

**PAC NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2008**

Your 2008-2009 PAC
Executive

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QUICK BITS

Mrs. Fengler, the grade 2 teacher, is looking for empty paper towel rolls. Please see her if you have some...she needs lots!

Hot Lunch

The first hot lunch will be Oct. 24. More info to come.

In Pursuit of Excellence

What does excellence look like to you? More specifically, what does excellence at LFAS look like to you? As parents, I believe we all want the same: excellent education and learning opportunities for our children. So here's the next question - Are we creating what we want?

As new Co-Chairs of the PAC, we wish to inspire the LFAS community (parents, teachers, administrators and students) to continue to develop an attitude that values excellence. We understand the huge societal benefit in supporting and inspiring young people to pursue and then achieve excellence in their chosen field. As we focus our attention on the pursuit and creation of higher ideals, it will provide the fuel for endless possibilities of greater achievement for each student. When the time comes to move outward from the school community, each student will take with them the ability to change the world for the better, standing firm in the knowledge of their value and contribution.

LFAS has already supported many students achieve incredible results both academically and artistically, which we respect and appreciate. Now we see the need for an expansion of this excellence with more possibilities and growth. It is a universal truth that nothing can remain as it is, everything being in constant motion, either growing or contracting. In other words, there is no standing still!

So are you willing? Are you willing to embrace your part as a parent who will join with others who strive for excellence at our school? Let's stop waiting for something or somebody else to make things better. Our children are young for such a short time, "now" is always the right time to give our best effort!

Shirley & Una
PAC Co-Chairs, 08/09

We look forward to meeting you at our monthly PAC meetings where your input and participation will be respected and valued. Please join us in our Pursuit of Excellence this year!



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Direct Appeal : Supporting Excellence

Families can donate to the direct appeal by using the Langley School District Foundation Online donation page at: <http://www.langleyschooldistrictfoundation.com/donation.html>

* Remember to add in the comment box that the donation is for the **Langley Fine Arts School**.

Please note that at the Langley Fine Arts Website - Contact us section:

<http://www.sd35.bc.ca/lfa/pac.html>

You are able to see the Agenda for the upcoming meeting and minutes post afterwards in case you are unable to make the meetings. Pac Exec contact information will also be available so that you can contact us for information or suggestions. We are really interested in hearing from you. Please check out the school calendar for upcoming meetings.

There were a number of parents very interested at the last PAC meeting in getting together to discuss restorative peace for our children. Those interested in joining a parent group contact Nettie Whalley at safe-kids@live.com

Their objective is to help provide a safe environment for all students. They are excited about facilitating open dialogue with parents, teachers, and students regarding the district approved code of conduct. They would like to embrace these policies and procedures within the school so that they can ensure that they are better able to proactively deal with bullying and harassment. This will provide a strong foundation for all students to reach for "excellence".

Next PAC Meeting:
Wed. Oct. 22nd @ 3:30pm

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

Ralph Waldo Emerson