

PAC News

Deep Cove Elementary School / École Deep Cove



Newsletter Issue - October 2009

Message From the Presidents

Well, how time flies and we have had school photos taken, are preparing for Halloween and also starting to work on the Christmas Fair! Everything seems to be on track, so many of you have volunteered for a variety of things, including being Class Reps, a very important part of our school community. We thank you and look forward to working with you. As events come up, such as the English Book Fair, we may send out emails looking for more volunteers, please consider helping in any capacity you can.

Recently, your PAC executive received the annual funding requests from both staff and parents. They were reviewed and our recommendations are posted on the board just inside the front door. If you feel differently on any of the funding requests, have any questions or even if you agree with all of them, please come to the PAC meeting on October 21 where they will be voted on. Also at this meeting, we will recommend that the PAC votes in support of the Courtyard/Outdoor Classroom project. We recently met with the designer and contractors, the school district has given their approval and the work could start very soon!

As many of you may be aware, our district and our school is facing some very serious budget reductions, in no small part due to the actions of our provincial government. These cuts are already seriously affecting our school but credit goes to our administration and staff for seamlessly transitioning into a school year in which we don't know what to expect. Our kids, thanks to them, and to all of your hard work as parents and volunteers, still continue to get a great education and attend such a great school. As PAC we are fortunate to have strong budget, thanks to all of you, and we are attempting to manage it while we accommodate funding requests and also consider the current financial climate.

Our PAC executive has formed a committee to formulate a plan in response to the budget shortfalls and you will hear from them as time progresses. You will also hear shortly from our hard working Christmas Fair Coordinators, who will give you updates and will be seeking your assistance in celebrating the Fair's 30th year at Deep Cove!

– Chris Swain and Karen Gartside

Upcoming Dates

- PAC General Meeting - **October 21**
- Non-Instructional Day - **October 23**
- Halloween Parade - **October 30**
- Fruit & Veggie Program - **November 3 & 4**
- Picture Retakes - **November 6**
- Remembrance Day - **November 11**
- PAC General Meeting - **November 18**

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**Did you know that
all of our parents
are members
of the PAC?**

2009/2010 Class Representatives

Lebel:

Anne Marie Daniel
Christine Kenwood

Richards:

Kim Dennis

Collins:

Lisa Norden Infante
Kerry Stratton

Jungen/Sarty:

Fiona Coleman
Michelle Bohnet

Winkler:

Susan Fidyk
Janine Reedecker

Menzies/Roper:

Cathy Swain
Carol Phura

Beaudry:

Kelly Tomer
Julie B Jackson

Curnow/Williams:

Cindy Greenway

Lister:

Lisa Coulson
Penny Sigouin

Lanouette:

Janice Mosher
Leann Collins

Hayes:

Lara Gladych

Barradel/Manning:

Cathy Swain
Jessica Asano
Chelsea Comber

Hill:

Class Rep Needed

Chouinard:

Janice Garrett
Stacey Rees
Shaelynn Jackson

Manning:

Tina Cripps
Annilee Armstrong

Thomasson:

Lisa Coulson
Jennifer Toporowski

Thomasson:

Simone McClure
Lisa Griffin

2009/2010 Coordinators

Birthday Board:

Michelle Bohnet
Janine Redeker

French Book Fair:

Susan Fidyk

English Book Fair:

Karen Gartside
Leslie McLaughlin

Breakfast Club:

Volunteer Needed

CPF Rep:

Vik Peck
Susan Fidyk
Lisa Coulson

Christmas Fair:

Christine Kenwood

Earth Week:

Volunteer Needed

Earthquake**Preparation:**

Lisa Glover

Fruit and Veggies:

Grace Owen
Catie Oates-Hill

Grade 5 Activity:

Renate Vanaerts

Head Lice Check:

Dawn Mooney

Hot Lunch:

Michelle Bohnet

Lesotho:

Martine Lunke
Fiona Coleman

Library Helpers:

Mdme Sarty

Lost and Found:

Pamela Glover

School Supplies:

Dawn Mooney

Safe Arrival:

Dawn Mooney

Staff Year End Meal:

Several Coordinators

Way to Go:

Shelley Rebneris

Community Events

The BC Childhood Cancer Parents' Association (BCCCCPA) is holding a Casino Night and you are invited!! This non-profit charity is the Vancouver Island chapter of BCCCCPA, an organization that provides much needed emotional and financial support to parents while their children are undergoing treatment.

Where: Brentwood Bay Community Hall
7082 Wallace Drive, Brentwood Bay

When: Saturday November 21st , 7- 12 pm

Tickets: \$20.00

For more details and tickets, call Sue Kerr 250-652-2359

Special Funding Requests

Posting of Proposed Expenditures

Deep Cove Elementary PAC School Year 2009-2010

The PAC executive recommend that the PAC approve the following expenses outlined below.

Recommendations Made by the PAC Executive, October 7, 2009- to be voted on at October 21st AGM

EXPENSES

	Recommended	Original SFR
Expenses proposed by parents/PAC		
School in Need	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Buses & field Trips *	\$4,000.00	\$9,000.00
Curling Session	\$300.00	\$300.00
X-in guard	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Dansko Dance Studio	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Expenses proposed by Staff		
Microscopes	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
LCD Projectors	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Science Equipment/Materials	\$400.00	\$400.00
P.E. Pinnies	\$400.00	\$400.00
P.E. Hoops	\$250.00	\$250.00
P.E. Foam Balls	\$150.00	\$150.00
P.E. Frisbees	\$200.00	\$200.00
Primary Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rainbow Table & Easel/Reading Centre	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Recycling Bins	\$760.00	\$760.00
Digital Cameras *		\$3,400.00
Curriculum		
Can Lit	\$960.00	\$960.00
Red Cedar	\$550.00	\$550.00
Magazines	\$400.00	\$400.00
Robotics	\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00
Author in Residence (M. Sarty to propose at a later date)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Author in Residence (Eric Wilson, parent proposal)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Artist in Residence (Potter)	\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00
Classroom Expeditions	\$420.00	\$420.00
Lifecycles/Growing Schools	\$900.00	\$900.00
TOTAL:	\$23,240.00	\$33,890.00

*Deferred Decision involving Digital Cameras \$3400 and remainder of buses \$5000 until after Xmas Fair

Christmas Fair

Committee and Venue Coordinators

This years' Christmas Fair committee consists of Christine Kenwood, Martine Lunke, Linda Scholten, Lesley MacLaughlin and Chelsea Comber. Thanks to new and returning members!

Thank you as well to all the Venue coordinators who are returning (and that is over 80% of you!!!).

It certainly makes for a smooth start up to our Fair preparations when so many experienced, capable and enthusiastic hands are willing and able to pitch in again. It is going to be another great fair.

Poinsettias

By now you should have received your Poinsettia order forms in your child's communication envelopes. Please fill in the form and return it by Thursday, October 22nd. If you did not receive an order form, you can download one from the Deep Cove PAC website or pick one up from the rack in front of the main office.

Fair Venues Needing Coordinators

Most of the venues are claimed but we have a couple needing coordinators. Are you game? Primary Games – are your kids in K, 1 or 2? The Primary Games rooms are especially for them. These busy venues require 1 or 2 parents each to ensure that the Fishing Pond is full of goodies and the stuffie stock is kept up through the evening.

Thank You Cards - Deep Cove receives TONS of support from the community. An important component of recognizing the generosity of our many donors is ensuring that each receives a thank you card. Typically, a card writing party is planned for January and a half dozen or so people gather to write up the cards. Would you be willing to host the "party" this year?

Other jobs ...

Each year we receive piles and piles of stuffies that need to be washed. Linda will sort and bag them and we need 2 or 3 people to wash them and return them so that they can be used as prizes.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer for any of the positions, please call Christine at 250-656-1349 or email c.kenwood@shaw.ca

Deep Cove School 30th Annual Christmas Fair

Friday December 4, 2009

30 years of good cheer!

Our legendary Deep Cove Christmas Fair is just around the corner and this will be a special one, as we will be celebrating 30 straight years of cheerful FUNraising... you won't want to miss it. We would love to hear your ideas on things we could do to make this 30th Christmas Fair special. Do you have any creative ideas on how to mark this milestone?

Did you (or someone you know) attend the inaugural Christmas Fair (or other early Fairs)? What were they like? Are there any photos? Bring them to us and we'll put stories and photos together to share at this year's fair. You can contact us at c.kenwood@shaw.ca or martinelunke@shaw.ca.

Christmas Fair Emporium - Opens Soon

Books, Puzzles, DVD/CD, Games and Stuffies Collection

Boxes will be placed at the main office on November 1st to collect your donations for the Emporium and Book venues. Now is also a good time to make room in your closets for all these Christmas presents to come: many of the gently used items that you no longer need would make terrific gifts for sale in the Emporium venue. Many stuffed animals are also wanted as prizes for the primary games. Kids grown out of books, puzzles etc.? Donate them to the Fair and they'll find a new home.

Lesotho Update

Greetings to Deep Cove

I have been in Lesotho for over a month and have had a chance to meet a couple of times with staff from your twin at Motati. How happy they are with the support that you have provided to them. We have been able to provide them with about 100 pairs of shoes and a similar number of tracksuit uniforms for their children – I can tell you that when I arrived here over a month ago there was still frost on the ground some mornings and it was so cold at nights that I would wake up with sore knees from lying all night in the foetal position trying to concentrate my body heat. How do the poor grannies and their little ones survive lying on a blanket on the bare earth? The shoes and suits make such a difference to the Motati kids who are otherwise almost barefoot and with nothing on their legs and without jackets. The staff really appreciated Barbara's note to them dated just before your schools closed in June. They told me that you suggested that they relay through me any additional small things they need. Pencils and crayons and things like skipping ropes are always welcome (as long as they are not too many and are light and portable – as they eventually get transported here in someone's luggage). We just delivered today – courtesy of deep Cove - a dozen white shirts they needed for a cultural competition coming up and we have delivered seed potatoes, turnip, spinach, beetroot, carrot and other seeds for their new garden – planting starts in a couple of weeks as the risk of frost is pretty well past and the hundreds of peach trees are in bloom. "Alleluia, praise God," they said when they learned your generosity would provide these things. Another thing that we can use for Motati (and all the schools and for our community centers) are educational films for elementary school kids – such as about health (including sexual well-being) or other life-skill films for that age group. If you have easy access to such material and can get copies for us, they would be so welcome. I am copying Naida Hyde, as she is coming next month and perhaps I can impose on her to carry them with her, if you are able to find us any.

I will get back to you again soon about my visits and will send photos – including all the beautiful children in their new uniforms.

Thanks on behalf of your friends at Motati for the wonderful work you do for them.

Regards,

Stephen Kendall

Director Programs

Help Lesotho

610 Bronson Ave.,

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Book Fair

The Scholastic English Book fair will be in the Mini Gym from October 19th to October 22nd, 8:30am - 3:30pm. There is a great selection of books in time for those Christmas presents, or just to top up your library.

Did you know that up to 60% of the proceeds from the book fair goes straight back into our library? In recent years the money has bought new carpets for the library, shelving, assistance for Mme Sarty to get the books catalogued and of course new books!