

PAC NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008



Quick Bits

Next PAC Meeting

Mon. Jan 19th at 3:30 in the library.

Grad Pancake Breakfast is Thurs. Dec. 18 at 7:00-8:30.

Come and get your pancakes and have your picture taken with Santa.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Used ink cartridges can be dropped off at the office.

Money raised goes towards the PAC.

Donations can be made to LFAS by dropping off a cheque, made out to the PAC, at the office. You can also make a payment by Credit Card or Paypal at the Langley Foundation Website.

Please reference our acct#

A/C99-079-505-000-040

Office Depot When you make a purchase at this store ask them to credit LFAS.

RISING AGAIN!

My very good friend and co-chair, Shirley Paterson, suddenly fell on-stage at the Bell Centre during our December 11,th School Choir Night. What happened next were the natural reactions of a caring community- those nearby immediately helped Shirley to her feet and regain her composure, and she was soon surrounded by concerned friends willing to help and give support or encouragement. Through all this loving care and compassion, Shirley quickly regained her composure and sense of balance and was able to competently move forward with the tasks at hand.

This brought to mind the value and dare I say, the necessity, of belonging to a caring community. What more precious resource than the helping hand when we are falling, the encouragement to rise again when we are overwhelmed, the sharing of strength when we cannot see the way forward? These are the gifts we naturally want to give each other, knowing instinctively how to share support so that the other can rise again. And somewhere deep within us, we feel more joyful & alive knowing we helped another.

And so it is with our school. Right now, our school has fallen on its knees with regard to an unsafe playground and woefully inadequate music academy. A few of us comprehend the student impact and risk to the school of these two sad situations and we are reaching out our hands, doing everything we can to pull the school back up to its rightful place of strength and ability. But how much more could we do with a whole school community pulling in the same direction?

So, when January school days start again and the Christmas rush is past, ask yourself what you can do to help. Whether words of encouragement, great ideas or making a donation, your willingness to help where needed strengthens all of us.

Blessings & Peace for 2009, with an equal dose of Joy & Fun!

Shirley Paterson and Una St. Clair, Your PAC Co-Chairs



