## SEYMOUR HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PAC NEWSLETTER

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The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Seymour Heights Elementary School acknowledges and honours the səlilwətat TWN, Skwxwu7mesh Squamish, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əÿəm Musqueam nations, on whose unceded lands the school resides. We offer sincere gratitude and respect to the original and continued stewards of this land. We are committed to relearning Canadian history and continuously learning the truth about Indigenous experiences and how to advocate for reconciliation as individuals and as a PAC team.

# UPCOMING EVENIES

### Halloween Family Movie Night

Friday Oct 27th Doors open at 5:15pm Movie <u>Hotel Transylvania</u>, rated PG 6pm-7:35pm

Wear your (family-friendly) costume! Admission by donation (cash or credit card)

PANAGO PIZZA is available for **pre-order purchase** until October 22nd. Please arrive at 5:15pm to pick up your pre-ordered pizza(s). MOVIE SNACK COMBOS (bottle of water, popcorn, small candy bag) will be available for \$7 and smaller packaged snacks (cash or card).

> \*We are still accepting donations of store-bought nut-free baked goods to sell at the concession\*

Please note this is a peanut free and nut/allergy aware event. No Outside Food and Drinks (aside from water bottles) permitted. **And all children must be accompanied by a guardian.** 

### **Indigenous Education Bookclub**

Intro and Chapter 1 (pages 1-31) November 23, after the PAC meeting, 8-830pm

To further our understanding of Canada's history and to work towards both truth and reconciliation, as a group we will be reading Michelle Good<u>'s Truth Telling: Seven Conversations About Indigenous Life in</u> <u>Canada</u> throughout this school year.

### **Annual Winter Market**

Friday, December 8, 2023

The annual Winter Market is a fun, festive event during the school day where students are able to shop for gently used gifts for family members and have them wrapped!

We will be collecting donations of gently used, clean items starting on November 1st. Perfect excuse to de-clutter! Items can be dropped off just inside the doors of the main entrance of the school. Accepted items include: toys & crafts, kids books, adult books, household items & decor, jewelry, accessories, purses, scarves/gloves/hats, sporting goods and holiday/seasonal items. Please NO clothing, furniture, food/alcohol, or sharp items such as knives.



## THE HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE WAS SPOOK-TACULAR!

The Costume Sale was a success! The sale earned over \$1500 so we were able to donate \$190 to the grade 7 grad fund to thank them for their help!

Halloween should be fun for everyone! Over the past year as costumes were being collected for this fundraiser, and as we were setting up the sale, volunteers and staff did several walk-throughs to ensure that the costumes available to our students were not appropriating gender or culture, violent or otherwise inappropriate.

Halloween is an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices and being mindful of costumes that mock culture and identity.

The following are NOT costumes or decor: RACE (black face/brown face) CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks) RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab) GENDER(gender switching for humour) TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons/ hanging skeletons)

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Check the **lunch program** schedule for menus and order-by dates!

Subscribe to the school calendar for PAC events

Subscribe to the PAC website for event and fundraiser updates!

Make sure you have filled out a **yearbook consent** for each student in your care

Sign up for class rep emails **here** if you haven't already emailed your class rep!

# <u>OPEN</u> FUNDRAISERS!

Get ready for the 2023 HOLIDAY SEASON!

#### SEYMOUR HEIGHTS NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

Order online October 20th - November 5th Pick up day is Nov 14 at 2:30pm at the front of the school

#### Spirit Wear

This is the only order for the year so now is your chance! Orders are due by October 25th and can be **placed here**. Delivery is planned for the first week of December which makes them a perfect holiday gift! PLEASE NOTE: minimums must be met and if they aren't met your order will be refunded.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Email us at theseymourheightspac@gmail.com

\*Family Movie Night on Friday October 27th\* We will need parent volunteers starting at 2pm to help setup, and starting at 5pm for ushering and monitoring hall/bathrooms. We also need audio-visual help for the whole event time! If you would like to help at this fun event, please email <u>kyliemains@gmail.com</u>.

Our Traffic Safety Committee is looking for additional volunteers to remind and guide traffic on Carnation St before school. Please email us if you can lend a hand here!

Winter Market! Volunteers are needed for set-up on Thursday December 7th from 12pm-8pm and at the market on Friday, December 8th from 9am-5pm. <u>Email us</u> if you would like to volunteer for this event!

Seymour Heights PAC will be sponsoring a family this holiday season. If you are interested in helping to organize a hamper for a family, <u>email us</u>!

Looking WAAAAAY ahead to our annual Spring event, our infamous Heights Night committee would like to start recruiting a committee to find and collect donations for both our silent and noisy auctions!

## Communication Pilot Project Underway...



Can't make it to PAC meetings? Not receiving the class rep emails in time? Experiencing email fatigue? Us too! This year we will be communicating though the monthly newsletter, distributed via the school admin to ALL families on the third Thursday of the month. In addition, all events and details will be inputted into the school calendar and the events page of our website. Please subscribe to both!

31 <u>Adding to Google</u> calendar instructions



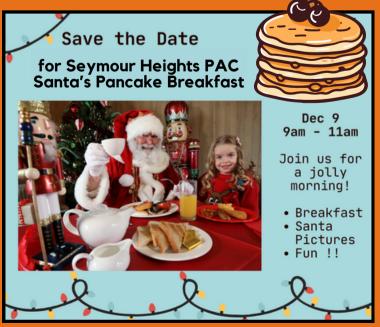
## 2023/2024 PAC MEETING DATES

Thursdays 7-8pm In the school library

All caregivers at Seymour Heights are PAC members and are welcome to join us in person or <u>online</u>!

October 26, 2023 November 23, 2023 January 25, 2024 February 29, 2024 April 25, 2024 \*AGM\* May 23, 2024 June 20, 2024

For anyone wanting to join us in person, we will now offer child care in the school gym while we're meeting in the library! Please <u>pre-register your child(ren)</u> here.



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