

DEEP COVE PAC

PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL INFORMATION BOOKLET



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WELCOME / BIENVENUE

The Parent's Advisory Council (PAC) wants all our children's school experiences to be as positive as possible. We serve both the French and English programs, and together with the teachers, administration, staff and students we:

- ◆ promote communication between the home and school,
- ◆ provide a forum for discussion of school-related matters,
- ◆ work to improve school programs and policies,
- ◆ sponsor many school events throughout the year, and
- ◆ raise money for special activities and school equipment.

Our main fund raiser, the Christmas fair, is a wonderful opportunity to support the school and really enjoy ourselves at the same time. Carnaval is another great event where the children eagerly await the arrival of Bonhomme. The PAC also sponsors guest speakers on a wide range of topics. The talks are both informative and another great way to meet other parents.

Our PAC is a member of COPACS (the Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich) and BCCPAC (the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils).

MEMBERSHIP

You are a member if you are a parent or guardian of a child attending Deep Cove School. In February, elections are held for the Executive which consists of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, COPACS Rep, Canadian Parents for French Rep, School Planning Council Rep, Associate Members, and Members at Large. If interested in serving on the Executive, please contact any member of the current executive for more information.

MEETINGS

All members are encouraged to attend PAC general meetings held throughout the school year, usually on the third Wednesday of the month. Meeting dates are listed on the PAC web site (www.deepcovepac.ca), the school calendar, and in PAC newsletters sent home with your children. The PAC executive has additional monthly meetings with the administration to discuss current issues/concerns, upcoming events, and to brainstorm opportunities to make our excellent school even better.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

PAC activities and programs rely entirely on parent volunteers. Every parent helper is appreciated at Deep Cove School, no matter the level of involvement. A volunteer form will be sent home in September; please use that opportunity to become involved in your child's school activities. Research shows that the earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects! (K. Cotton, K. Wikelund)

Some important areas you can volunteer for are: class liaison, safe arrival, hot lunch, library services and teacher assistance (both in and out of the classroom). Additionally, volunteers are always needed for special events such as: the Christmas fair, Carnaval, sports day, field trips and other sporting events. There are also many committees dealing with educational issues, at both the school and district level, which are another great way to get involved. Your help makes all the difference!

UNITY

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher -- the tools he used
Were books, music and art.
The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled with touch
That was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,
For behind the teacher stood the school
And behind the parent, the home.

Author Unknown

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

visit the PAC web site www.deepcovepac.ca
view the PAC bulletin board just outside the office
review the monthly PAC newsletters sent home
ask any member of the executive

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