



# Diefenbaker PAC

## Welcome Back Diefenbaker Families!

The PAC Executive (Diefenbaker Elementary's Parent Advisory Committee) warmly welcomes all new parents and students and welcomes back our returning families for the 2024/25 school year!

As parents of Diefenbaker Elementary students, you're all automatically members of the PAC. Whether you can volunteer in a big or small role, attend our meetings, read our updates, or simply enjoy the activities we organize, there's a place for everyone! We understand that not everyone can find time to volunteer, but any help you can offer is always greatly appreciated.

Above all, we want you to feel connected to your child's school. The PAC is here to support you and help you navigate this exciting chapter of your child's life. Together, we can make this a wonderful year for our entire Diefenbaker community!

### MARK YOUR CALANDARS:

· **Picnic in the Park** - Friday, September 27th from 4pm to 7pm. Join us for an evening of fun and community! Check out the attached notice for more details. We can't wait to see you there!

· **Hot Lunch** - Reminder: First Hot Lunch is October 4th! Make sure to place your orders on time! Orders are due and will close 8 days before each hot lunch day. Don't forget to use our school code 4511 when you sign up at [diefenbaker.parentcouncil.net](http://diefenbaker.parentcouncil.net). See the attached notice for more details!

· **Orchard harvest fundraiser** - Place your orders online until Wednesday, October 9, 2024! Click **APPLE** to place your order and support our school.

· **PAC Meeting - Wednesday, October 2nd - 6:00pm - 7:30pm** Join us for important discussions, including a replacement school update. We hope to see you there!

### SOME OF THE THINGS WE DO:

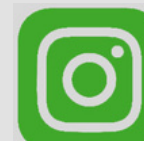
- **Hot Lunch Program:** Enjoy the convenience of having lunch delivered right to your child's classroom!
- **School Events:** Join us for fun-filled events like the Picnic in the Park and Family Skate Night - great opportunities to connect with other families!
- **Fundraisers:** Help support our school through various fundraisers, including the Walk-a-thon, Bake Sales, Orchard harvest fundraiser, Mabel's Labels, and Purdy's Chocolates. Have a fresh fundraising idea? We'd love to hear it!
- **PAC Meetings:** We meet every few months to stay updated on school happenings with Ms. Vosahlo and Mme. Stevenson, provide input on PAC fund allocation, and explore ways to support our school community. All parents are welcome to join!

### WE'RE SOCIAL!

Stay connected with us! Follow along for updates, events, and all the latest from the PAC.



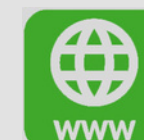
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Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/diefenbakerelementary/>



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



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

*The PAC is seeking a creative Social Media Coordinator to help keep our school community informed and engaged—email us at [diefenbakerpac@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerpac@gmail.com) if you're interested!*



## Everyone is welcome!

If you'd like to learn more about the PAC, share your ideas, or offer your help, please email us at [diefenbakerpac@gmail.com](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, like the hip-hop lesson in December.
- Classroom Funds and School Wish List Items, including technology, playground improvements, music instruments, and gym equipment.

### PAC Meeting Dates for 2024/2025

**Wednesday, October 2nd**

Wednesday, November 27th

Wednesday, January 29th

Wednesday, April 9th

Wednesday, May 28th -AGM

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

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL with these ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Mabel's Labels:** Is your child already misplacing their belongings? Label everything with Mabel's Labels! Go to [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca), select "Support a Fundraiser," and type in "Diefenbaker Elementary (Richmond)." Our school receives 20% of all orders!
- **Return It - Bottle Drive:** Return your bottles to the Return It Centre and use the school phone number (604-668-6639). The funds will be deposited directly into our account.
- **Cobs Bread - Dough Raiser Program:** When you shop at the Blundell location, mention "Diefenbaker Elementary School," and 5% of your purchase will be donated back to the school.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, many chances to get involved will come up. Right now, we're looking for help with the following:

- **Picnic in the Park:** We need 80 volunteers to make this community event a success! Please consider contributing at least one hour of your time.
- **Hot Lunch Volunteers:** Assist in sorting and distributing food on hot lunch days. Sign up on the hot lunch ordering page or email us at [diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com).
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Help us plan and coordinate fundraising projects like Purdy's Chocolates, bake sales, and more.

Your time and effort are always appreciated!

### PAC Executives 2024/2025

(Elected at the AGM in May 2024)

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

**Treasurer** - Kathleen Stevens

**Secretary** - Angela Leung

**Hot Lunch Coordinator** - Stephanie Crossley

**Fruit and Veggie Coordinator** - vacant

**Members at large** - Anney Ha

### MEET YOUR PAC CO-CHAIRS

We're thrilled to be your PAC chairs for the 2024/25 school year! With three years of experience, we're feeling more confident and excited than ever to bring our community together. This year, we're planning some fantastic events, like the Picnic in the Park, and can't wait to see familiar faces and welcome new ones!

We both have sons in Grade 5, and Melissa also has a daughter in Grade 3, so we're right there with you in the school journey!

Since this will be our last year as PAC chairs, we're on the lookout for enthusiastic new parents to take the reins next year. It's a great way to get involved, make new friends, and help shape our amazing school community. If you're interested or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to email us at [diefenbakerpac@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerpac@gmail.com).

Looking forward to an incredible year together!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
**DIEFENBAKER ELEMENTARY**

**Picnic**  
in  **the**  
**PARK**



**STEP RIGHT UP AND HAVE A BALL  
BBQ, GAMES, AND FUN FOR ALL!**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 4:00 – 7:00PM**

**CARNIVAL GAMES | BOUNCY CASTLES | BBQ | CONCESSION  
FACE PAINTING | BASKET RAFFLES | BOOK SALE**

**Comedy Magician  
Chris Yuill  
6:15 - 7:00 PM**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



**BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS TO  
DIEFENBAKER PARK & PLAYGROUND**

**PLEASE EMAIL THE DIEFENBAKER PAC FOR ANY QUESTIONS:  
DIEFENBAKERPAC@GMAIL.COM**



# Diefenbaker Hot Lunch Program for School Year 2024/2025

## Registration:

To participate in our Hot Lunch Program, all users must register or re-register each year. Follow the steps below to sign up: Visit [diefenbaker.parentcouncil.net](http://diefenbaker.parentcouncil.net).

1. Click the "Register" menu at the top right-hand corner to sign up. Our school code is: 4511.
2. Enter your name, email address, phone number, and create a user ID and password. Confirm your password to complete registration.
3. Once registered, you will be logged onto the website.
4. Add your students by clicking the "STUDENTS" button or the "PROFILE" menu tab. Once your students are added, you can place lunch orders immediately by clicking the "ORDER" button.

## Orders and Payments:

- You may order for as many or as few dates as you like. Payments are made online via credit card.
- **Orders are due and close 8 days before the hot lunch day.**
- **If an order is not paid by the due date, the system will automatically cancel it.**

## Additional Notes:

- A concession stand will be open during hot lunch days at the multipurpose kitchen.
- If your child is ill or away on a hot lunch day, please email us at [diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com) by 11 am that day. We will hold your child's lunch at the office from noon until the end of the lunch break. Parents, grandparents, or siblings are welcome to pick it up; however, lunches will not be held after the lunch break.
- If you can assist as a volunteer on a lunch day, please check the box at the bottom of your child's order or under the 'Orders' tab - 'Volunteer Sign Up.'

**Please Note:** There are no refunds as this is a PAC fundraising program. Your support is greatly appreciated, and all funds collected go toward supporting school programs, resources, and equipment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:diefenbakerhotlunch@gmail.com).

**October 4th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline Sept 26th)

**October 18th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline Oct 10th)

**October 24th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline Oct 16th)

**November 1st** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline Oct 24th)

**November 15th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline Nov 7th)

**November 29th** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline Nov 21st)

**December 13th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline Dec 5th)

**December 20th** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline Dec 12th)

**January 17th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline Jan 9th)

**January 31st** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline Jan 23rd)

**February 13th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline Feb 5th)

**February 28th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline Feb 20th)

**March 14th** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline March 6th)

**April 4th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline March 27th)

**April 17th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline April 9th)

**May 2nd** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline April 24th)

**May 15th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline May 7th)

**May 30th** - Libby's Kitchen  
(order deadline May 22th)

**June 6th** - Pizza Factory  
(order deadline May 29th)

**June 20th** - Sushi Lovers  
(order deadline June 12th)