



PAC News

Deep Cove Elementary School / École Deep Cove

October 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We are extremely grateful for all the parent volunteers who have signed up for the many important positions on the volunteer sign up forms that went home last month. Everything we accomplish as a PAC is a joint effort and we are so fortunate to have such giving families in our school community. In this newsletter you will find the names of the class representatives, as well as committee coordinators.

Though an impressive number of volunteer positions are filled, a few important vacancies remain. The kids are wondering where the toast is!!! While a few volunteers came forward, no one has yet claimed the **Breakfast Club Coordinator** position. The coordinator is responsible for scheduling volunteers for morning shifts as well as keeping a good stock of peabutter, jam and bread. The **French Book Fairs** require a coordinator as does the **Grade 5 Graduation** committee. We are still looking for a replacement on the PAC Executive for Carolyn (our outgoing **Secretary**) and, still vacant is the **Volunteer Coordinator** position.

Another role that is available is for **School Planning Council** members. We need to elect 3 members to the Council at the PAC meeting on October 17th. The time required to fulfill this role is minimal. Council members attend a couple of meetings with Principal Carere to monitor and review the school plans. As well, members communicate information about the meetings to the PAC executive and general membership. If you would like details about the School Planning Council, about the available coordinator positions, or PAC Executive positions please contact Christine or Lisa, we'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

Thank you.
Christine Kenwood and Lisa Coulson

Transportation News!

There are now **3 buses** that take students to Deep Cove Elementary every morning!

The #2 Bus picks up students from Curteis Point and along Lands End Road.

The #4 Bus picks up students from Sidney and Pat Bay neighbourhoods and travels to Deep Cove along West Saanich Road.

And we now have a new School Bus to Deep Cove Elementary from Dean Park!

The #9 Bus now picks up students from the Dean Park neighbourhood traveling to Deep Cove Elementary. We can also confirm that the bus will now drop off Deep Cove students in the front parking lot of the school rather than the corner of Wain Road and West Saanich Road as was originally the case. After school these students will travel home to Dean Park on the **#4 bus**. We thank the School Board for continuously working with us to improve transportation for families attending Deep Cove Elementary.

For more information on bus routes and the districts busing policy check out the district website at sd63.bc.ca





Christmas Fair

T'is the season to begin planning, Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Although Christmas still seems to be such a long way away, it takes a lot of preparation and planning to put together our legendary Deep Cove Christmas Fair. We, Linda Scholten and Martine Lunke, will be the coordinators for this year's big event, and we are looking forward to working with all of you to make it another resounding success. The Fair is the PAC's main source of income and the school relies on this money to pay for things such as fieldtrips, learning resources, performing arts, sports equipment and many other things. That means that we need the involvement of **each and every family in the school** so that we can keep on enriching our children's educational experience.

At this point in time, we need to ensure that we have coordinators in place for all the venues. Some of last year's coordinators have already indicated their intention to do it again this year, and we thank them for their valuable contribution. However, we still need many more enthusiastic parents to coordinate the following venues:

- * **Games in the Big Gym:** One or two high-energy coordinators needed
- * **Snack Shack:** an essential venue that provides food to keep us all going (and spending).
- * **Silent auction:** we need a coordinator for the set-up of the auction room and for managing the auction on the night of the fair.

- * **The prizes room**
- * **Hair sculpture:** a bit messy, but so much fun
- * **Primary Games:** 2 coordinators needed, one for each room
- * **Primary Bounce**
- * **Face Painting**
- * **Poinsettias**
- * **Ice Cream**
- * **Hot Chocolate**
- * **Santa photos**
- * **Christmas in the barn**
- * **Stuffies:** we need somebody to wash all the stuffies
- * **Clean-up crew:** Big muscles needed to help put every item back in its place after the fair.
- * **Raffle:** our long-time coordinator Lorna Henderson will do it again, but since it is her last year at Deep Cove, she would like to train somebody who will then take it over next year.

Silent Auction: We have a coordinator for soliciting the donations, but she needs a few parents to help her solicit donations from local businesses in October and November. Also, we need another coordinator to set up the auction and run it on the night of the fair. We are already accepting donations for the silent auction and for the raffle. If you have a small business, or if somebody in your family does, we will gratefully accept your donation. Gift Certificates for service-based businesses usually sell very close to their face value at our auction, so every type of business can contribute. We thank you in advance. If you can help with the canvassing or coordinating of the silent auction, or if you have items to donate, please contact Christine Kenwood (c.kenwood@shaw.ca; 656-1349).

To volunteer for any coordinator position, or to get more information, or to tip us on somebody you think would be amazing for one of these jobs, please contact Linda Scholten (addictibles@telus.net; 656-5331) or Martine Lunke (martinelunke@uniserve.com; 656-5658). We would really like to have all coordinators in place within 2 weeks. Thank You for volunteering.

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October is International Walk to School Month!

10 Good Reasons to Walk to School Together

It's an adventure

It's healthy

It's non-polluting

It's economical

It reduces stress

It's a chance to teach and learn road safety skills

It's educational

It's a great way to meet new friends

It's a way to make streets safer

It reduces use of fossil fuels

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Deep Cove will hold its annual walk to school event on **Thursday Oct 18th!**

So far we will have two walking school buses leaving from two different starting points. One walking school bus will start from the Horth Hill parking lot at 8AM and a second walking school bus will leave from the Fire Hall at 8:25AM. Parent volunteers are needed to walk with the students. If you are available to volunteer please e-mail Lisa Coulson at lmcoulson@shaw.ca. It is not necessary to join the walking school buses as many families will prefer to walk directly from their homes. We may have even more walking school buses coming from your area! Please let us know if you would like to coordinate another bus.

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We also encourage students and families to add to the fun by making signs and flags to carry on this event. Volunteers are also needed to help bake muffins for refreshments at the front of the school. Contact Lisa Coulson if this is something you would like to help out with. During this week we will also have information available on busing and other transportation options, as well as the results from last year's transportation survey. You can find out more about Way to Go at www.waytogo.icbc.bc.ca

Safety Tips

When you and your children walk to school consider the following SAFETY TIPS. Emphasize these behaviors and talk about what you are doing while you walk.

- 1) Be Bright, Be Seen. Wear bright or light coloured clothing. Place reflective strips and tags on backpacks, coats, shoes, boots, umbrellas, strollers, bicycles, etc.
- 2) When crossing a road, look left, right, and left again. Make eye contact with stopped or slowing drivers to be sure you are noticed before crossing the road. Cross only when it is safe to do so.
- 3) Continue watching for traffic as you cross the road. Be aware that vehicles may pass or go around a stopped vehicle. Ensure that your child establishes that all cars are stopped before walking into the next lane of traffic.
- 4) Watch for traffic not just on roads but also in driveways and back lanes.
- 5) Always respect the instructions of police, by-law officers or school crossing guards and obey traffic signals. A child will do as you do.
- 6) When walking to school, or other destinations, avoid crossing the road diagonally at a corner, from between parked or stopped cars, or mid-block. Always cross at a crosswalk; either marked, or unmarked at an intersection. The behavior you model is an essential part of your child's traffic safety education.

COPACS NEWS

The **BCCPAC fall conference**, "Supporting student success through Parent Involvement" will take place at the Delta Victoria Ocean Point resort November 15th-18th. With Barbara Coloroso as the keynote speaker, this promises to be an excellent conference.

At the October COPACS meeting a motion was passed for COPACS to reimburse up to 50% of the registration fee for up to 2 parents per school up to a maximum of \$200 per parent. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Lisa Coulson or Christine Kenwood .

Also please note the following Special Event – Monday November 26th, 2007

School district employees, parents and students are invited to attend a special leadership seminar on November 26th, 2007.

Walking after Midnight: The Story of Bob With guest speaker, **Katy Hutchison**

Katy Hutchison is a concerned parent and restorative justice advocate with a compelling, real life story. In her very personalized presentation, Katy clearly describes how alcohol and other drug use, bullying, peer pressure, and misguided choices in an unchaperoned setting caused devastation to her family.

Location – Bayside Middle School 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Seminar Cost of \$35 includes dinner

Register by contacting Leigh Glancie at lglancie@sd63.bc.ca

Committee Coordinators and Class Representatives

Below are the names and contact information of our committee coordinators and class representatives. When you see these people in your travels through Deep Cove School's halls and in the yard, please take a moment to say **thanks** to them for donating their time and unique talents to our school.

Committee Coordinators

Name	Email	Committee
Angela Kleine-Buning		English Book Fair
		French Book Fairs
Julie Kaye		CPF
Debbie Trerice		Head Lice Check
Karie Whittaker		Head Lice Check
Fiona Coleman		Lesotho
Martine Lunke		Lesotho
Claudia Kazanowski		Lost and Found
Susanne McMillan		Earth Week
Anne-Marie Daniel		Earth Week
		Breakfast Club
		Breakfast Club
		Grade 5
Nancy Starkiewicz		School Supplies
Sally Morgan		Staff Breakfast
Janice Mosher		Transportation
Lisa Coulson		Way to Go
Grace Owen		Healthy Dolphins
Susanne McMillan		Healthy Dolphins
Linda Scholten		Christmas Fair
Martine Lunke		Christmas Fair
Sophie Johannessen		Earthquake Preparedness
Michelle Bohnet		Hot Lunch
Dawn Mooney		Safe Arrival
Chris Swain		Lunchtime 1-2

Class Representatives

Parent Name	Email	Teacher
Angela Kleine-Buning		Lebel
Mandy Coleman		Lebel
Tracey Jones		Lebel
Laurie Irwin		Jungen
Lee Fraser		Jungen
Dorine Pomphrey		Collins
Laurel Schoenrank		Collins
Carol Hoedeman		Robinson

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Parent Name	Email	Teacher
Eileen Wood		Robinson
Lisa Nordstrom		Backhaus & Roper
Lauri Gordon		Hardcastle & Menzies
Wendy Hubner		Beaudry
Janice Mosher		Davis
Karen Gartside		Davis
MaryLou McRae		Lanouette
Vik Peck		Lanouette
Shelly Rebneris		Hayes
Tanya Fletcher		Hayes
Jennifer Ottewell		Harward
Karie Whittaker		Harward
Teresa Ainey		Harward
Karalee Tremblay		Chouinard & Lister
Penny Sigouin		Chouinard & Lister
Chris & Cathy Swain		Manning
Cindy Greenway		Manning
Kirsten Wood		Nayda am
Leann Collins		Nayda am
Carla Kerr		Nayda pm
Ciara Dooley		Nayda pm
Melanie May		Nayda pm
Julie Jackson		Richards & Hill
Dawn & Charlie Mooney		Richards & Beaudry

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered as Class Representatives – for those of you wondering...here is a snapshot of what these volunteers are doing for our classes:

- Attend the PAC General Meetings, usually 5-6 meetings during the school year (typically every third Wednesday of the month). This is an ESSENTIAL task of the representative because it provides an important information link to and from the school community. If the class reps are unable to attend, it is expected that they ensure another person from their class attends the meeting.
- Pass some PAC information along to parents in your class via e-mail. At least one of the class reps from each class needs email access.
- Assist teachers, if required, to coordinate help for specific class events, such as baking, field trips, book orders or general classroom help.
- Help in contacting volunteers (names to be provided by the PAC) for events taking place during the school year.
- Help perform the emergency closure drill(s) to test the procedure.
- Be prepared to contact parents (your classroom only) in case of an emergency (ie school closure due to snow).