

# Diefenbaker PAC

## Monthly Newsletter

### Welcome Back Diefenbaker Families!



The Diefenbaker Elementary's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) executive would like to welcome new parents and students and to welcome back returning families for the 2021/22 school year. Things will look a little different once again this year but that doesn't mean the PAC won't be working hard to support our school community.

As parents of students at Diefenbaker Elementary, you are all members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee. Some parents are able to volunteer in big or small roles; some attend meetings only. Others read our monthly newsletters and enjoy participating in the activities organized by PAC. We know not everyone can volunteer but any time you can spare to assist is always appreciated. Mostly, we just want you to feel connected to your child's school and know that PAC is here to help you navigate this chapter of your child's life!

#### SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO:

- Hot Lunch Program - twice a month pre-order a lunch for your child delivered right to their classroom! This is a significant part of our fundraising effort each year.
- "Early warning" - volunteer parents call home to check on any unexplained student absences.
- Traffic Safety - monitor traffic and pedestrians in the School Zone on Fortune Ave and watch for any safety concerns and assist our student Crossing Guards.
- School events such as Movie Nights, Family Skate Night, Spring Fair.
- Fundraisers such as Bottle Drive, Mabel's Labels, Purdy's Chocolates, Steveston Seafood House, Bake Sales, Bulldog Wear. Your ideas are always welcome.
- Monthly meetings - Learn more about what happens at the school from Ms. Wong and Mr. Livingston, have input into how PAC funds are spent and discuss how we can assist our school community.

**Next PAC meeting: October 21st @ 6:30pm (via zoom)**

#### STAY CONNECTED



Email:  
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Twitter:  
<https://twitter.com/diefenbakerpac>



PAC Page:  
<http://diefenbaker.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council-pac>

## Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in finding out more about the PAC, have some ideas to share, or are interested in helping out with, please [email the PAC](#).

### SOME THINGS WE HAVE HELPED FUND:

- High school scholarships for Diefenbaker alumni
- Fine Arts workshops such as dance lessons and theatre performances.
- Classroom funds and school wish list items such as: technology, playground, music and gym equipment.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES A DIEFENBAKER

Throughout the year volunteer opportunities will unfold. At this time, we are currently looking for:

#### Hot lunch volunteers:

Help sort and distribute food on hot lunch days  
If you are available on any of the following days,  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up on the [hot lunch ordering](#) page or email Tressa @ [diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com)

#### Traffic Safety volunteers:

10 plus parents needed to volunteer for a rotation schedule. One morning, every two weeks from 8:25am to 8:50am.

#### **NEW** Classroom Reps:

As students settle into their new classrooms, we are looking to have a parent(s) classroom rep from each division to act as a liaison between the school/ PAC and families. Please email Melissa and Nicole @ [diefenbakerpac@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerpac@gmail.com)

**Early Warning volunteers:** TBD

#### **NEW** Fundraising Coordinator:

Coordinate fundraising projects with the PAC



### ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

[mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) – Coming soon! Information will be available on the PAC Website.

[Return It – Bottle Drive](#) – Return bottles to the Return It Centre. Use the school phone number 604-668-6639 and the Money will be deposited into our account.

Hot Lunch Days – order online

### PAC Executives 2021/2022

(Elected at the AGM in May 2021)

**NEW Co-Chairs** - Melissa Burns & Nicole Stoltz

**NEW Treasurer** - Anney Ha

**Secretary**- Kelly Simmons

**Hot Lunch Coordinator** - Tressa Cabana

### PAC Meeting Dates for 2021/2022

October 21 @ 6:30pm  
January 27 @ 6:30pm  
November 25 @ 6:30pm  
February 24 @ 6:30pm  
April 21 @ 6:30pm  
May 26 @ 6:30 pm (AGM)

### MEET YOUR NEW PAC CO-CHAIRS

Hello everyone! We are excited to be your new PAC chairs this year and we look forward to meeting new faces and reconnecting with many Diefenbaker families. You can often find us at the playground or outside our children's classrooms. Melissa has a daughter starting kindergarten and we both have sons in grade 2. Please feel free to email us any time @[diefenbakeac@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakeac@gmail.com)