

# PAC NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2009



### Quick Bits

#### Next PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting is May 20 at 7:00pm in the Library. We'd love to have your input.

#### Grade 7 Fundraisers

The grade 7s have handed out Neufeld Farms order forms. Money raised will go towards camp.

#### Grade 12 Fundraisers

Raffle tickets available to win either a Dress For Success outfit from The Little White House or an Elaine Brewer-White sculpture. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Please contact Barb Thornton at 604-888-9528.

I hope all are enjoying the warmer weather and getting active after that hard cold winter we experienced this year. I know that my garden is finally receiving some attention and starting to look like the garden it should be and not the jungle of vegetation it had become.

We see the focus is on interaction and attention to nature for much of the world's initiatives. We participate in Earth hour, Earth Day and Emergency preparedness week 2009 coming up May 3-9 to conserve resources, nurture nature and prepare ourselves. It is so important to take time to educate and understand the things that are happening in our lives and to our environment.

Throughout the school year we have heard over and over again that the most important thing that we crave is COMMUNICATION and to be heard. Coming to the table with an open heart and a clear mind of the things that are important to you and your family is important. To help facilitate this we have a number of opportunities at LFAS and at the District level to hone and practice these skills in advocating for our children.

Opportunities galore! Get involved and make a difference in your LFAS community. There have been a variety of ideas for clubs voiced at the PAC meetings and it would be great to have parents to help setup and run them.

Ideas:  
 PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Exec  
 SPC (School Planning Council)  
 PAC Meetings  
 Playground Committee  
 Knitting Club  
 Games Club  
 Spelling Bee Club

We are looking for someone to manage our [lfasstudentrules@live.ca](mailto:lfasstudentrules@live.ca) website showcasing our school in a community perspective. I will post student work, helpful hints, LFAS community service providers and great stories. We would need the site to be updated possibly quarterly. Please let us know if you can help us with this exciting tool to share our great community with the rest of the world.

These are just to name a few of the ideas, please email [Shirley\\_paterson@msn.com](mailto:Shirley_paterson@msn.com) for more information.

Shirley Paterson and Una St. Clair-Moniz

The Playground Committee has been hard at work for the past two years raising money for a brand new playground. They would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions. Without you, this playground would never be built. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Rotary Sunrise	\$5,000
Township of Langley Neighbourhood Initiative Plan grant	\$5,000
SD 35 contribution to installation	\$5,000
Homelife Benchmark Walnut Grove	\$ 200
Fort Langley Community Improvement Society	\$ 100
Gaming Playground Grant	\$20,000
School Community Connections grant	\$8,000
Spring Show Gr 4/5 2007/08	\$1,000
PAC Gaming funds	\$15,000
Spring Carnival 2007/08	\$4,400
Gift Card Fundraiser	\$1,000
Letter of Appeal 2008/09	<u>\$1,900</u>
Total Raised	\$66,600
Cost (after tax rebates)	<u>\$82,000</u>
Short:	<u>\$15,400</u>

### Fridge

The PAC is looking for a full-size fridge. If you have a newer fridge you would like to donate please contact Shirley Paterson



### Donations needed for the Carnival

napkins (200)

plates (200)

2 flats of chips

6 cases of assorted drinking boxes

3 cases of water

Please contact Sarah Evans at [waynesdampproofing@telus.net](mailto:waynesdampproofing@telus.net) if you can help out.

Volunteers are busy collecting for The Spring Carnival Silent Auction Baskets. Each class, grades 1-7, have a specific theme:

<u>Class/Theme</u>	<u>Contact Parent</u>
Mr. Castle: Gardening	Paula Davids
Ms. Jesse: Travel time for Kids (travel games)	Robyne Timms
Mrs. Fengler: Art supplies for children	Dionne Evans
Ms. Illes/Venuto: Fun in the tub for Kids	Susan Beattie
Ms. Penner: Pampered Pets	Shannon Shaffer
Mrs. Regier: Family Board Games	Amanda Kish
Mrs. Mason: Scrapbooking/cardmaking	
Ms. Sebel: Camping	Carla Lagore
Ms. Hopkins: Family BBQ	Sarah Evans
Ms. LaFontaine: Homecooking	Marlene Yakabuski
Ms. McCrae/Lorensen: Let's Bake!	Carly Haugen
Ms. Shaver: Relaxing Spa Night	Kristie Schwitay
Ms. McLeod: Family Movie Night	Sherril Gilmour
Mr. Scotton: Life's A Beach	Betty Thomasson
Ms. Mitchell: Death by Chocolate	Carla Lagore

Please check the sign-up list in your class for items still needed or send in a donation (min. \$5) towards the basket. If you have an item that works for another theme, maybe a gift that hasn't been used, it would be much appreciated! We want to wrap the baskets before the Carnival, so please have the items in by Fri, May1st or Mon, May4th at the latest! Thank you!

## **4H CANADA**

The Care and Treatment of Livestock Projects in the 4H Program

Find out:

- Why are 4H Animals Sold at Auctions?
- Who Takes Care of Project Animals?
- What are Showmanship, Show Sticks and Canes?
- How does 4H ensure that its Animals are Healthy?
- 4H Livestock Project Guidelines set Welfare Standards
- What are the Objectives of the 4H Program?

4H members and leaders welcome visitors behind the scenes at fairs and exhibitions, and they encourage anyone with questions to write or call:

B.C. 4H, Box 490, #1, 904 Maud Street, Enderby, BC V0E 1V0, Call; 1-866-776-0373 or email mail@bc4h.bc.ca

## **ADOLESCENCE TO ADULTHOOD: Helping teenagers Cross the Bridge**

Deborah MacNamara, PhD a faculty member at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and has extensive experience working with children and adolescents.

Based on a relational and developmental approach of Dr. Gordon Neufeld, this presentation is organized around understanding the changes in the teenage brain and significant psychological changes that occurs.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University,

MAY 19, 2009

7-8:30 PM

12666-72nd Avenue, Surrey, BC Conference Center G1205

## **THE PARENT FOCUS GROUP - *Think Post-secondary!***

Discussion on Post-secondary transition will take place on May 21st from 6:00-7:00pm at the Langley School Board Office, Langley school Board Office 4875 222nd Street, Langley

Please contact Claire Guy, District Principal [claireguy@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:claireguy@sd35.bc.ca)

## **BCCPAC Advocacy Project - FREE**

Mission Possible 2 - Speaking Up! Solving Problems in Public Schools

Build your confidence to speak up for your children. Learn how to use Speaking up! A parent guide to advocating for students in public schools. You will go home with a copy of Speaking Up! - and more confidence in your ability to speak up for your children.

Two sessions:

Wednesday April 22ndm 2009 10:00 - 2PM OR 7 - 9 PM

Langley school Board Office: 4875 222nd Street, Langley, in the Board Room.

Light Lunch provided for 2pm session

Refreshments provided for 7pm session

## **Mission Possible 3 - Speaking Up! Parents helping Parents**

No Matter how well our schools run, there will always be parents who need to solve problems that their children face in school. As parent leaders, we are the people they often turn to for help. Let's continue to work together in our district and acquire skills and information we need to build confidence in our ability to help others. We can make a difference!

Thursday April 23rd, 2009 7 - 9pm

Langley school Board Office: 4875 222nd Street, Langley, in the Board Room.

Refreshments provided for session

## **NEUFELD PARENT CONFERENCE**

Building an Attachment Community to Raise Children In

The conference will provide parents and professionals with an opportunity to consider the concept of community while connecting to those who share similar perspectives on raising children.

Saturday May 23, 2009 8:30 - 4:00pm

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 8771 Lansdowne Rd, Richmond, BC

Early Bird: \$75.00 per person, Couple \$65 per person, Groups 10 Or more \$60.00 per person