

FALSE CREEK ELEMENTARY PAC

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Making False Creek Elementary School the very best for your children.

ART WORKSHOP AND GALA 2012

with Artist Phyllis Shwartz and Clay Masks



False Creek PAC has invited artist Phyllis Schwartz to our school for an **ART WORKSHOP IN CLAY** on **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 27th and 28th and Tuesday, December 11 during school hours.** Each student will

have the opportunity to create a clay mask.

Phyllis Schwartz is an 'artist in residence' with the Vancouver School Board and offers her expertise in teaching clay skills to children of all ages. This workshop will provide every student an opportunity to work with an experienced clay educator and for many, their first experience working with clay. Please visit the artist's website to view some of the finished products: www.psccreates.com.

We are asking for parents to contribute **\$10.00 per student** to cover the artist time and the cost of materials - substantially less than a private lesson and about the same cost as many class field trips. No student will be denied an opportunity to attend the workshop due to lack of funds.

The completed masks will then be available at the PAC sponsored **ART GALA** on **December 19th from 5:30-7:30pm** in the school gym. At the GALA, parents & family members are invited to view/purchase the masks on display. In a 'silent auction' format, bids will be accepted on all works at the GALA.



If you are not able to attend the art GALA, we will be happy to make arrangements to secure the mask for your child. Unsold masks will be offered to families with a donation to the PAC following the GALA.

**** LAST YEAR OUR ART GALA RAISED MORE THAN \$1,200! ****

Special thanks to the staff of False Creek Elementary for supporting this project!

Any questions, please feel free to contact **Kathleen MacDonald** at kathleen.macdonald@bms.com or 778-229-4867.

Run Club Update

Now that the rain is upon us, our Run Club will be taking a break until the spring. We had a phenomenal fall season with great weather and a HUGE turn-out. Run Club participants collectively ran over **250 kms** in our fall season!!! Lots of great participation and progress was made. Hooray! We look forward to our spring season.



Cross Country Final

Our cross country running season ended on Thursday, November 25 at the Trout Lake District Final Meet. Congratulations to our athletes who performed their best as runners and ambassadors of False Creek Elementary. As always, our students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm at this event!

A big thanks to our teacher coaches – **Ms. Cotter, Ms Woron, Ms Nanji and Mr. Proctor** and parent volunteers for organizing the carpool and bringing clean jerseys to our meets.

** If you still have a jersey at home, please return it to the office asap. **

Volleyball Begins

Our next team sport is **VOLLEYBALL** for **grades 5-7**. With a great response from students, we have 2 Girls Junior (grades 5-6) and 2 Girls Senior (grades 6-7) teams representing False Creek.

Because we have such a large number of participants, we now have a big need for parent drivers. We could also use some help with coaching.

If your child has joined a volleyball team and you can drive OR if you have an interested in helping out with coaching, please contact **Ms Wallace (Division 7)** at mwallace@gmail.com.

Good luck to our volleyball teams!



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Direct Donation Campaign needs your help!

As of the beginning of November, our Direct Donation Campaign has raised almost **\$6,000**. We are getting closer to our goal of **\$10,000** for this year and we need your help to reach it.

The Direct Donation Fundraising Campaign is our PAC's most substantial fundraising effort. It ensures that 100% of the money donated goes directly to fund school activities not paid for by the School District or Province.

These include whole or partial funding for:

- new fiction and non-fiction books for our library
- Chocolate Lily and Red Cedar book clubs
- supplies for Knitting Club
- an accompanist for the school choirs
- Run Jump Throw equipment to introduce primary students to track and field skills
- field trips for each class
- performances and science workshops for the school
- week-long dance and sports workshops for each class
- grade 4 swim program
- art workshops for all classes
- team jerseys and other sports equipment
- grade 7 camping trip and year end celebration

The alternatives to donating directly to the school include purchasing (and having students sell) a variety of products for which the school only receives a percentage of earnings and increased requests for parent volunteers to support fundraising efforts.

Community Garden proposal submitted



Our new **Environment Committee** led by parent Krista Summer has been involved in the proposal for a **community garden** to be established just outside the chain fence on the northwest soccer field by the school.

A partnership between the False Creek Community Association, the False Creek Coop and False Creek Elementary school has resulted in strong support for this project. We will know soon if this proposal is accepted by the City of Vancouver.

If you have any questions or ideas for this committee or would like to help out, please contact our Environment Committee Chair at kristasummer@mail.com.

To maintain our current level of PAC support for school activities, we require approximately \$10,000 annually. Last year we raised almost \$7,000, meaning that we were required to raise additional funds through other efforts just to meet our basic level of PAC support. The more money we raise, the more programs we can support!

Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 and we need your help! While we ask that each family consider a donation of \$50, any amount you are able to contribute is greatly appreciated. Donations of \$10 or more are eligible for tax receipts. **Please return your donation by Friday, December 14 for a receipt for 2012.**

Forms are located on the PAC bulletin board located at the main entrance to the school, the office, and online at www.falsecreekpac.ca.

A big thank you to all who have already contributed!

Next PAC Lunches

Thursday, November 15:

International Flavours -
Rice and More

Thursday, November 29:

Sushi and Soup

Thursday, December 13:

International Flavours -
Burritos and more

To order, go to

www.breadgardenkidseats.com
due Wednesday a week prior to lunch.

Our next PAC Meeting is...

Tuesday, November 20 from 6:30-7:45 pm in the school library.

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided at the school by our grade 7 students.

** Please note that there is NO MEETING in December **

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