



GENERAL WOLFE PAC

GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

November 2015 Newsletter

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Please feel free to contact any of the PAC Executive with questions, ideas and general information.

Next PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th, 2015 at 6:30 in the library.

Janet Fraser Vice-Chair Person from the Vancouver Board of Education will be here to answer your questions on public education! Childcare provided in the basement below the library. We invited her to the PAC meeting so that you can have your voice heard! For starters, some potential topics include but are not limited to band funding cuts, the lack of technology funding in BC schools, the serious lack of funding for school supplies, the very slow progress on seismic upgrades.

In order to make the most of the time available at the PAC meeting, we ask that parents and teachers:

- 1) Phrase your questions in your own words and send them to Monica Luu: mongunz@gmail.com by December 21st. Your questions will then be categorized by topic by the PAC Executive team and provided to Janet Fraser before the date of her visit.**
- 2) Please also confirm if you would like to attend the meeting to deliver your question in person.**

Janet Fraser is the General Wolfe School Trustee designate from the Green Party of Vancouver and has a unique position. There are 4 elected trustees under the NPA banner and 4 trustees from the Vision Party. Janet Fraser is often the deciding vote on VSB matters and a strong believer in public education and wants to ensure that all of Vancouver's students can reach their full potential. She wants to hear your opinions and ideas about Vancouver's schools. What can we do to make our schools better? Connecting with you and hearing your opinion is important to her!

Volunteers Needed!!!

Volunteers are essential to making the PAC and PAC events function. Currently we are in need of volunteers for:

Drama Club – need volunteers!

Drama has been an interest of Sarah Collins. After 7 years, she is now ready to pass the torch and be the teacher sponsor for any parents who would like to run the drama club. The drama club will no longer happen unless there are a team of parent volunteers willing to take the torch. Timing is flexible. For grades 2-7. Contact Monica Luu at mongunz@gmail.com who will put you in touch with Sarah Collins.

Halloween Dance – volunteers needed to organize the event for next year (2016). Thanks to Lisa Scott and Dawn Dunkerley for doing such great work in past years. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Lisa Scott at lisamscott@telus.net to get more information.

Volleyball coaches - Call for coaches!

There is a call for coaches of upcoming soccer and volleyball teams! Please considering volunteering to coach if you are interested.

General Wolfe Gardens (Grounds) - please contact Tamara Litke: tamaraelke@me.com

Update on PAC website!

Did you know about the following PAC funded parent led programs at Wolfe?

- Social and emotional learning
- iGirl/iGuy
- Grounds
- Chess club
- Craft club
- Basketball at lunch

To get details, go to our new PAC website and click on FAQ: www.generalwolfepac.ca. Also on the website is an update FAQ (Frequently asked questions). We also have a google calendar to keep track of important events; the calendar can be added to your smartphones to automatically display these events as well. Our new twitter account @generalwolfepac will keep you updated on school and neighbourhood news and successes. Feel free to follow or tweet if you wish share an event such as a sports championship or community events. Tweets are also posted on our website.

In accordance with the school media policy, please do not tweet pictures of students without principal's approval.

The website was developed by our new Vice-Chair Jaimini Thakore and parent volunteer Dave Dunkerley to help you stay updated on what's happening at school! Please check the site often as it is updated on a regular basis with lots of useful information. The PAC Executive also welcomes any feedback on content for the site. Send your feedback to jathakore@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Frozen Foods – Once again, the Frozen Foods Fundraiser is here! Order sheets went home around November 3rd/ 4th and are due back **Friday, November 20th**. There is a frozen foods order box in the office window (by the hot lunch slot). Delivery: **Monday, December 14th, 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM at the gym and 4 - 5:45 at Sparetime**. Helpers needed on this date! Please contact **Libby Taylor** libbytaylor@live.ca if you can help out. Every pair of hands helps!

Rocky Mountain Pizza Fundraiser: Wednesday, December 2nd: Want a night off from the kitchen? On Wednesday December 2nd, go to Rocky Mountain Pizza Company (at 4186 Main St near 26th) and enjoy a great dinner out or do take-out. 10% of all orders after 4:00 PM go to Wolfe PAC! Gluten free options, vegetarian options, buy your own dough and add your own toppings, there is something for everyone! Menu and restaurant details can be found here: <http://rockymountainflatbread.ca>

Casino Night – Save the date! **Friday, February 26th, 2016** is the Casino Night Fundraiser which takes place at the **Anza Club at Ontario & 8th**. Always wanted to try poker, black jack or roulette...but in a casual, friendly atmosphere? The Fabulous Casino Night is where it's at! There will be food, beverages and the opportunity to use your 'winnings' to get some great prizes. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

Completed Events

Fall 2015 Walkathon – This month's Walkathon was a great success! We have raised \$17,447! Thank you to all the families who have supported the Walkathon to fund a new play structure on the northeast corner of the front school yard. Special thanks goes to **Kristy Whittaker** for leading this event for the first time and to the entire team of volunteers for enabling this to happen! Tax receipts for donations of \$50 or above will be issued by the VSB before tax time. It isn't too late to get your money in! Please drop off your donations at the school office.

QSP Magazine subscriptions

A reminder that the QSP fundraiser has closed but you can still continue to order magazines any time of the year. Please consider looking through your QSP catalog that came home from school or go online to order or renew subscriptions at: www.qsp.ca (enter the General Wolfe School Group Code - 3701919). There are many great magazines for you, friends, neighbours and relatives. They make excellent holiday gifts! Questions? Contact Dawn Dunkerley at dadunkerley@yahoo.ca.

Family Photos

Family photos is now closed. Photos arrived on Tuesday, November 17th for pick up. Special thanks to Wendy Cameron our school's teacher librarian for volunteering her time to coordinate this event! We hope you enjoy the photos!

Delivery Update: Fresh To You BC Produce Orders:

Thank you to all of you who placed orders for a bundle of BC produce. The delivery to Wolfe arrived on Tuesday, November 17th. Each person who ordered a bundle would have been notified by email of the pick-up details. Questions? Please direct them to Libby Taylor, Samantha Hartley-Folz or Natasha Patton (njp.patton@gmail.com).

Thank you for all your support on fundraising for the events above!

Family Event: Halloween Dance – EVENT LEADS NEEDED!

While not intended as a fundraiser, this event still raised approx. \$369.75! It was a great success with 330 guests (plus 14 adults and 11 students)! Special thanks to Lisa Scott and Dawn Dunkerely for leading this event these past years! As mentioned, we need volunteers to take over this event next year to make this event happen again!

Parent Workshop:

Monday, November 16th was our first parent night of the year. SafeOnline presented “Parenting in a Digital Age”. Special thanks to Libby Taylor for organizing the session. Topics covered included:

- Popular Social Media and Apps explained
- Permanent digital reputations and their implications
- Gaming positives and negatives
- Online drama and abuse
- Sexting and online pornography
- Future trends in technology
- Parenting with technology
- Tips and tricks for staying safer online; establishing home internet use agreements, safer password choices, site privacy management, online scams and suggested online emergency resources
- A take-away link to SafeOnline exclusive collection of educational sites for parents

Reminder: Nesters Market

Nesters Market continues to be generous supporters of our school and has displayed signage in the market about donating your points to Wolfe. If you have points collected from shopping at Nesters Market, you now have the option to donate your points to Wolfe. Nesters has been more than generous with their donation of snacks and drinks for our students. For example, during the Walkathons and the Jump Math after school program, they donated all the healthy snacks and beverages. They were also generous sponsors of our Casino Night last school year. If you shop at Nesters, please extend a thank you for all that they do to support our kids.