

Diefenbaker PAC

Welcome Back Diefenbaker Families!



The PAC executive (Diefenbaker Elementary's Parent Advisory Committee) would like to welcome new parents and students and welcome back returning families for the 2023/24 school year.

As parents of students at Diefenbaker Elementary, you are all members of the PAC. Some parents can volunteer in big or small roles, some may just attend meetings. Others read our updates or 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **Fresh to you** order deadline this Friday! Bring in completed forms and money in a sealed bag to the office by **Friday, October 13th**.
- **Bake Sale – Monday, October 16th** Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084DAEA923A5F58-44986150-october>
- **Hot Lunch Days – *Reminder*** Orders are due and close 8 days before the hot lunch day. Lunch days: October 13th – Pizza | October 19th – Olive November 3rd - Sushi | November 17th – DQ | November 24th – Hi5 | December 1st – Pizza December 15th – Olive | January 12th – Sushi | January 26th – DQ | February 9th – Olive Feb 22nd – Pizza | March 1st – Sushi | March 8th – DQ | April 5th – Olive | April 19th Pizza April 26th – Hi5 | May 3rd Sushi | May 10th – Hi5 | May 16th – Pizza | May 31st -Olive | June 21st TBD
- **Skate Night – Tuesday, December 12th – 5:45 - 7:00**
- **Next PAC Meeting - Thursday, November 30th - 6:30pm – 7:45pm**

SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO:

- Hot Lunch Program – pre-order lunch for your child delivered right to their classroom! Order here: <https://diefenbaker.parentcouncil.net>
- School events such as Picnic in the Park and Family Skate Night.
- Fundraisers such as the Walk-a-thon, bottle drive, Fresh To You, Bake Sales, Mabel's Labels, and Purdy's Chocolates. New ideas are always welcome.
- Meet every few months and learn more about what is happening at the school from Ms. Vosahlo and Mr. Vines, have input into how PAC funds are spent, and discuss how we can assist our school community.

WE'RE SOCIAL



Email:

diefenbakerpac@gmail.com



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/diefenbakerpac/>



Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/diefenbakererelementary/>



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, please [email the PAC](mailto:diefenbakerpac@gmail.com).

SOME THINGS WE HAVE HELPED FUND:

- High school scholarships for Diefenbaker alumni.
- Class field trip funds (\$10 per student) and Fine Arts workshops such as hip-hop lesson in December.
- 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. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our first Picnic in the Park such a success. Currently, we are looking for:

Hot lunch volunteers: Help sort and distribute food on hot lunch days. Please sign up on the [hot lunch ordering page](#) or email diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising Coordinator:

Coordinate fundraising projects with the PAC i.e., Purdy's Chocolate, bake sale, etc.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

mabelslabels.ca – Is your child already misplacing their belongings at school? Get labels for absolutely everything. Select "Support a fundraiser" and type in "**Diefenbaker Elementary (Richmond)**." We will receive 20% of all orders!

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. Notice and bags sent home this week.

Cobs Bread - Dough Raiser Program – (Blundell location) Mention Diefenbaker Elementary School and 5% of your sale is donated back to the school

PAC Executives 2023/2024

(Elected at the AGM in May 2023)

Co-Chairs - Melissa Burns & Nicole Stoltz

Treasurer - Anney Ha

Secretary- Kelly Simmons

Hot Lunch Coordinator –

Carri Wong, Eva Wong, Stephanie Crossley

Fruit and Veggie Coordinator – Smita Galbraith

Members at large –

Tressa Cabana, Mimi Matsuo, Angela Leung

PAC Meeting Dates for 2023/2024

Thursday, November 30th

Thursday, January 25th

Thursday, April 25th

Thursday, May 30th -AGM

All meeting minutes can be found on the school [website](#).

MEET YOUR PAC CO-CHAIRS

Hello everyone! We are excited to be your PAC chairs for the 2023/24 school year. With two years under our belts, we are a little less green and look forward to hosting events, such as The Picnic in the Park, meeting new faces, and reconnecting with many Diefenbaker families. We both have sons in grade 4 and Melissa has a daughter in grade 2. Please feel free to email us any time at diefenbakerpac@gmail.com

