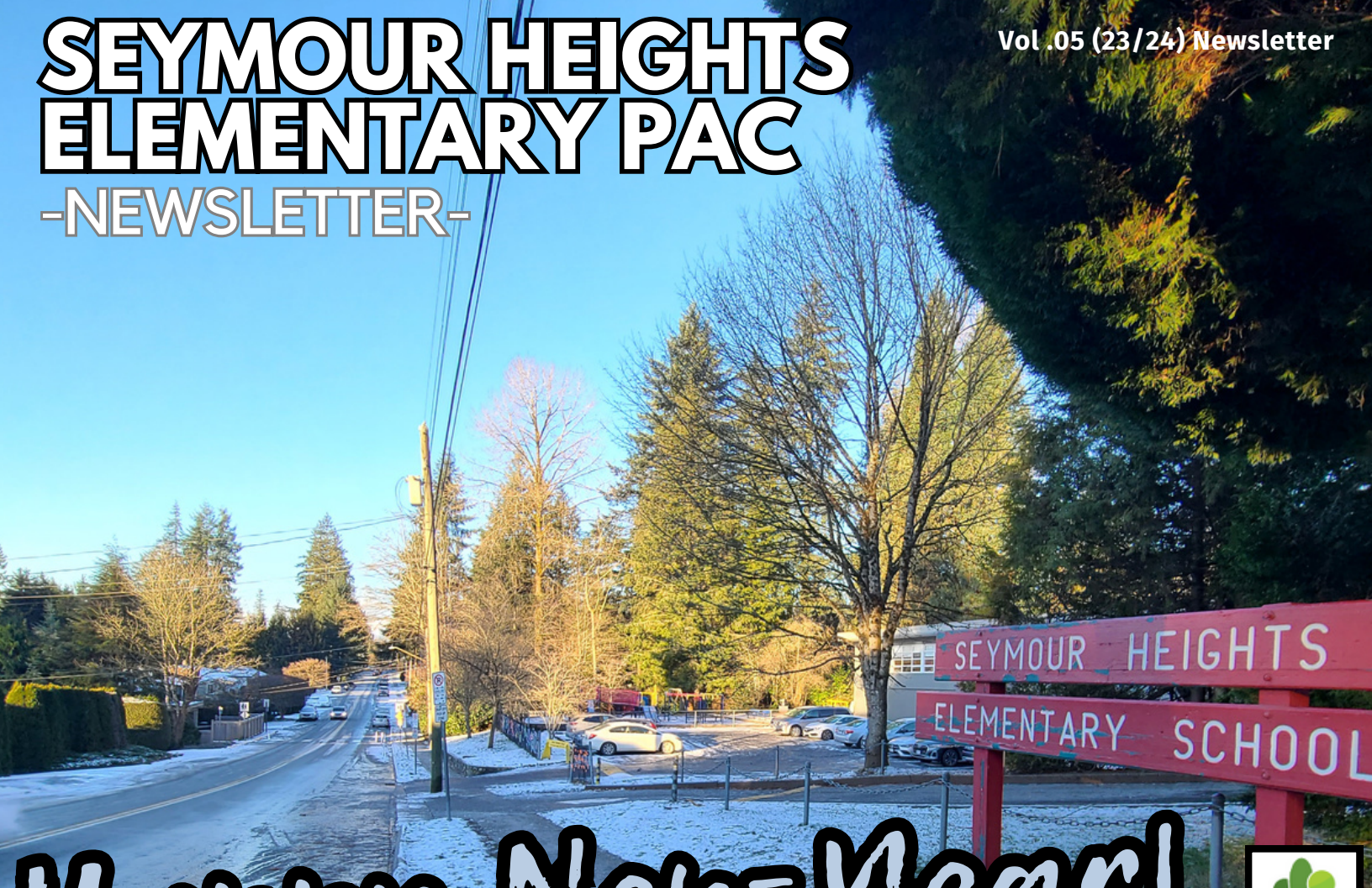


SEYMOUR HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PAC -NEWSLETTER-

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Happy New Year!



Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the break from your weekly and daily routines, got some rest, and had some fun together. There are so many different ways to celebrate winter holidays and we hope you made some memories with your loved ones.

I want to take a moment to personally thank each and every one of you for making the lead up to the holidays so much fun! Some of you had the time to donate at events, some behind the scenes, some made sure your children were able to participate in the school activities, and some provided the goods and goodies we were able to sell for our fundraising efforts. Every person who helped plan and execute and every person who attended events made our holiday events come to life - we couldn't have done it without you!

Did you know that we raised \$2236 from the Winter Market and \$2006 from Santa's Breakfast?!? While we have pre-budgeted expenses, we are also forming additional planning committees for improving student technology, communication technology for families, and intercultural celebrations. Come join us at the next PAC meeting to voice, volunteer, or just listen. We'd love to see you there!

With appreciation,
Erin Bulycz, your PAC Chair

Fun Family Winter Idea

Write a haiku together! When was the last time you wrote a haiku? Be silly or artsy together! And send your family haikus to

theseymourheightspac@gmail.com

Remember 5-7-5 syllables!
Warning, they will be published:)

It's a snow afternoon here so I'll start us off!:

Here at Seymour Heights
our families create quilts
of community

UPCOMING!

The **new lunch program** session has launched!

Check our **school calendar** and **PAC website** for PAC meetings and events.

Join our vibrant multicultural committee and be part of a diverse community dedicated to celebrating and embracing cultural diversity! We're seeking individuals passionate about fostering inclusivity and understanding among different cultures. As a committee member, you'll have the opportunity to contribute your unique perspectives, ideas, and experiences while collaborating with individuals from various backgrounds to create an environment where every voice is valued. Email Azzah at **theseymourheightspac@gmail.com**.

Make sure to fill out a **yearbook consent** for each student in your care and stay tuned for purchasing information!

Coming up in the next few months: we have been testing a web-and-mobile-based communication service that replaces the many tools we currently use for school and PAC communications. Features include announcements and newsletters, translation into over 140 languages, convenient file and photo sharing, discussion boards, messaging and lots more! Stay tuned!

Our Indigenous Education book club meets after the Jan 25th PAC meeting: To further our understanding of Canada's history and to work towards both truth and reconciliation, we are reading and discussing Michelle Good's book **Truth Telling**. Join us!

We have a PAC/ staff committee who are working together to assess and upgrade technology for the students at Seymour Heights! In the coming months there will be consultations with our staff and admin, as well as district IT support, to discuss developmentally appropriate technology upgrades for individual classrooms. Having consistent access to upgraded devices means predictability in the classroom for both standard lesson planning as well as for adapted curriculum.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PAC VICE-CHAIR

Alongside all PAC Executive members, the Vice-Chair position advocates for inclusion within and beyond their own perspective, fills in for chair as needed, and may be involved in fundraising, if interested. Please **[email us](#)** with your interest or your nominations!

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Our Traffic Safety Committee is looking for additional volunteers to remind and guide traffic on Carnation St for 15 minutes before school. Please email **sarahmanvell@gmail.com** if you can lend a hand!

SPRING HEIGHTS NIGHT

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! Email us at **theseymourheightspac@gmail.com**.

**Reminder: NO PARKING
at the Drop-Off/ Pick-Up
Zone...Just KISS & GO!**

2023/2024 PAC MEETING DATES

Thursdays 7pm In the school library

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

Agenda and meeting minutes!!

- September 28, 2023
- October 26, 2023
- November 23, 2023
- January 25, 2024**
- February 22, 2024
- April 25, 2024
- *AGM* May 23, 2024
- June 20, 2024

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Seymour Heights Elementary School acknowledges and honours the səliiwətał, TWN, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Squamish, and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm 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.