

PAC News

Deep Cove Elementary School / École Deep Cove



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Message From the Presidents

As the first half of this school year comes to a close, and another successful Deep Cove Christmas Fair is in the books, we are reminded so often of how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful school. Is it the parents? Staff? Administration? The kids? It is definitely "all of the above" that make our school what it is. In the weeks and workup preceding the Christmas Fair, we had to explain to so many donors what the fair was about, and also to so many parents from other schools. Almost without fail, people are in shock by the sheer magnitude of the fair, the amount of parent and staff volunteer time that is needed, the amount of fun it must be, and lastly, the amount of funds annually set aside for our kids by this one event. Well, they are all right, it is enormous, a lot of work, a lot of fun and a great fundraiser, and we are so proud of it! Thank you for everything all of you have done so far this year, not just for the fair, but for all the other things from Lice Checks, Safe Arrival, and Hot Lunch, to Fruit and Veggies, book fairs, and things behind the scenes, like lost and found, earthquake preparedness and many others. We understand with today's busy schedules, that every minute is important. We just want to let you know that the minutes you volunteer in the school, no matter how you volunteer and no matter how often, are all appreciated, by the entire school community, especially the kids. Also, We would be remiss not to mention your PAC Executive before school closes for the holidays. In the new year, many of the faces on the executive will be moving on. We now look ahead to the elections in February for new faces to come forward and experience a role on the PAC executive. We have all found it to be a great experience, to be involved and to work closely with both school administration, with each other and with you on school issues. Now it is your chance to become involved, bring your ideas, bring your friends and make the executive just as fun and rewarding as it has been.

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday,

See you in the New Year!

– Chris Swain & Suzanne Demers

Upcoming Dates

- Christmas Assembly
December 16
- Hot Lunch Day - **December 17**
- Christmas Vacation
December 20 to January 3
- School Back in Session
January 4

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2010 Deep Cove Christmas Fair

Well Done Parents, Staff, and Community!!!

We did it again!!! The Christmas Fair was a roaring success thanks to our united efforts.

Thank you venue coordinators and volunteers.

So many parents, grandparents, siblings, Deep Cove students and teachers as well as Parkland students kindly signed up for over 300 shifts... WOW, it is truly overwhelming. The fair would not be possible and certainly not successful without your generosity of spirit, time, and effort.

A gold medal goes to Linda Scholten who put in countless hours helping the Christmas Fair coordinators. Thank you so much Linda!! Which leads to a thank you to our Christmas Fair coordinators, Lesley MacLaughlin, Martine Lunke and Chelsea Comber. What a fantastic job! Another trio that we would like to thank is Carol Nelson, Tara Houle and Karen Blair who kept track of all the cash and cheques that came in on the night of the fair. Glad we could count on you!

To all new parents, we hope that you and your children had a wonderful evening and have come to love the fair as much as the returning parents and children.

Many, many nods of appreciation must go out to those people and companies in the North Saanich community who donated items of food, silent auction and raffle prizes, sign painting, printing, etc. These people and companies will be sent thank you cards but if you know someone or are shopping at a store that provided us with a service or prize, please say

a few grateful words! Most don't come to the fair and would be gratified to hear that their donation was welcome.

In the mean time, please join the Christmas Fair committee in thanking:

- The staff and administration for their enthusiasm and tolerance.
- The Silent Auction team that help fill the mini-gym with such wonderful items and services and make them all so appealing
- Our PAC co-presidents, Chris Swain and Suzanne Demers, as well as the Treasurer, Carol Nelson for supporting the Fair behind the scenes
- All bakers, canners, and preservers who donated goodies to the bake sale ... YUM!
- All the students who sold raffle tickets
- All the families who donated stuffies, books, toys, and emporium treasures.

A very special thank you goes to Jack Johnson, our custodian, for his care and attention to our school. The fair goes up and comes down pretty quickly and, thanks to Jack and his team, the aftermath vanishes rapidly leaving the school looking as pristine when we return on Monday morning as it did before the whole Christmas ruckus began. Miracles DO happen around Christmas. We really appreciate your good cheer and helpfulness!!

Clean Up Crew Thank You

Thank you to everyone that stayed after the fair to help with the clean up. A very strong and eager group of parents stayed to help put the pieces back together again. If you have ever had to lift one of the old wooden tables then you have an idea of the muscle required to get the job done. Here is a list of those who stayed to help (apologies if we missed anyone):

Lesley Maclaughlin

Lisa Rintoul

Vik Peck

Judi Turnbull

Gary Sigouin

Colin Gardiner

Cam Williams

Nathan Stevens

Silent Auction Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated items and their time to the silent auction, every last item helped to make it the success that it was. The following list is of local businesses that supported the silent auction, please keep them in mind while shopping in the Victoria area! The list doesn't include the large amount of parents, grandparents, students and friends of the school who also donated items. These items are often the most popular and we thank you as well!

Adams Electronics	Grace Jack Home	Sidney Cleaners
Amaranta Designs	Green Village	Sidney Fire Department
Arbutus RV	Homefront Ideas	Sidney Music Works
Art and Soul Framing	Home Hardware	Sidney Pet Centre
BC Ferries	In Touch Cards and Gifts	Sidney Pier Hotel and Spa
Backfit Spinal Health	Janets Special Teas	Sidney Tire
Baden Baden Boutique	Jennifer Knapp Photography	Signature Dental
Beacon and Eggs	Jenny's Eco Garden	Silastial Glass
Black Press	Kiddin Around	Slegg Lumber
Body Barn	Kielzack Jewellers	Smashin Fashion
Bosley's	Knickerbockers	Spinnakers Spirits
Bowlin One Hour Photo	Lordco	Spitfire Grill
Brentwood Massage and Physiotherapy	Marias Souvlaki	Star Cinema
Browns Florist	Marks Work Wearhouse	Subway
Bubba Loo	Marmalade Boutique	Superior Collision
Buddies Toys	Mary Winspear Centre	Sweet Dreams Boutique
Butchart Gardens	Mineral World	Sweet Talk and Lace
Cameron Rose Gifts	Muffet and Louisa	Tanners Books
Carr, Buchan and Company	Muse Winery	Taste of Tokyo
Charles Dickens Pub	North Saanich Fire Department	The Source
Chevron Town Pantry	North Saanich Massage Therapy	Thrifty's
Christine Laurent Jewellers	Norwex	Tivoli Gallery
Clair Downey Service	One Stop Furniture Shop	Toast Cafe
Dairy Queen	Pat Bay Air	Travelodge Liquor Store
Dakotas Café	Peninsula Co Op	True Blue Esthetics
Deep Cove Market	Peninsula Dental	Usborne Book at Home
Dish Cookhouse	Peninsula Gallery	Vector Yacht Servicing
DJ Paulson Manufacturing	Peninsula U Brew Winery	Victoria Lavender
Dogs Breath Antiques	Peninsula Vacuum	Victorian Birdhouse
Exist Hairworks	Pharmasave	Victorias Stitch
Eyeland Optical	Re: Fresh	Video Express
Fandango Home and Garden	Red Barn Market	Viking Air
Fiorenza Flowers	Red Brick Café	Village Gallery
First Team Consulting	Riverbank Design	Water Lily Shoes
Fish on Fifth	Russell Nursery	Waypoint Marine
Fish Salon	Russ Hays Bicycles	West Coast Wood Design
Flush Bath Essentials	Salon J Studio	West Jet
Focus 5000 Hair Designers	Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre	West Marine
GA Bags	Shealynn Jackson Photography	Wine Kitz
	Shoppers Drug Mart	Woodworks Construction

30th Annual Deep Cove Fair Raffle Winners

1st Prize – 2 nights at Poet's Cove Resort and 2 flight from Pat Pay to Poet's Cove. This prize was generously donated by the Victoria Airport Authority and Saltpring Air. – won by Deborah Rogers

2nd Prize – four hour Fishing Trip for 4 people from Sidney Salmon Charters – won by Kirsten Bennett

3rd Prize - \$125 Deep Cove Chalet Gift Certificate – won by White/Infante Family

Kids Draw Prize – won by Kathy He

Selling the Most Raffle Tickets – three way tie (9 books each), won by Trevor Toporowski, Owen Davis, and Evan Monteith

Our raffle raised net proceeds of over \$6000 this year. Thank-you to all of you who bought and sold tickets. Our raffle committee worked hard to make, distribute and collect tickets back from the children. We would like to thank Theresa Hait (our school secretary) and all the teachers for their support. We would also like to thank Chris Swain, Michelle Os'bourne, and Maryan van Stolk for gathering such great prizes for the raffle.

Bless Your Sole!

This year for Christmas, will you consider giving a pair of shoes to a child at Motati School? We have so much and they have so little.

Lesotho is a mountainous country and the winters are cold, sometimes with snow on the ground. There is no heating in Motati School and the floors are made of cement. Many children have no shoes, or their shoes are so battered that they offer no protection. They often go to school and shiver all day for lack of proper clothing. Imagine trying to learn and concentrate when you can't even warm up. The need is as great as always, so we are repeating the shoes for Christmas campaign to give every child at Motati School who needs it a pair of decent shoes. Last year, we were able to purchase 100 pairs of shoes. Can we do it again this year?

This is how it works: every Deep Cove student has received a card with a drawing of a shoe on it and a short message that reads "This year for Christmas I would like to give a pair of shoes to a child at Motati School". We are hoping your family will use the card and include a child from Motati on your Christmas shopping list. I will send an e-mail to all parents with a digital copy of the card in case you need extra copies.

Please bring your donation to the Deep Cove School office early in January and we will send it to Help Lesotho. The donations can be in cash or in cheques

made payable to "Help Lesotho". We are collecting donations and not shoes, as it is very difficult to ship packages to Lesotho. The infrastructure is really bad and parcels often get stolen. Everything we send to our twin school must travel in somebody's suitcase. Also, by buying shoes locally, we can stimulate the local economy and help more than one family. \$25 will buy a good pair of leather shoes that will last for a while and Help Lesotho has assured us that all the money collected in the shoe campaign will be used for shoes for Motati School students, and if we collect more than needed, then for other items of clothing and necessities.

Please include a note with your name, address and phone number if you would like an official tax receipt. Your donation will make a big difference in a child's life.

Merry Christmas,

The Lesotho group

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