

# PAC UPDATE



## We're Baaaaaack!

It has been almost a month of packing lunches...filling up water bottles...finding missing shoes at 8:32am...signing some forms.....looking for coat at 8:34am...grabbing our new fancy mask accessory and heading off to school to hang with our new classmates & learn cool stuff!

**PAC would like to WELCOME BACK all the returning families & send a big WELCOME to all the new families!**



This "PAC UPDATE" section of the school newsletter will serve as a great place to get updated info on Parent Advisory Council activities, fundraisers, and SES PAC community events and opportunities!

As we adhere to COVID policies, PAC may not get to host the same events this year – but we are committed to sharing information and being a resource to parents/guardians all while creating community and laughs like previous years!

**As a reminder, anyone who is a parent or guardian of a student at Springwood Elementary School is automatically a member of the PAC! Our elected executive team is here to represent YOU and YOUR family.**



- What school activities interest you?
- Do you have a great idea for a creative COVID Social Distant Project PAC could do?
- Do you have a fundraising idea?
- Are you new to the area and want to meet more parents and families?
- Do you want to be involved with the school memories created for your family?

**You've come to the right spot!**

**We are excited to get to know everyone over the next 9 months as we create memories together!**

## Find out more about PAC

Since we have 13 years together, let me take the time to introduce to you "What is a PAC anyway!!?"

- ✓ Check out the handy **PowerPoint** presentation PAC created to answer all those questions you have had:

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/)



*We are all volunteers and parents just like you!* Feel free to email us and ask us any questions about our fantastic SD69! If you have a question – I bet someone else does too. PAC is here to help make this 13 year journey a PARTY!!! (you know...while we are filling out forms and picking out mystery, moldy food items stuck to the inside of our kids backpacks!)

**Contact Us**

**Email: [springwoodpac@gmail.com](mailto:springwoodpac@gmail.com)**

## Our school ROCKS!

In the spirit of social distancing...PAC has come up with a great project YOU can participate in!

# TAKE HOME ROCK DECORATING PROJECT!!!

**WHO:** Springwood families! Kids, parents, grandparents! (The dog's footprint???)

## WHAT:

- PAC would like to help decorate the front of our school garden beds with a painted rock border! There are some rocks there now and we invite families to find a rock (*bigger than softball, but smaller than a volleyball*) and paint it!
- When it is done, leave it up in the garden bed by the front door. PAC volunteers will collect them and spray seal them, and then place them around the garden beds.



**WHEN:** October & November (Maybe we'll do it again in the Spring, but it would be nice to get some more rocks out there now so the kids can enjoy them sooner)

**WHY:** Because painted rocks are cool! Because painted rocks outside the school welcoming kids & guests every day is even cooler! #SchoolPride #LetsGoFindOurSESRock

## Hot Lunch

*"Will there be Hot Lunch this year?"*

That is the question of the day... Answer: *"Maybe"* (see – that's a good parent type answer!)

In short, as SD69 adheres to COVID protocols, PAC's need to think about if/how a Hot Lunch would work. **Here's our challenges:**

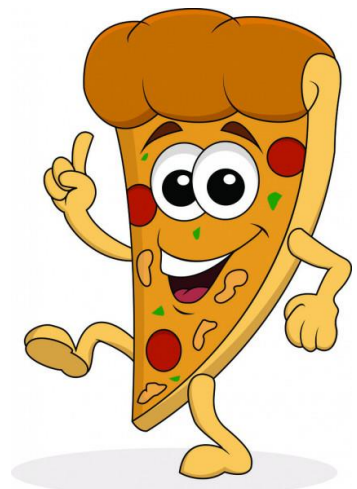
- Large groups of volunteers can't be in the school (Typically hot lunch requires 5-10 volunteers on average setting up a command center in the Foods room for around 5 hours while we sort and pack hot lunches then deliver to 21 classes)
- Staggered lunch hours for cohorts – This presents challenges if we were, for example, going to get Pizza dropped off.
- Uncertainty: In general, PAC could plan hot lunches, place vendor orders, shop for inventory...but if our COVID phases were to change and things get shut down in the City....well....PAC might then just curl up in the corner with their 100 pizzas and cry.

## BUT WAIT!....THERE'S MORE:

PAC is thinking of a way we could offer something like "Bring a toonie and get a juice box, packaged Rice Krispie square or treat" .... Or something like that, where we could set up a volunteer table outside and teachers can bring their classes and money up to participate during a lunch or recess.

**Do you have an idea of how we could offer some "Hot Lunch" type treats while adhering to COVID guidelines?**

*Join the next PAC Meeting Zoom and let us know!*



**This month's PAC Meeting:** (Nice segue eh!?!):O)

Our monthly PAC meeting will be held on

## Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm – Via Zoom!

- ✓ Immediately following this *general* meeting will be the *annual PAC Budget Meeting & Elections*

### **Zoom Dial in Info:**

SES PAC Meeting Time: Oct 29, 2020 06:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83546047117?pwd=UzZUQzNISkRPUzJSUDkyaEJFRytOUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 4604 7117

Passcode: 141356

This event  
takes place only  
once a year  
don't miss out!

All parents and guardians of students at SES are invited to attend the back to back meetings.

### **You have questions? We love questions! Here are some answers:**

- **I've never attended a PAC Meeting...Can I still come?** - YES! (We understand you may be nervous to come to the first one...but they truly are informative & entertaining!) ...maybe more entertaining than informative sometimes... :O)
- **What can I expect?** A Circus! – (Okay, that's only if a certain PAC Vice Chair has the ability to take her mute off!). It's a very casual meeting!!! (3 exclamation marks). The beginning of the meeting is priceless as all attendees get to hear the school update from the Principal or Vice Principal. All attendees may also ask questions during the meeting. Check out PAC agendas and meeting minutes here: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/)
- **Can I leave my camera & mic off?** Totally! All participants will be muted upon entry. Lots of us turn our cameras on ...'cause it makes us look like we are in an important meeting when the kids walk by...and we secretly hope they will put themselves to bed!
- **Do I have to stay for the whole meeting?** Not at all! Many people come and go throughout the meeting. We are all parents and know we need to take care of the home front first! Our SES PAC is known for being very casual, fun and SUPPORTIVE! We want you to be able to come to a meeting for a bit, ask some questions, hear some school updates and then sign off in time to catch some Netflix....I mean put the kids to bed.
- **Why is this October meeting Important?** The **PAC Budget Meeting** is the meeting where the school presents to us their "wish list" of items for the year and we determine and forecast how much \$\$ we think, as a PAC, we can raise this year and how much we can support the school. The last few years (with help from all the SES Families & Community members) we have been able to give the school over \$20,000 each year. Typically the money goes to things like field trips, books for the library, indoor outdoor sport equipment, new supplies for the Foods Room and fun events like the Winter Wonderland skate – This year: We are focusing on items and events that can be used to enhance our COVID learning time. Outdoor sports equipment or games that cohorts can utilize have been thrown around as a good idea.

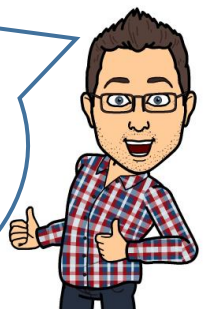
Come & let us know what is important to you and help vote on how SES PAC helps create memories for our kids this 2020/21 school year!



"COVID is making some things trickier – but I'd like to see how I can help PAC and support fundraisers this year so the kids have a great unique year!

"You mean...All Parents/Guardians can come to PAC meetings & participate in making this year epic! GO US!!

"I remember this event we had when I was growing up – I think it would be so cool if my kids could do that too! I'm going to go to a PAC meeting to see how I can help make that happen!



## Upcoming Fundraisers

SES PAC volunteers try to offer a variety of fundraisers that families can choose to participate in. You may choose to support just one fundraiser, none, or all of them! We hope to offer a variety this year that will allow families to support our school...while getting some tasty treats hopefully for themselves!

### Where do the profits from SES PAC Fundraisers go?

- They stay at Springwood!
- Most funds raised in a year are given back to the school *that* year or the next year!
- The PAC Executive team supports giving as much funds, as quick as we can, back to the school each year so the money helps right away.
- Come to the next PAC meeting to be part of the discussion on where the funds will go this year!

In choosing Fundraisers, PAC looked at ones that could be run online and where COVID protocols could be followed easiest. **Thank you to the parent volunteers who put in hours to get these fundraisers set up!**

### **PAC would like to present 2 fundraising options for this fall:**

(...stay tuned... we are also looking at doing an art and Christmas card fundraiser before Winter Break)



- ✓ Kids will bring home a physical copy of the Purdys catalogue in the next couple weeks.
- ✓ All orders need to be placed online. (Please email: [springwoodpac@gmail.com](mailto:springwoodpac@gmail.com) if you would like to place an order, but are unable to online)
- ✓ Ordering deadline is **November 6, 2020**. We are expecting delivery before the first week of December. Orders will be given to the kids, in their class, and they will bring them home.

#### How to order:

- You can visit this link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/960745-76801> and create an account at any time to *create* and *submit* an order.
- You can choose to order with the order form OR by looking at the pictures via the marketplace option. Both are front and centre once you create your account.
- **IMPORTANT!!!**: Please note your **CHILD'S NAME AND TEACHER** in the "ADDITIONAL INFO" section of your order (This is needed to help sort and reduce contact for classroom cohort bubbles)
- Pick up options are available, if preferred, please note that in the "Additional Info" section with the child's name. A PAC volunteer will work with you to choose a meeting place where social distance guidelines can be observed.

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- ✓ Ordering is all online (snack bags / wet bags / masks / straws)
- ✓ Orders are shipped out approximately 2 weeks after the fundraiser ends. Our fundraiser ends on **October 26th** so please make sure to place your order before then
- ✓ Orders arrive at the school labelled with the child's name & class and they will bring orders home
- ✓ Invite family & friends to place their own orders under your child's name (your child will bring home those orders with them as well)

#### How to order:

- The Colibri fundraising website is different than the regular Colibri retail website. **Please visit [www.colibrifundraising.com](http://www.colibrifundraising.com) to place your order.**
- You will see our school name when you check out. Please make sure you fill in all the required info to make sure your order comes to the school labeled and ready to enjoy!
- Check out the digital flyer from our PAC page on Springwood website: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/="](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/=)