arch parent community.

Big thanks also to the Viznar-Logan Family and their business Sigma Lawn Care for beautifying Peace Arch's gardens at the end of September! They volunteered their time and supplies to weed and mulch many of the garden beds around the school, and it looks awesome! **THANK YOU!!**



It's been great to see some new faces at our last two PAC meetings – we encourage new parents to come get involved and contribute to our school community. **Join us at our next meeting Wed., November 15th, 6:30pm in the school library.** We have a guest speaker attending in November; please help us spread the word! **White Rock RCMP** will discuss traffic safety at Peace Arch. And stay tuned for a **separate Playground Meeting later in November:** Dave Warner from *Habitat Systems* will have an update & preliminary concepts for our Playground Replacement project. **Everyone welcome!**



Wishing everyone a safe and fun Halloween!

Your PAC Executive Team

Erin H., Elizabeth M., Laura C., and Kristen F.

Important Dates

Tuesday, October 31st

Halloween Costume Parade

10:00am Kindergarten

10:45am Grades 1-7

Thursday, November 2nd

Photo Re-Take Day

Friday, November 3rd

Non-Instructional Day

Thursday, Nov. 9th, 10:45am

Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday, November 10th

Non-Instructional Day

Monday, November 13th

Remembrance Day Holiday

(no school)

Wednesday, November 15th

PAC Meeting 6:30pm in Library

Monday, Nov. 20th, 6:30-8pm

Body Science Parent Evening

Thursday, November 23rd

Body Science Student Workshops

Friday, December 8th, 5-8pm

Snowball Family Dance,
PAC event in school gym

Friday, December 22nd

Last day before Winter Break

2017-18 PAC Meetings

Peace Arch Library

6:30-8:00 pm

3rd Wednesday/month:

Wed. Nov 15th Wed. Feb 21st

Wed. Jan 17th Wed. Apr 18th

Wed. May 16th (AGM)



Peace Arch's Annual **Snowball Family Dance** is creeping up! This year's dance will be 5-8PM on Friday, December 8th in the gym. We're seeking donations of **bottles of wine**, or **gift cards** for our new "Peace Arch Plinko Gift Card Challenge." Please email Maria at mc_dimou@yahoo.ca for more info.



Playground Update

Our Playground Replacement Committee is hard at work researching designs & ideas for our upcoming playground replacement

project. We'll be working with **Habitat Systems** to design & install our new playground starting in 2019 (<http://www.habitat-systems.com>). Preliminary ideas will be presented at a special Playground meeting in November; details TBA, meeting will be open to all.

The south portion of the primary playground (pink/yellow with ramps) is slated for mandatory removal in the 2019/20 school year, while we've been advised by the District that the north intermediate playground is scheduled for removal in the year or two after.

PAC has decided to fundraise for **both playground replacement projects** at once, as we don't want "fundraising fatigue" to set in with two back-to-back campaigns. The goal is to work with *Habitat* to design both replacements at once, and fundraise accordingly.

Have questions/comments/ideas and would like to get involved? Please join our Playground Replacement Committee and have your say in what our new playground equipment will look like! Email PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com.



Peace Arch's Emergency Preparedness supplies are being re-provisioned this year.

DID YOU KNOW?... PAC buys and replenishes Emergency Preparedness supplies that are stored in a secure metal bin in the school parking lot. There are sufficient supplies for all students and staff for a 72-hour period and include things like: high calorie emergency food rations, a water purification system, first aid supplies, shelter supplies, hand tools, personal protective equipment, a portable radio, flashlights, and everything else we could possibly need in the case of a significant natural disaster. In 2013 all classrooms were outfitted with emergency/survival kits, and this year we have purchased 3 additional kits for our three new divisions. Many thanks to Peace Arch parent **Arin B.** for taking on this important project over the past several years!

Saleema Noon "Body Science" Workshops are coming to Peace Arch Elementary!

Mark your calendar! *Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops* are being held on Thursday, **November 23rd** for students in grade groupings (K-1, Gr.2-3, Gr.4-5, Gr.6-7), preceded by an evening **Parents' Session on Monday, Nov. 20th** 6:30-8pm at the school. From their [website](#):

"The workshops are light hearted, but deliver straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good decisions for a lifetime." Watch for more info to come from classroom teachers.



Surrey District PAC Rally Saturday, Oct. 28th 12-2pm

The Surrey Schools Coalition (Surrey DPAC, Urban Development Institute, Greater Vancouver Homebuilders Association, Surrey Board of Trade) invites media and families to a **fun, free, community event**. A rally will take place on Sat., October 28th at Earl Marriott Secondary School (15751 16 Ave) 12-2pm to engage Surrey families on the need for more and timely Capital Funding for new schools in Surrey's high-growth areas and to let everyone know how they can help. Government representatives will also be in attendance. The Surrey Schools Coalition is hosting this community event to show the Provincial Government that Surrey families are getting tired of waiting for shovels to hit the ground on much needed new schools!

There will be a short presentation from the Surrey Schools Coalition at 12:15pm. Since it is so close to Halloween we are encouraging families and friends to bring their kids dressed in their best costumes. There will be free food from local food trucks as well as prizes for the best dressed kids. Finally, there will be a **special appearance by the pups of the Paw Patrol!**

Peace Arch PAC Annual Fundraising Campaign Update as of Oct. 26/17

Why do we fundraise for the school?

- Savings for Playground Replacements
- Maintenance and replacement of tech items (iPads, iPad Minis, laptops, tech carts, etc.)
- Sports equipment
- Teachers' classroom supplies
- Buses for fieldtrips
- Annual trips: Grade 4 to Victoria & Grade 1 to Science World
- Cultural performances
- School presentations (Saleema Noon this year)
- [CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!](#)

