



Sherwood Park PAC Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2018

EVENT CALENDAR

PAC Meetings

7:00pm in the school library

April 11

May 30

Hot Lunch Dates

Feb 14 – Sushi

Feb 19 – Magic Lunch Box

Feb 26 – Pizza

March 5 – Magic Lunch Box

March 7 – Sushi

March 12 – Pizza

March 16 – Subway

Social Events

Family Spring Dance

Friday, March 9

6-8 pm

In the school gym



June 21, 2018

PAC Student Programs

Hip hop Classes:

Feb 19, 20, 21, 22 & 26

(All students in gym class)

Hip hop performance night is

Feb 26 at Seycove @ 7pm.

Vancouver Opera presents

“The Scorpion's Sting”

February 27, 2018



HOT LUNCHES WINTER 2018

Parent volunteers still needed for Hot lunch!

Many thanks to the parents who have signed up to help with hot lunch this term. There are still several empty slots including 3 for Valentines Sushi next week and 5 for pizza on

Feb 29. In March we still need 4 volunteers each for sushi on the 7th and pizza on the 12th if you are free for an hour or so around lunch time any of those days, please sign up now at:

[Sherwood Park Hot Lunch Winter 2018](#)

Hot Lunches are one of PACs largest fundraisers, so its important that it runs smoothly. Your help is much appreciated.

SEYCOVE AUCTION: Saturday February 24th

It isn't too late to donate to your class basket. Your class reps should have been in contact with you about the theme for your class basket and what items are still needed. Please coordinate with your class rep or drop off donations to the school office.

Other ways you can contribute:

- drop off any new/unused items that can be added to another basket either to your classroom or the office
- a bottle of wine or scratch n wins can be dropped at the office
- Cash donations are also graciously accepted
- contact us if you or your business have a product or service that will make a good live or silent auction item.

Proceeds from the auction represent a significant portion of our annual proceeds. The auction's success is a direct result of your generosity and participation.

If you want to attend our community's social event of the season, email your ticket request to tickets@seycoveauction.org.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table of 10.



FAMILY SPRING DANCE PARTY

Join us on **Friday 9th March** from **6-8pm** for the first ever Family Spring Dance in the school gym! A DJ will be spinning the tunes for a fun-filled evening of dancing for the whole family. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$2 per person. There will be a light concession stand available with goodies to purchase, please bring your own water bottles. **Note that this is a family event and children are required to have a parent/guardian in attendance with them.**



SPIRIT WEAR

Show your school spirit with some of our Sherwood Park logo gear! To purchase any of these items email the PAC to check for sizing and arrange for payment/delivery. Please use "Spirit Wear" as the subject line.

Logo T-shirt (Youth)
\$18



Collegiate T-shirt
\$13 (Youth)/\$14 (Adult)



Logo Hoodie
\$40 (Youth)/\$45 (Adult)
*limited sizes available



Collegiate Jogger (Youth)
\$28
*limited sizes available



Logo Water bottles and Mugs
\$10
(Available for purchase at the office)



HOMEWORK HELP - GRADES 3 - 12

Do you or someone in your house need help with homework?

Solaro, an online study guide tied to the BC curriculum, provides thousands of practice questions in math, English language arts, and science, for grades 3 to 12. Students receive instant feedback with full solutions; they can also view lessons covering core concepts, along with study notes and flashcards. A representative for Solaro has been invited to our **April 11th PAC meeting** to provide parents with further information and offer an online demonstration.

[Find Out More About Solaro Here](#)

TRAFFIC ANNOUNCEMENT



We're heading for some positive changes to the traffic scenario in front of the school. We will need assistance from some parents (and/or senior students) for **2 weeks at the beginning of April during drop-off and pick-up times**. If you are interested and available for even part of that time, please email the PAC sherwoodparkpac@gmail.com with the subject "Traffic Safety".

For those interested in promoting active school travel, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to coordinate a "walk or roll" to school program (i.e. "Walking Wednesdays, Freedom Fridays, Walking School Bus" etc.), please email us. For more information, visit <https://hastebc.org/>



KEEPING OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS CLEAN



Lately, it has been noticed that the state of litter on the school grounds and the surrounding 'waterworld' forest is very disappointing.

Despite the fact that classrooms take turns each week cleaning up litter on the school grounds and in the surrounding forest, it is clearly not enough.

Here are a few ways that you can help us improve our grounds:

- Please have a conversation with your children about proper recycling and disposing of trash. Remind them that taking pride in their school involves more than wearing a logo t-shirt or taking part in extra-curricular activities. The school grounds have garbage, compost and recycle bins at the entrances as well as at the back of the gravel field on the edge of 'waterworld'. Litter also invites unwanted critters small and large, which we are particularly vulnerable to given our proximity to forested areas.
- Consider packing zero waste lunches and snacks.
- If you are picking up your children from school ask them to pitch in and pick up/dispose of two pieces of trash on their way off the playground.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

RASMUSSEN GROUP

If you buy/sell your home or refer a friend to the Rasmussen team, **10% of their earnings from that sale come back to the PAC!**

www.yournewpad.com



IT'S THE MORTGAGE GUY

New mortgages or debt refinancing? Consider Jonathon Adams of the Verico Nova Team as your local mortgage broker, and **10% of earnings are donated back to the PAC!**



www.ItsTheMortgageGuy.com

NESTERS MARKET



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

FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteers are at the heart of our PAC. It is only with the help and support of parents in our school community that we can offer PAC sponsored programs and services for our students. We thank everyone who has volunteered their time with PAC.

Looking forward, we have a few parents, who fill key volunteer roles, and will be 'aging out' of the school soon. We need to find new volunteers to transition into these positions. If you are interested in taking on one of these important roles next year or the year after, please contact us. The benefit of filling these roles early is having the opportunity to work with the existing volunteer before the job is officially yours.

Treasurer - as a member of the PAC executive the Treasurer is responsible for developing the budget for approval at the last PAC meeting each year, securing funding through the BC Gaming Commission (April) and ensuring annual compliance reports are filed (June), deposit funds and administer cheques, maintain records through QuickBooks and attend PAC meetings to provide budget updates.

Hot Lunch Coordinator- Magic Lunch Box & Pizza - plan lunch dates with the vendor and other Hot Lunch coordinators, be onsite for each of your hot lunch days to coordinate parent and student volunteers for delivery, work with vendor to rectify any errors (rare), review/approve invoices before sending to the Treasurer for payment.

Carnival Coordinator - beginning in March or April assemble the carnival project team, develop the project plan, organize rides, concession, prizes and midway games, work with vendors and school administration on logistics, develop setup and takedown plans.

Carnival volunteer coordinator: meet with carnival team to determine volunteer needs in all areas from setup to running booths to site cleanup. Manage the volunteer signups. Be present at carnival from set up to clean up to sign in volunteers and make sure all areas are adequately staffed.

If you are able to offer your time and abilities, please email us to sign up at sherwoodparkpac@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with our school community? Do you know a business that would like to support our school community? If so please contact sherwoodparkpac@gmail.com. Deadline for upcoming newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

TOOKA FLORIST



10% of your order comes back to our school when if tell them you are a Sherwood Park family.

www.tooka.ca

BEAUTIFUL EYES

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

www.beautifuleyes.ca



We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

is a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is

dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Along with the national office there are ten branches, including one for British Columbia/Yukon.

Recently, as part of its advocacy mandate, CPF – BC & Yukon wrote an open letter to Minister of Education, Rob Fleming to express their concern and frustration over the continued shortage of French teachers in BC.

You can read that letter in its entirety [here](#).

Capilano Wrestling Program

Sherwood Park Grade 1 parent, Kate Walker, will be running a wrestling program for girls and boys in Grades 1 to 4 AND Grades 5 to 7. The Capilano Wrestling Club is registered with BC Wrestling and the program will take place at Carson Graham Secondary School, located at 2145 Jones Ave, North Vancouver.

Grades 1 - 4

Cost: \$70 (cost includes registration, t-shirt, pizza party)

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 17th – May 10th

Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm

Where: Carson Graham Secondary School (Small Gym)

Grades 5 to 7

Cost: \$75 (includes registration, t-shirt, pizza party)

When: Tuesday, February 20th to March 13th; Thursday March 15; Tuesday April 3; Thursday April 5th; Tuesday April 10th

Time: 6:00pm -7:30pm

Where: Carson Graham Secondary School (Small Gym)

For more information contact Kate Walker, 604-351-4840

Kate@lautenwoodworking.com



UBC GirlsMarts is a non-profit organization launched by the UBC Computer Science department to help girls spark and sustain an interest in computer science. They

are hosting a special **parent workshop on Saturday February 17th** where parents can learn more about ways in which they can support their daughter in the field of computer science and technology.

Interested parents should **RSVP by February 12th** by emailing girlsmarts@cs.ubc.ca with the first and last name of the parent(s) or guardian(s).

Check out the website here: <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/>

Sherwood Park PAC Minutes

Meeting date: January 24, 2018

In Attendance: Sanjeet Johal, Kelly Curry, Meredith Briden, Anna Morrison, Beth Rossiter, Natalie Lai, Sara Wilkinson, Gina Madeo, Chris Ricard, Sharon Boglari, Karmyn Turner

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Motion to approve the November 15, 2017 minutes made by Meredith Briden and seconded by Natalie Lai.

Principal's Report – Sanjeet Johal

- Introduced new Vice-Principal Kelly Curry. Kelly has been teaching for 22 years, and has worked as an elementary teacher, special educator, and clinical counsellor, most recently with the Argyle family of schools. She has 5 boys, between the ages of 14 and 27!
- Staff collaboration Day January 21: An occupational therapist will be talking to staff about how physical space affects students' self-regulation, and will provide tips on how to create classrooms and learning spaces that are conducive to self-regulation
- Athletics: There was not enough interest among Grade 6/7s to make up a volleyball team this year. However, we are running co-ed intramural volleyball at lunchtime, open to grades 5-7.
- iKid/iGirl/iGuy: These empowerment workshops are funded annually by the PAC.
 - Feb 7: iGuy/iGirl for Grade 4
 - Feb 8: iKid for Grade 2
 - After Spring: iGuy/iGirl for Grade 6/7
- Hip Hop: The popular hip hop program (funded by the PAC) will run Feb 19 to Feb 26, with a performance for parents on Feb 26 at the Seycove Gym at 7 pm.
- Outdoor School and Long House at Cheakamus Centre:
 - Grade 6 Outdoor School: Feb 13-16
 - Grade 4 Outdoor School: Feb 28-Mar 2
 - Grade 3 Long House: April 9-10
- Grade 7 transition to Seycove and Windsor has started.
- Report cards will be sent out March 9
- Student-led conferences: March 12 and March 15 (early dismissal at 2 pm on both those days). More information to be sent home via email closer to the dates.
- Card Project: Teachers are running a fundraiser for the school using students' artwork. Samples will be sent home April 6. Order deadline is April 18. Orders will be delivered May 4.

Upcoming events:

- Seycove Auction coming up on February 24. Tickets are on sale now (seycoveauction.org).
- Family Spring Dance Party at the Sherwood Park gym on March 9th.
- Carnival June 21

Traffic:

Traffic continues to be an issue at drop-off and pick-up, with many parents making illegal U-turns, parking in the drop-off zone or cul-de-sac, and not obey speed restrictions. These behaviours not only cause frustration for other drivers but are also unsafe.

A number of options were discussed, including:

- Soliciting parent volunteers to help move traffic along in the drop-off zones
- Starting a traffic safety club at the school (requires a parent volunteer)
- Placing cones in non-parking zones
- Publishing a map of the alternative drop-off locations (ie top of Roche Point Drive, Fairway Drive near the trail, Drive to 5 locations)

Thank you to those students and parents who volunteer for the school crossing guard program – this has been instrumental in helping to make our school environment safer.

Parent evenings:

The Screenagers screening offered by the NVPAC was sold out, and PAC discussed whether we should partner with our family of schools to pool our resources and offer parent information evenings once a term, perhaps using Seycove as a venue. A parent volunteer would be needed to liaise with the PACs at Dorothy Lynas, Cove Cliff, and Seycove. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact the PAC. Suggested topics include:

- Aboriginal education
- Digital/media awareness
- Multi-cultural awareness
- Social/emotional learning
- Dealing with anxiety
- BoySmarts

Volunteers:

A couple of long-term volunteers are "aging out" of Sherwood Park and would like to create a succession plan to help train new volunteers in the following roles:

- Hot lunch co-ordinator
- Treasurer
- Carnival project manager

If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact the PAC.

Budget review:

There is currently \$53,655 in the PAC account, as of January 24, 2018.

Pancake Breakfast raised approx. \$1,850 for the Sherwood Park Care Fund to support families in need in our community.

Swings: Unfortunately, we have been unable to source an accessible swing or playground equipment for the budgeted amount of \$4,000. One bank of two regular swings is \$10,000 and a second bank of two more is an extra \$2,000. The 2016/17 grad class will also contribute approx. \$800.

A motion was raised to increase the total budget allocated for new swings from \$10,000 to \$12,500 in order to install two new regular banks of 2 swings each.

Proposed by: Meredith Briden / Seconded by: Natalie Lai

Motion was unanimously approved.

The idea of a parent work party was raised to help with installation of the borders and wood chips, however this is not allowed under the School District rules.

Sports Program: Each year PAC usually funds a sports program (in the past, this has included football, gymnastics, and tennis). There was no budget allocated this year due to the anticipated reduction in PAC funds due to the uncertainty around whether the Seycove Auction would go ahead. As the auction will now proceed and PAC can anticipate additional funds, a motion was raised to approve up to \$5,000 for a sports program to support Grades K-7.

Proposed: Meredith Briden / Seconded by: Anna Morrison

Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr Johal will consult with staff to determine the most appropriate program.

Beth Rossiter, who is the after-school programs co-ordinator, is investigating alternative outdoor programs through Mount Seymour and Deep Cove Kayak as potential future after-school offerings. Stay tuned!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting: April 11 @ 7pm

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