

# Sherwood Park PAC Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

Another school year is here and starting full steam ahead! The PAC would like to extend a warm welcome to new and existing families. Our newsletter, distributed to families each month, is intended to provide the Sherwood Park community with an update of our existing and planned projects through the year, community events and news, budget updates etc. We encourage you to take the time to read the newsletter monthly. In addition, we would love to see you at our first meeting on **Tuesday October 25, 2016** in the school's library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Babysitting is always available free of charge.



## Who is the PAC

**You are!** All parents within the Sherwood Park community are automatically PAC members and have a voice and a vote at all meetings that they attend. The committee is administered by a team of executive volunteers (who do not have voting rights). Our PAC executive have agreed to maintain their positions for a final year, but we are always looking for people to help out (in a big or small way) with hot lunch, parent events, school spirit and community events, etc. If you have a question or would like to help out, please [contact us](#) anytime.

Our preferred method of addressing questions and concerns is at PAC meetings. First, when you attend PAC meeting you might be surprised to learn how many parents have similar thoughts, and the discussions often lead to secondary issues and concerns that we are able to address and work through as a group. Also, Joe Campbell and/or Anne Lawson are at our meetings providing updates and participating in our discussions. Meeting minutes are recorded and the minutes are distributed to all families. Therefore, when you bring your questions or concerns to a meeting, we are able to share the information with our entire school community.

That being said, we understand that the meeting dates and times may not work for every family, and we welcome your questions, comments and concerns through email. **You are the PAC** and you have the right to ask questions or voice your concerns. We request that you have a bit of patience for the response time. We are a small group of volunteers who all have jobs, children, other volunteer commitments, etc. We manage the workload as best we can, but it can take time.

## Calendar of PAC Events

**September 16** – Deadline to return all forms to the office

September 26 to 28 – Family Photo nights

### PAC Meetings:

Meetings are scheduled on the last Tuesday of most months at 7:00 p.m. in the school's library.

October 25	November 29
January 31	February 28
April 25	May 30

### Hot Lunch:

Dates, ordering details and volunteer shifts will be announced soon!

### PAC Student Programs (dates TBD)

Grade 6 First-aid Program  
Health Workshops  
Performing Arts Programs  
Tennis

### Social Events:

(All events are tentative based on interest and availability of volunteers)

Trivia Night – November 18  
Pancake Breakfast – December 16  
Seycove Auction (Spring)  
Carnival (Year-end)

**[Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on PAC news and community events.](#)**



## 2016/17 PAC Budget

The PAC's 2016/17 budget was approved at our May 27, 2016 meeting. The total budget for this school year is \$47,310, which equates to \$126 per student. Some of the budget highlights include:

- Continuation of the school's technology plan;
- First aid training for grade 6 students (annual);
- Sexual health and empowerment workshops for all students (bi-annual). This includes a parents workshop;
- Social events for students and families;
- Teacher's discretionary funding (annual);
- Performing arts programs such as plays and musical groups (annual);
- Sports program for all students (annual) – this year is tennis;
- Support for replenishment and replacement of library books (annual);
- Primary resource support including guided reading support and the standardization of primary math;
- Emergency preparedness systems and supplies (annual);
- Replace and replenish jerseys for sport and extracurricular activities (with new logo);
- Two scholarships for graduating Sherwood Park alumni (annual);
- Traffic safety resources;
- School beautification (annual).

Each PAC meeting includes a standing agenda item to review the current year's budget with an opportunity to discuss changes to the existing budget and suggestions for the following year. Your first opportunity to review the budget in detail is at the October 25 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Funding of the approved budget will come primarily from hot lunch proceeds, an annual gaming grant, Seycove Auction proceeds, the Spark Store and direct student funding. Depending on the success of the direct funding request, a few small fundraisers may be required through the year.

## Direct Student Funding

Direct student funding allows us to deliver our mandated budget while reducing the number of fundraisers throughout the year, and was a significant factor in allowing us to fully deliver on our budget last year. The feedback for this year was to once again request a \$50 per student contribution. If \$50 per student does not work for your family, please consider an alternative amount. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

The Direct Funding form will be sent home shortly with the rest of the school's begging of year forms. Please return it (and the rest of the forms) to the office by September 16 with your cash or cheque (payable to Sherwood Park PAC).

All direct funding contributions will be eligible for a family photo session taking place September 26, 27, and 28 with a free 8x10 family portrait of your choice. If you do not contribute to direct funding, you are still welcome to participate in family photo sessions. The sitting fee is \$25, which includes the 8x10 portrait. Details will be sent home shortly for the family photo sessions.

## Community Supporters

### RASMUSSEN GROUP

If you buy/sell your home or refer a friend **10% of their earnings from that sale come back to the school!** Please consider Rasmussen Group Sutton West Coast Realty if you are buying or selling a house!

[www.yournewpad.com](http://www.yournewpad.com)



### NESTERS MARKET

When you are grocery shopping, tell them you are school #2 and the loyalty points will be directed to Sherwood Park.



### BEAUTIFUL EYES

Purchase glasses for your family and a portion of the proceeds are donated back to the school.

[www.beautifuleyes.ca](http://www.beautifuleyes.ca)



### TOOKA FLORIST

Custom floral arrangements with same day delivery conveniently located off Lonsdale. Tell them you are a Sherwood Park Family, 10% of your order comes back to our school.

[www.tooka.ca](http://www.tooka.ca)



### COBS BAKERY

Cobs Bakery donates bread every month to help us get healthy food to any child at who has forgotten their lunch or breakfast.



## Spirit Wear

We launched the new school logo at the end of last year in hopes to kick up the school spirit. Last year's students were asked to vote on the logo and the howling wolf was the overwhelming choice. Since the reveal, students were often stopping us on the playground or in the halls to ask when they could get a t-shirt with the new logo on it. You can let them know that **Sherwood Park Spirit Gear will be available soon through our first ever SPARK Store!** Keep an eye out in your inbox in the next few weeks for details on products and ordering!

In addition to spirit wear, the other intention of the updated logo was to revive and replace our school's outdated and dwindling athletic uniforms. Jerseys will arrive in the next few weeks, but we are excited to give you a sneak peek! (It is still a surprise for the students, so please resist the temptation to show them)



There will be enough jerseys to outfit all of our sports teams. If your child is borrowing one of the uniforms while representing our school, please help us by reminding them that these are on loan, to be used for many years to come and ensure that the jersey is returned in good and clean condition.

These jerseys were partially funded by a legacy gift from the 2014 Grade 7 class. If you have a child who was a member of that graduating class, **please share this exciting news with them and pass on our thanks.**

## New Community Partner

Community partnering is a great for us to generate revenue for the PAC, while supporting local businesses in our community. Over the past few years we have been fortunate enough to received generous support from the Rasmussen Group, who donate 10% of their commission from Sherwood Park families. In addition, Beautiful Eyes donates a portion of their proceeds from Sherwood Park customers. Last year, we were fortunate to include Nesters as another community supporter.

We are happy to announce that we have a new community partner! Tooka Florist is a high end flower shop in North Vancouver offering beautiful, one of a kind floral designs and same day delivery. Consider them for your gifts, event or office needs. When you let them know you are a Sherwood Park family, 10% of the sales come back to our school. Surprise your spouse with flowers today! They are located at 120 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. 604-770-2240 or [www.tooka.ca](http://www.tooka.ca)



Where you can, please support the businesses that support our school!

## SPARK STORE – COMING SOON!

In the meantime, we have a limited number of Sherwood Park water bottles (850 ML) available for \$10.



You can purchase them at the office (exact change or cheque made out to Sherwood Park PAC).

*Or*

Complete this section and have your child return it to the office with payment; we will send your order home with your student:

**I have enclosed payment for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Water bottles @ \$10 each.

My oldest child is:

\_\_\_\_\_

My oldest child's teacher is:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Don't wait!...**

**All orders received by September 28 will receive a bonus "Sherwood Park SPARK!" wrist band**

## Safe Routes to School

The best thing that we can do to improve traffic safety around our school is to get our kids participating in active modes of transportation. Students who walk, ride or roll to and from school show:

- Better concentration ability in the classroom.
- Have lower risk of obesity, heart disease, cancer and diabetes in the long run.
- Are more likely to get the required 60 minutes of daily physical activity.



Now is the perfect time to start getting in the habit of walking to school and creating a year-long/life-long habit of active commuting.

Worried about the weather? Dressing your child in rain-boots and hooded jackets for the walk to school also means that they are prepared for the weather at outdoor recess and lunch periods.

Drive to 5 – Driving is a necessity for many working parents, or families who live a distance from the school. Avoid the crowds and traffic in front of our school by parking a few blocks away and walking your child to school (or letting them walk themselves). Our Drive to 5 zones include Dollarton Village or Felton Road (off Dollar) and Caddy Road, which is the last left before you reach the 4-way stop at Fairway/Dollar. (Look for our Drive to 5 signs). After school, meet your child in the school yard and walk to the car together. You may learn interesting things about their day during this extra 5 minutes!

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Watch the signs - Obey the street signs; they are posted for everyone's safety. Drop off/pick up zones are designated spots for your child to safely exit or enter your car from the curb side. **Keep things moving by remaining in your car and moving on as soon your child has safely exited the vehicle.** Have your kids keep their backpacks with them in the car, so there is no need to get out and retrieve them from the trunk.

**Don't be that Driver!** It is easy to make mistakes when you're in a rush. Don't speed, block lanes of traffic, make u-turns, double park, block driveways, pass cars at a crosswalk, or use the drop off zone as a parking lot. These actions create more traffic congestion and put our students at risk.

One of our goals this year is to work with the school, students, parents, neighbors and the District to develop and implement strategies that will provide safe, effective and long-term solutions to the traffic congestion and parking around our school. We have the Traffic & Safety Coordinator for the North Shore Safe routes Advocacy to join us at our first PAC meeting on October 25 to talk to us about developing programs and community engagement.

## Community News and Events

Nesters Market is celebrating its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday in our community by hosting a BBQ this **Saturday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Nesters is a big supporter of our school and we are grateful that proceeds from this event will benefit our school. Stop by Nesters at Dollarton village for lunch, cake, face painting and other fun events.



## HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch provides the PAC's largest source of fundraising. Plans are underway to start this year's Hot Lunch program. This year's hot lunch will include sushi, Subway, pizza and a new vendor offering healthier lunch options that kids still enjoy.

Dates, ordering details and volunteer requests will be coming out shortly.



*A group of Sherwood Park students test out a new hot lunch vendor.*

**We cannot produce hot lunch without help.** If you can spare an hour over your lunch, please come and help us deliver lunches to the classrooms. (Online Sign up will be coming soon).

## Date Magnets

Back by popular demand! Fridge magnets will be sent home with your children soon. These magnets, provided by the PAC, contain all the key dates for Sherwood Park. This year we have made the magnets a little bit larger to improve their legibility. If you don't receive a magnet by the end of the month, additional magnets will be available in the office upon request.

## Beginning of Year Forms

You should receive a package early next week with all of the school's beginning of year forms. Please take the time to review and complete all the forms to **return to the school on or before September 16.**