



David Cameron Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Newsletter



“Support - Listen - Nurture - Advise”

June 2011

PRESIDENT’S PEN



As my children get older, I find myself marveling at the similarities I see between them and myself; both in character and in experiences. I often find myself smiling at how life has a way of bringing things full circle. I have spent a lot of time smiling these past few weeks as I listen to our daughters talk about all the school activities David Cameron has planned for them this June, and about their friends, their teachers, and Mr. Stinson. The very situations and feelings they are experiencing right now are ones I can look back upon when I was in Hume Elementary, relate to how they are feeling, and to share my own experiences with them.

One of my favourite events in elementary school was Sports Day, held in June. The students were divided into teams and then spent the day going from one sporting event to the next. The day always ended with the students vs. teachers tug-of-war. All the students wanted to prove they could beat the teachers, and the teachers loved watching the students strive to do their best to beat them. On June 27th, the DC students will be participating in the second annual David Cameron Fun Day. Like my own Sports Day, my daughters cannot wait to spend the day with their friends, moving from event to event, laughing and enjoying the day. It is days like Sports Day and Fun Day that remind us that school is not only about learning academics, but also about sharing fun times with your school community.

I have also had a chance this past year to share another parallel experience with my eldest daughter. During one whole summer both she and I worried about getting one particular teacher because we were afraid of their reputation for being tough, strict and boring. For me this teacher was Mrs. Watson. Guess what? Yep! I got Mrs. Watson. As you can guess, I wasted my time worrying about Mrs. Watson. Yes, she had high expectations of her students, and did not bust a move on the gym floor during P.E, but she got each and every student to do their individual best, and made each of us feel like we were stellar students. She made us see the value of hard work and dedication to one’s studies; and showed us she cared by a warm encouraging smile. Just like me, Cassandra spent last summer worrying about getting a specific teacher. I inwardly laughed because she was worrying for all the same reasons that I had. I told her about my experience and assured her that everything would be fine. Cassandra was eventually placed into the teacher’s class she was worrying about - Mrs. Waring. There were some tears shed that Friday, but by the end of September Cassandra came to me and said, “Mom, Mrs. Waring is a really good teacher; I am learning a lot and having fun doing it. I guess I was wrong.” Again, I smiled, as I thought to myself, life has come full circle.

Cassandra has continued to love being in Mrs. Waring’s class, and as a parent I have loved knowing she is being taught well. Therefore, I was very sad to hear Mrs. Waring is retiring this June. At this time, I would like to thank Mrs. Waring for her endless dedication to her students during her 25 years of teaching. I would also like her to know that even though some students may have worried about having her, most of their parents have secretly hoped she would teach their children. Thank you for enabling me to share an important life lesson with my daughter. I hope you have a wonderful retirement and cherish every moment with your family.

Mr. Stinson’s leaving has also conjured up memories of my elementary school years and shared experiences with my children. Mr. Costain was the principal at Hume for over twenty years, and Mr. Stinson for three and a half years at David Cameron. Both principals wore dress shirts and ties and quietly commanded respect through their sense of high moral values. (No hats in the school or running in the hallways.) When each man walked through the school hallway his presence and ownership of the school was felt. They both had a deep desire to make their school the best in their district. Today, thirty years later, Hume is still known as the “flagship” of elementary schools. It is my hope that thirty years from now, the work around building a strong school community that Mr. Stinson and the whole David Cameron school community spearheaded will help our school to be known as a flagship school.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN (cont'd)



As PAC President, I have seen Mr. Stinson's professional principal side; his commitment to the growth of the David Cameron school community, restitution, and creating socially independent and responsible students. He has never wavered in this commitment. As a parent, I have seen what I call the teacher side in Mr. Stinson. The low-fives he gives to the young DC siblings in the office, scooter boarding across the gym floor on Olympic night, and having his head stuck through a guillotine on Magic Night, have demonstrated his "softer", less principal side. These experiences have allowed me to know that behind the exterior appearance of a principal who quietly commands respect, he also loves the students he governs.

Mr. Stinson, you have challenged all of the David Cameron school community to think differently, act differently and set the bar higher. The journey I have shared with you over the past three and a half years has been interesting, challenging and rewarding. I wish you the very best in your new job and the future.

To all the students, families, teachers, staff and administration, I wish you a summer of great memories that will one day remind your own children how they once shared a similar experience with you.

Kim Campbell, DC PAC President

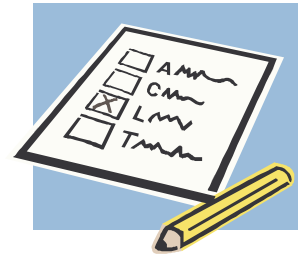
Quote: "A moment lasts all of a second, but the memory lives on forever."

David Cameron Parents' Advisory Council Annual General Meeting - Results of Elections

The Annual General Meeting is where we elected our executive and coordinators for the 2011-2012 school year. It was held Tuesday, May 17. The following positions were filled as follows:

Executive

President - Kim Campbell
Vice-president - Tammy Young
Secretary - Tanya Demmings
Fundraising Coordinator - Michelle Bressan and Trish Burnett
Treasurer (General Account) - Melissa Hopkins
Treasurer (Gaming Account) - Teresa Husu
SPEAC Rep - Swati Scott



Committee

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - to be filled in September
Hot Lunch (Foodfest) Coordinator & Milk Program Coordinator - Leanne Sivertson
Safe Arrival Coordinator - Carrie Williams
Social Convener Team - Raquelle TerVrugt, Teresa Husu, Jen Hoenen
Newsletter Editor - Bonnie Doll
Webmaster - to be filled in September

Outgoing PAC Volunteers

As mentioned earlier, a number of active PAC members will be leaving this year as their children move on to middle school. At this time, the DCPAC would like to thank all the volunteers who have given so much of their time and expertise over the past several years, and to wish you and your children continued success at your new school. Your dedication to the David Cameron school community is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work.



Best of luck,
Kim

David Cameron School Crossing Guard Update

The City of Colwood funds the school crossing guards at Veterans Memorial Parkway and Meaford Avenue, via their School Crossing Guard Sponsorship Program. In order to continue to provide this valuable service, the City of Colwood is relying on donations from community businesses. Please see the following excerpt from their School Crossing Guard Sponsorship Program pamphlet. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Mayor Saunders at mayor@colwood.ca



PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

The goal of the Crossing Guard Sponsorship program is to develop partnerships with local businesses that place value in corporate social responsibility. Your business is already recognized for its track record of community-mindedness, community involvement, and community support and is asked to become further involved as a financial supporter of the school crossing guard program.

The City is seeking support for three crossing guards for the 2010-2011 school year, at a cost of \$8,000 each. This could be achieved through an exclusive sponsorship of one of the crossings, or a contribution to a shared sponsorship of one of the crossings. In addition to the knowledge that your business is protecting our community's children, the following benefits will be realized:

Certificate and Letter of Appreciation from Mayor & Council

Formal recognition for a business' good deed of sponsorship will occur at a designated meeting of Council. The Mayor will present a certificate and letter to the sponsoring business in a public forum at the beginning of a regular meeting of Council.

Media Release

The City of Colwood will prepare and release communication to various media agencies in the Greater Victoria area. Recipients include the Goldstream Gazette, which frequently sends reporters to Council meetings. With the cooperation of local media and the City of Colwood a good news story is likely to come after a sponsorship arrangement is signed off.

Online Recognition

Front page mention on the City of Colwood webpage (www.colwood.ca) for the first six (6) weeks after sponsorship is secured - with placement of a logo and brief paragraph about the sponsoring business, and a hyperlink to the sponsoring business' webpage. Recognition on the sponsorship page of the Colwood Pay it Forward website www.colwoodpayitforward.ca is provided for the duration of the partnership.

Readerboard Sign on Sooke Rd

Placement of sponsoring business names on the City's electronic readerboard on Sooke Road for a period of ten (10) days following agreement of sponsorship. Additional placement at the discretion of the City of Colwood may be provided at the beginning of the school year. This high-visibility sign sees thousands of cars pass by each day. The readerboard will also be placed at the subject crossing for a period of one (1) week during the sponsorship period.

Fixed Signage at Crossing Location

Subject to approval from the City of Colwood, the sponsoring business may provide two (2) signs for installation at the subject crossing. Signage size, appearance, and location must be approved by the City prior to sponsorship. Questions regarding this aspect can be answered by contacting the City Engineer, at mbaxter@colwood.ca or 250-478-5999.

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PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL *(continued)*

□ PAC / School Newsletter

Subject to the approval from the PAC or school that the crossing serves, the business may have additional recognition in school or Parent Advisory Council (PAC) newsletters, with circulation covering hundreds of households. Schools that receive the benefit of a crossing guard provided through the program will be informed of their donor immediately.

Should your business consider funding a crossing guard, payment is to be remitted twice per school year, at the beginning of September and beginning of January.

The City of Colwood would like to extend its appreciation to those businesses that have provided sponsorship for crossings in the 2010 - 2011 school year: Windsor Plywood, Thrifty Foods and David Cameron PAC. *Thank you* for helping to keep our children safe!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Further information on this unique opportunity can be acquired by contacting:

Mayor Dave Saunders

Councillor Shaun Wysiiecki

250.213.9407 250.415.7535

mayorsaunders@telus.net shaun@shaunw.ca

Fundraising Update

Hanging Baskets - Thank you to everyone who purchased hanging baskets. Lynne's Little Elf put together some beautiful baskets for us and helped us raise \$418.50.



Entertainment Books - We will once again be offering the 2 for 1 sale on Entertainment Books. If you decide to purchase a 2011-2012 book by June 15, 2011, you will receive a 2010-2011 book for free. Information will be coming home in backpacks soon. Contact fundraising@dcpac.ca with any questions.

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards - A reminder that the last day for filling your Thrifty Foods Smile Cards and having 5% go to David Cameron is June 4th. If you pre-load your card by that date, the money will go to DC. Put extra money on it by that date, and use it to purchase your groceries throughout the summer months.



Funfair - A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Fun Fair. We truly appreciate the donations, the volunteers, and those of you who came out and enjoyed a sunny evening! You helped make this year's fair the most profitable ever. A total profit of \$9,784.42 was made to benefit your children's school. Thanks again!!

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Ongoing/Year-round Fundraisers

Please note that the following fundraisers continue over the summer!

Cobs Bread - Remember to say "David Cameron" when you purchase your baked goods at either the WestShore or Millstream Cobs Bread store.

Co-Op - Our membership number is 56855. Mention our membership number, or just say "David Cameron" when buying anything from the Co-Op.

Campbell's Soup - Save all labels/UPCs from participating Campbell's Soup products, including Goldfish crackers and V8 juices (see <http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/eligible.asp> for a list of participating products).

Island Farms - Cut out the UPCs from all of your favourite Island Farms products and bring them to the school. We receive 3¢ from every UPC saved.

Canadian Tire - We save Canadian Tire money and use it to cover some of our expenses for the Fun Fair.

Staples Canada - Recycle for Education

David Cameron is registered for Staples' ink and toner recycling program called Recycle For Education. Every Staples store location across Canada has a recycle bin near the ink and toner cartridge area where customers, students, parents, teachers and small businesses can drop off their empty ink and toner cartridges. You don't have to label the empty cartridges or fill out any forms. Or bring them into the school and we will deliver them to Staples for you. It will benefit both the environment and our school.

Head Lice Check Program

To get rid of lice, the public health nurse and your pharmacist will recommend that you use a lice shampoo. You can use a "wet combing" method ; it is a little time consuming, but is perfectly safe for the child and care giver.

For more information, contact your pharmacist, or go to [*http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/index.stm](http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/index.stm)

To report head lice, contact David Cameron School at 250-478-7621

Volunteers are needed to check for head lice. Also, I will be leaving the school at the end of this school year, so the school will need a new lice checker. It is easy to do, and I am happy to teach you how. Please contact me at Valerie's Hair Studio @250-391-1998

Thank you, Valerie Wilde



Hello all Opera Club members,

As most of you know, Opera Season 2010-2011 is now over. It has been a successful year indeed and the Opera Club is growing. Get ready for next year! In case you want to see what's lined up for the 2011-2012 season, check out the POV website at <http://www.pov.bc.ca/2011-12.html>. Also, if you are moving on to middle school or another school don't worry, you can still come to the Opera with us, contact Mrs. Garry so she can stay in touch with you. And as always, watch for details on the DC school website.
Happy Summer - - Swati



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Lunch Date!

Friday, June 10, 2011

12-1 in the gym

An **annual event** whereupon DC Staff and Parents/Guardians say a mutual "Thank You" by sharing a potluck meal.

The deal: Show up with food to share and eat in the gym OR bring food to show your gratitude when you drop off the kids in the a.m. Yes! That's Right! **We want you to bring food even if you can't come!**

PLEASE SIGN UP and **commit** to bringing food. You choose whether you are feeling savoury or sweet, just bring something good to eat!

And while you are signing up: We need help setting up and cleaning up from 11 to 1 on the 10th. (Yes, it never ends . . . but only 19 sleeps to summer!)

Other stuff: Young'uns welcome!

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Sign me up! (Feel free to choose many!)

- I'll bring my delicious _____ or I'll pick it up from [grocery store of your choice]
- I will also attend to try out everyone else's cooking/grocery shopping
- I'll drop off food but I can't stick around
- I will help set up
- I will help clean up

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I have started a Facebook group page called 'Westshore High School Crisis' http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_194607243919584&ap=1, anyone can join this page. I am trying to get a Social Media campaign going to keep after the Minister of Education (George Abbott) about the plight of the Westshore community in regards to this matter. If you join this page you can stay in the loop of any campaigns under way to increase our chances of getting new high school facilities built in our kids' school years.

If you have any question regarding this campaign, contact joannearnoldnow@yahoo.ca

Thanks, Joanne Arnold



Healthy Living - Healthy Families



The summer is just around the corner. It is a great time to get out and check out local farms and farmer's markets. There are many local farms that are U-Pick and these are lots of fun to visit:

<http://www.islandfarmfresh.com/>

Of course, it's also lots of fun growing your own food and here are some great resources you can tap into for more information: <http://www.aitc.ca/bc/>.

Get growing some food and have a wonderful summer!
Swati



You're Invited to the End of the Year Social!

All parents/guardians/teachers/staff and administrators are invited to the
End of School Year Social
on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

Where: Wildplay Element Parks - Westshore Recreation - 1767 Island Highway

When: 5:00pm

Cost: \$42.00



If the call of the "wild" is appealing to you please email me at president@dcpac.ca so I can add your name to the reservation list.



The social will continue at the Country Rose Pub (592 Ledsham Road, off Sooke) at 7:00pm. If you have a quieter wild side please feel free to join the social at the Country Rose Pub. If you have any questions regarding the social please contact me at the above mentioned email address.

Looking forward to having a fun night out with the school community - Kim

June 2011



Safe Arrival 478-4363

DCPAC Website: www.dcpac.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 - Assembly 12:50 pm</p> <p>District Field events at Belmont 3-5pm</p>	2	<p>3 District Track Meet at Belmont 10:00 -3:00</p> 	<p>4 Last Day to Load Thrifty SmileCards</p> 
5	6	7	<p>8 Bike Roadeo</p> 	9	<p>10 -Coffee & muf- fins for parents (before school) -Parent- Teacher Lunch - 12:50</p>	11
12	13	<p>14 PAC year-end social 5pm - Wildplay 7pm -Country Rose</p>	<p>15 Entertainment Books - Buy one by today and get the 2010/11 issue free</p> 	<p>16 <i>Raptor Report</i></p> 	<p>17 Foodfest Day - Subway</p> 	18
19	20	21	22	<p>23 Talent show 10:30 - 11:50 & 12:50 - 2:45</p> 	24	25
26	<p>27 Grade 6 Farewell - 10:30 am</p> 	<p>28 School Fun day</p> 	<p>29 Last Day Year-end Assembly - 10:30</p>	30		


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