



# GENERAL WOLFE PAC

## GENERAL WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

### December 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jathakore@gmail.com).*

**Room Escape Kits**

Here is an example of where some of our fundraising go towards. Special thanks to Colleen Von Dehn and Susan Nichols who volunteered their time to put together room escape kits. The purpose of these room escape kits is to help staff and students get out of a room during emergencies or after an earthquake. Here are some photos of the kits, courtesy of Susan Nichols:



### **Upcoming Event**

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. You can buy a ticket from a casino night committee member—Lisa Pratt, Ziad Alam, John Kim, Brent Nichols, Jeff Grant, Serena Verma. Tickets will be sold at the school during the last week before winter break—Dec 14-18. If you buy your ticket before Jan 1st, you will be entered to win a night of FREE babysitting. We will do the draw the week of January 4th. Tickets will also be available at the door...but don't wait to buy them! Based on the attendance last year, and word of mouth about how much fun everyone had—we are expecting to sell out!

### **Recently Completed Events – Thank you for your generosity!**

**Frozen Foods:** a big thank you to Libby Taylor for leading this fundraiser! Total profits raised: \$863.75!

**Rocky Mountain Flatbread:** a special thank you to Ruth Casey for organizing and leading this fundraiser!

#### **QSP Magazine subscriptions**

Thank you all who participated in the QSP Magazine Fundraiser. There are many happy readers out there!

The top selling classroom and it came down to mere dollars. We are pleased to announce that the TOP SELLING Classroom was MS Friesen's. They have won a one year free subscription to a magazine of their choice. Congratulations!

In addition to a Garfield back pack buddy for every two orders, the participants (149 orders) had their names put in for a random draw for three \$25 Book Warehouse certificates. We are happy to announce that Benjamin Schoenenberger (Ms Seger's class), Pauline Schellekens (Ms Jamal's class), and Victoria Tang (Ms Beeman's Class) were our winners. Congratulations participants!

I also want to encourage everyone to continue shopping at QSP.ca as we continue to benefit year round (about (\$10/magazine subscription). (School code 3701919). So far the proceeds to the Wolfe PAC have been just under \$1900.

Respectfully,  
Dawn Dunkerley

**Wishing you all a restful and safe holiday break!**