

David Cameron Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Newsletter

“Active Learning, Active Living”



November 2008

PRESIDENT’S PEN



In this Issue:

President’s Pen	1
Safe Arrival	2
Foodfest & Milk Program	2
Treat Day	2
Thrifty SmileCards	3
Pizza Nights	3
Walk to School Day	3
Gift Day	4
Purdy’s Chocolates	4
Poinsettias	4
Book Fair	5
Athletic Wear	5
Labels for Education	5
School Planning Council	6
SPEAC report	6
Coats for Kids	6
Calendar	7

November is here and things are in full swing at David Cameron. I want to say a big Thank You to the amazing group of parents who came and helped out already this year. Our PAC meetings have been packed with parents wanting to learn more about what’s going on, and willing to lend a hand. This year is definitely off to a great beginning. Thank you everyone for playing a part in something larger.

In an effort to “green up” David Cameron, we (the PAC) are encouraging parents to sign up and have the monthly PAC newsletter sent to them via email. It’s super easy. Just send an email to newsletter@dcpac.ca. Be sure to include your name, your child/children’s names and teachers (that way they won’t receive a paper newsletter at school). We are hoping for a big success in changing over to an email newsletter. Hopefully that will lead us into a time when all PAC communication can be done through email. Don’t wait. Sign up now.

We are also in the process of updating our website (www.dcpac.ca) . We have a great webmaster (thank you Roger) who is enabling us to change and edit the site ourselves. We will have a copy of the newsletter up on the site, fundraising information, PAC contacts and events. If you have any comments or ideas about new things to do with our site, please contact our Vice president, Kim at vicepresident@dcpac.ca.

Please read in the newsletter about the SPC (School Planning Council) nominations. You can nominate yourself for a position on the David Cameron SPC. We are looking for three parents/guardians to nominate themselves for positions.

Also in the newsletter you will read about our upcoming “Gift Day” on December 12th . This has been a David Cameron tradition for years. It really brings out the spirit of the holidays.

Enjoy your November and everything it brings your way.

Joanne Arnold, PAC President
President@dcpac.ca

INVITATION

Our PAC meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month in the David Cameron School Library. If you are a parent or guardian of a David Cameron student, you are a member of PAC, and we encourage you to become an *active* member! The next meeting will be November 18 at 7 pm.



Please turn off your cell phone on school grounds. Thank you!



Safe Arrival



The Safe Arrival Program is up and running. Each family should have received a fridge magnet with a picture of the school and the Safe Arrival phone number. If you need a magnet, please contact me.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who are helping out. There is still a need for a couple of more volunteers.

If you have 20 to 30 minutes - even once a month (or if you did not receive a magnet), please send an email to safearrival@dcpac.ca or call me at 250-479-2965.

Sandy Gribbon
Safe Arrival Coordinator

Milk Program



David Cameron Elementary is participating in the Elementary School Milk Program (ESMP) sponsored by the BC Dairy Foundation. It's a fun program that offers BC elementary school children fresh, cold milk as a healthy alternative to fruit drinks and pop. The program runs throughout the school year. Children will receive Island Farms milk three times a week with their lunch. The program offers white milk, chocolate milk, soy vanilla and soy chocolate for a cost of 75 cents. The milk program will not run on Foodfest Days.

If you would like to sign up for the milk program, send an e-mail to milkprogram@dcpac.ca and I can enroll you.

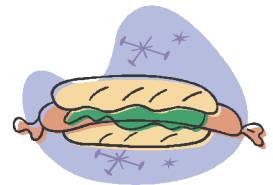
Food Fest Days

This is a fun lunch held on the last Friday of every month. The program follows the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools (Revised 2007) which is designed to maximize students' access to healthier options and fully eliminate the sale of unhealthy foods and beverages in BC schools by September 2008.

Our next Foodfest day will be on **November 28 - Hot dog day**. Order forms will be sent home on Friday, November 14, and will be due back on Friday, November 21. If you do not receive an order form from your child, please check the website. The form will be available on the website after November 14.

Any questions may be directed to foodfest@dcpac.ca

Leanne Sivertson,
Foodfest and Milk Program Coordinator



Treat Day

Our next **TREAT DAY** is **Wednesday, November 19th**. We will have rice krispies squares and the Thrifty Food fruit snacks available. We will set up outside by the basketball court if the weather is nice and inside in the foyer if we have rain. **Treats are 50 cents each**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, Kimberly at treatday@dcpac.ca See you there!

!!!PIZZA NIGHTS!!!

David Cameron School has partnered with Colwood Panagopoulos (Panago) Pizza to raise valuable funds for our school. For every pizza order over \$14.00 received from the community on November 18 after 4:00 pm, Panago will donate \$2.00 to David Cameron School.

This happens on the third Tuesday of every month (the same night as our PAC meeting).

Phone 250-310-0001 to place your order.



International Walk to School Day Thank yous

Our iwalk day was a huge success. Firstly I would like to thank Jason Boudewyn and the Sidney Thrifty Foods for donating the apples. That was very generous. I know that the kids enjoyed them.

I would also like to thank all the parents and students who stood around the school handing out stickers.

And last, but definitely not least, a big thank you to everyone who participated in the walking. It was great to see so many people out.

Joanne Arnold - PAC President

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards

THRIFTY FOODS has generously offered to sponsor David Cameron for \$1500 towards the Artist-in-Residence Program through the SMILE CARDS program.

Through the Artist-in-Residence program, the children of David Cameron will be working with celebrated child entertainer Paul Hann to write, perform and produce a music CD.

What is a SMILE CARD? A smile card is a great way to put your grocery money towards benefiting the school at NO COST!! It is similar to a gift card. You pre-load the card with any amount of funds, using cash, debit or credit, and use the card when you purchase groceries. **Five percent of all SMILE CARD sales will be donated to the school from October 9, 2008 until May 30 2009.**

What happens when I have used all the funds on my card? Simple!! You just keep re-loading it and using it. It is easier for the store if you load the card BEFORE they ring the groceries through. The card does not need to be at zero before you re-load.

What if I can't remember the amount left on my card? Ask the cashier to check the amount at the till and you can re-load more if needed.

What if I already have a SMILE CARD? If it was provided through David Cameron – keep using it!! Have the cashier check it to make sure it is registered to the school. Note that cards registered to Glen Lake will not count and new cards must be requested. See below.

Sounds Great! How do I get one? Just hand in the application, and you will receive a card. You can get more than one to give to grandparents, neighbours, friends, etc. Any questions can be directed to Tracy Knight @ (250) 391-0911

SMILE CARD APPLICATION - Please Submit By November 7

NAME: _____ TEACHER _____

Number of cards requested: _____

Gift Day - December 12

Gift Day has become an annual highlight at David Cameron. We set up a “store” in the school gymnasium, where students come with their classes to buy good used items at prices ranging from approximately 25 cents to three dollars. Our parent volunteers then wrap each gift, apply the tags that the kids have made in advance, and send them home with their packages. All the funds raised go to the PAC and we in turn spend it on the kids - a great cycle!



We need donations for this event! Start looking now around your house for items that you don't need anymore, but that are in **good** condition. Ask friends and family members if they have any items they don't need anymore. Some possible items are toys, games (with all the pieces), books, lamps, glassware, etc. It seems that items for dads are the hardest to come by, so think of them, too as you are sorting through your stuff. Please make sure that any items you donate are **clean** and in **good working order**. There will be collection bins set up in the school foyer.

We also need donations of plastic bags, wrapping paper, and tape. If you can help out with any of these, please bring them to the school as well.

If you have any questions, please contact our PAC president, Joanne Arnold (president@dcpac.ca)



Christmas is coming soon, and so are . . .

Poinsettias

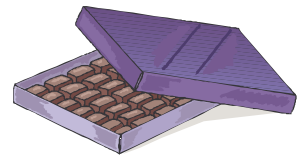
Order forms will be going home in the first week of November for this year's poinsettias. These will be 6 inch poinsettias, with a choice of colours - red, white, pink, or marble. Cost will be \$12.00 per plant. Please get your orders in by November 17 for delivery on December 2. If you have any questions, please contact me.



Tammy Young - tryoung@shaw.ca

Purdy's Chocolates

Support our school by ordering your Purdy's chocolates from the David Cameron PAC. It's the same great product as you can buy in the stores, at the same price, but you can order them from the comfort of your home and have the chocolates delivered directly to you. (No looking for parking and no standing in line!)



Catalogues and order forms went home in October. Orders are due by Friday, November 21st, and Purdy's will deliver to the school during the first week of December.

If you have any questions, or need more order forms or catalogues, please contact me.

Trish Burnett - 474-5582
mtburnett@shaw.ca

BOOK FAIR

Our Librarian, Erin Pugh, has arranged for an **USBORNE BOOK FAIR** to take place at David Cameron. This is a great opportunity to stock up on some new books and do a little Christmas shopping. The book fair will take place in the school library during parent-teacher interviews on **Wednesday, November 26th and Thursday, November 27th.**

Drop by and check it out!

If you have any questions, please email me, Kimberly - bookfair@dcpac.ca



DAVID CAMERON ATHLETIC WEAR

David Cameron T-shirts (long and short sleeved), hoodies, and sweatpants are now available for order until November 10. These items are in David Cameron's colours of royal blue, with the school logo silk screened in gold. Take advantage of the reasonable prices to kit your child out and show that DC school pride.

Samples will be available for viewing in the showcase by the school library, and come in both youth and adult sizes. Order forms will be sent home, and are also available on the Fundraising Page of the PAC website.

PRICE LIST



T-SHIRT.....	\$10.00
Long Sleeved T-shirt.....	\$15.00
Sweat Pants.....	\$18.00
Hoodie.....	\$22.00

Bonus "ensemble" purchase (Save \$5.00)

T-shirt, hoodie and pants.....\$45.00



If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at foodfest@dcpac.ca

Did you know about ?

Daisy Dollars

Bring in the UPC from any Island Farms dairy product and the school will receive 3 cents per code.

Labels for Education

Bring in your complete Campbell's soup labels, V8 labels, Goldfish Crackers UPC's, etc.

These earn points which go towards musical instruments, sporting goods and other items from the Campbell's catalogue. There will be collection boxes in the classrooms, and one near the office.



For a complete list of eligible products, go to www.labelsforeducation.ca, and click on "eligible products".



SPEAC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Municipal elections will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008. At that time, we will be electing our school trustees as well. There will be a meeting for the school trustee candidates on October 30, 6:30 pm at Spencer School. (I will be attending this meeting.) Even if parents cannot make it to the meeting, it is important for you to look/listen to the different platforms of the candidates and vote in the November municipal elections.

The candidates are as follows:
(4 Trustees to be elected)

Brown, Don
Colegrave, Don
Gibbon, Barry
Hobbs, Wendy
Holloway, Pat
Riley, Denise
Rud, Tim
Seaton, Dianna
Stewart, Donald C.

Louise Perron, SPEAC Rep (speac@dcpac.ca)

COATS FOR KIDS

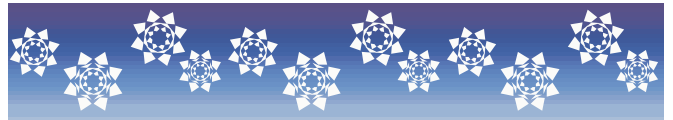
This year the community of David Cameron Elementary School collected a total of 59 coats to donate to the **Coats for Kids Campaign**.

Thank you to everyone for the generous support of this worthwhile cause!



For more information, check out
www.coatsforkidsvictoria.com

Stephanie Lazar



Nomination Ballot for School Planning Council (SPC)

The SPC works together with the school administration to develop, monitor and review school plans for student achievement. School plans are part of a provincial accountability framework to improve student results.

The term for a SPC is one year, from November 2008 to November 2009. The SPC meets about 4 times per year. There is also a district-wide SPC information evening to attend. We review testing data compiled by our district and our school to determine and review school plans.

The SPC is made up of three elected parents/guardians of David Cameron students, one of whom must be an elected officer of the PAC, along with the Principal and Vice-principal. If we receive more than three nominations, parents are elected by secret ballot at the November 18 PAC meeting.

If you would like to run for a position on the SPC, please fill out the form below and place it in the designated box in the office or give it to your classroom teacher.

I would like to run for the elected position of David Cameron SPC for the year November 2008 until November 2009:

Name: _____

Parent or Guardian of: _____

Phone number: _____

November 2008



Safe Arrival 478-4363

DCPAC Website: www.dcpac.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 Set your clock back 1 hour tonight</p>
2	3 School Run	4 Christmas Choir	5 School Read 9:00 am Olympic Silver Medalist Dave Calder 	6	7 Thrify Smile Card applications due	8
9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:30 am School run DC Clothing orders due	11 Remembrance Day Holiday 	12	13	14	15 Municipal Elections
16	17 Primary WITS Assembly 2:00 School Run 2:20 Poinsettia orders due	18 Christmas Choir PAC meeting 7:00 pm PANAGO PIZZA NIGHT	19 Treat Day - Rice Krispie Squares - 50 cents	20 Raptor Report comes home 	21 Purdy's Chocolate orders due Hot dog orders due	22
23 30	24 School Run	25 Grizzlies visit 10:30 - 1:00 Christmas Choir	26 Parent-Teacher Interviews Early dismissal BOOK FAIR	27 Interviews No classes	28 Food Fest - Hot Dog Day! 	29


```
ERROR: undefined
OFFENDING COMMAND:

STACK:
```