

FALSE CREEK ELEMENTARY PAC (PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2010

A very well attended first PAC meeting of the year took place on Monday, September 27. We discussed the structure and future plans for our group, met our new principal, Mr. Bruce Murton, and elected our new PAC Executive.

PAC Executive and Committees 2010-2011

Chair:	George Affleck
Vice-Chair:	Larissa Warrington
Treasurer:	Susan Efting (with Minisha Decosas assisting)
Co-Secretaries:	Leslie McKnight and Michael Scott
Sports and Recreation Committee:	Wendy Teufele
Social Committee:	Gail Taylor, Erin Cathcart, Chloe Sample
Arts and Culture:	-VACANT-
Fundraising:	PAC Executive

Thanks to all parents who joined us, especially those who attended their first (of many we hope!) PAC meeting and to those parents who are new to the school. Thanks also to our departing Treasurer – Donna Fjell – and Secretary – Micheal Milner – for their volunteered time and energy.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but were hoping to find out more about PAC and how to get involved, please contact **George Affleck**, Chair, at **604-618-4496** or george@curvecommunications.com or visit our website at www.falsecreekpac.ca.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS...

Thursday, October 14

5:00 - 9:00pm

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT

Book a 15 minute photo session with our new school photographers, Lifetouch. You will receive a complimentary colour 8x10 photo, and our school receives the session fee. Please see attached form.

Monday, October 18

6:00 - 7:30 pm

PAC MEETING

In the school library. Childcare is provided by Grade 7 students in the gymnasium.

We will be reviewing our budget and programs for the year. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Thursday, October 21

12:00-12:30 pm

HOT LUNCH - PIZZA

If you are able to assist us distribute lunch to students please contact Larissa Warrington at lswarrington@gmail.com

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We now have more than 70 runners on our team with many new faces. We have almost tripled in size with the inclusion of grades 1 and 2 for the first time. These young runners are inspiring their peers, older students and parents (many of whom are joining us for morning practices and cheering at the mini-meets.)



Practices are held every **Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:20-8:50 am**. Ms Hudec, a student teacher for Ms Wallace, coaches our primaries. Mr. Proctor takes the intermediates for a longer run. We encourage parents to bring their running shoes and join our coaches in the mornings as more friendly support and extra eyes are very helpful.

We still require drivers for our mini-meets at Douglas Park on the following dates: **Tuesday, October 12 and 19 from 3:30-4:30**. The final meet takes place at Trout Lake on **Tuesday, October 26 from 1-3pm**. If you are able to drive, please contact Ms Wallace at mswallacefc@gmail.com or Wendy Teufele at wteufele@shaw.ca.

A big thanks to our teacher coaches – Mr. Proctor and Ms Hudec, Ms Wallace who maintains administration and organizes drivers, and parent volunteer Wendy Teufele who helps organize drivers and brings clean jerseys to our meets.

Family Portrait Night

An easy way to create a great memory and help our school raise money!

Our new school photographers, **Lifetouch**, are offering False Creek Elementary families an opportunity to attend a 15 minute session at our school on **Thursday, October 14 from 4:00-8:00 pm**.

Participating families will receive one complimentary colour 8x10 photo and a selection of poses. Additionally, the session fee of \$15 per family will be donated to our school.

If you are interested in booking a session, please complete the attached form and return to your child's teacher or the office with payment no later than **Wednesday, October 13**.

Hot Lunch - Pizza **Thursday, October 21**



The first hot lunch served this year will be Panago pizza. Order forms will be sent home soon.

If you are able to help from 12:00 – 12:30 pm on this day with distributing food, please contact Larissa Warrington at lswarrington@gmail.com or 604-731-4243.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW: Piano Accompanist Needed! Ms Berney, our Librarian and Choir Director extraordinaire, is looking for a piano accompanist for the school choirs. We have been without an accompanist for several years and are hoping that a parent might be available to help. Ms Berney is flexible with timing. If this is your forte, please contact Ms Berney asap!

Safe Arrival Program: The Safe Arrival program is entirely reliant upon parent volunteers. All training is provided and it is easy to learn. If you can spare approximately 15-30 minutes of your time (9:00 AM -9:30 AM) even once per month, your support would be most welcome. For more information: please see the PAC website at www.falsecreekpac.ca

Book Covering: Join parents in the library on **Friday mornings beginning at 9:00 am** to cover books for our library. A great way to meet new parents and help preserve our fabulous library collection. Ms Berney, our librarian, provides the supplies and the treats.

Lunch Program: Parent help required to distribute food items in the gym between **12:00-12:45 pm** in the gym. We provide a lunch option for students once a month (beginning in October). Last year we served pizza, subs, wraps and smoothies. This year we'd like to add more choices such as pasta, hamburgers and sushi. Please consider lending your support for this popular program. More information will be available on our website: www.falsecreekpac.ca.

JOIN THE FUN AND GET INVOLVED!

Throughout the year, the False Creek PAC requires volunteers for various activities and events. Volunteering is a great way to get to meet the students, parents/guardians and staff of our great school. Please provide us with your contact information and we will be happy to add you to our volunteer list.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I am not able to volunteer but I would like to receive PAC/School news via email.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INTERESTS OR SKILLS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

(FORM MAY BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE OFFICE)