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### Help us earn easy money!

Use our Co-op Membership #74721 or just let the staff know you are supporting Bayside Middle School.

Get your Thrifty's OR **Fairway Market** reloadable shopping card. No expense to you but 5% of all your purchase goes to PAC.

Buy your coffee beans at Fresh Cup and \$4 per bag is given to PAC.

Purchase Red Barn gift vouchers - email PAC for details.

## Money, money, money!

We're more than half way through the school year and so much has been achieved by your Bayside **Parent Advisory Council** (PAC). There has been a wide variety of fund raising efforts this year, including our "Show your Bayside Pride" clothing range. It is so great to see so many students wearing their sporty Bayside clothing and using their eco-friendly water bottles. To those that supported and purchased these items, we send out a big "thank you". If you missed out to order a garment, please plan to visit the PAC Information Table at the Open House event on 26 May 2016 OR arrange for your child to visit the Shark Shop to pick up an order form.



We've also continued to gather funds from Thrifty, Co-op, Fresh Cup and our new partners Fairway Foods and Red Barn. It's never too late to sign up to use these shopping cards. Please contact PAC to request your reloadable card. It costs you nothing, yet by your regular purchases, PAC receives different levels of donations from these stores. We also run the year end Monks Stationery order for school supplies - look out for our order forms in June. In anticipation of your support - Thank you!

PAC also receives 10% of profits from the popular pizza day lunches, supported by many parents. Last but not least, we have received some wonderful donations via local fund raising efforts such as the *Sip and Shop* event hosted by Brentwood Bay Village Emporium. Our fabulous friends at the Emporium also offer weekly donations of their freshly made breakfast baked goods in support of the Bayside's Breakfast Program! Sending grateful thanks to this new local business for their generosity to help feed Bayside kids' bodies and brains!

### Where does PAC spend the money?

A question we regularly hear and we're happy to share! Don't forget you are all members of "PAC" and are welcome to attend our meetings where we discuss, consider and vote on how to spend PAC funds. The next "funding review" will be in October 2016 - make plans to attend!



## PAC's Legacy Gift to Bayside Middle School

As reported in our February newsletter, PAC is working with the talented, First Nation (*Pauquachin*) Carver, Mark Henry to create a unique Totem Pole for Bayside as well as a new School Sign. This PAC wishes to acknowledge previous PAC groups who have "saved" the funds in past years to allow this years group to offer such a magnificent legacy gift. It is the first time PAC has worked with our First Nation group and we're delighted to forge a closer connection and build a stronger community for all.

What will the Bayside totem pole look like?

Save 26 May 2016 to attend the special unveil ceremony @ Bayside Middle School.



**Mark your calendar:**  
**Celebrating our Cultural Diversity**  
**26 May 2016, 5.30 - 7.30 pm**  
**Unveiling of Bayside's Totem Pole - Open House/Year End Party 2016**  
**BBQ-Art-Cultural Dance-Desserts.**

*This exciting "gift" will be unveiled at a spectacular event on 26 May 2016 - starting at 5.30 pm, please make plans to join us! See you there!*

We hope this event will bring together and build stronger relationships between students, staff, parents and our community. Our goal is to reinforce a true sense of belonging where everyone has a part in creating the whole!

To succeed, PAC will need YOUR help to execute this terrific year end event. If you can help with anything (shopping, helping out on the day to cook, serve, clean up etc) please email us at [baysidepac@gmail.com](mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com)

Finally, don't forget to sign up for your FREE tickets to attend the BBQ event. Everyone in your family is welcome to attend! Visit our website or Facebook page for the booking link or contact PAC to order your ticket(s).

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## BAYSIDE OPEN HOUSE YEAR END PARTY!

**Bayside Middle School**  
**5.30 - 7.30 pm**

Bayside School and PAC will celebrate the cultural diversity of our school and unveil an amazing totem pole gift, from your PAC, at this special event.

Free food and entertainment from 5:30-6:30 with our unveiling ceremony to begin at 6:30! Come one, come all! Please sign up for your FREE ticket so we know how many people to feed!! Everyone in your family is welcome to attend. Visit our website or Facebook, check email or contact us to find the link to order your tickets. See you on the 26th May.

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## Upcoming PAC Supported Events - mark your calendars!

**May 24** - 6.30 pm PAC AGM

7.00 pm PAC meeting  
Aim to arrive early for our social gathering from 6.00 pm - there might even be tea! Check our emails for more details.

**May 26** - 5.30 - 7.30 pm Open House / End of Year Party. Plus Unveiling of PAC's gift (totem pole). Seeking volunteers to help with set up/cooking/cleaning. Please email PAC if you can help.

**May 31** - Staff Appreciation Lunch.

PAC members to manage catering and set up. Seeking donations of flowers to serve as decoration and gifts. Please drop off your displays for PAC on the day at the school office.

**June 7** - 12.15-1.25 pm Sports Event with hot dog lunch (to be confirmed)

**June 14** - 6.30 - 7.45 pm PAC meeting - last of the school year, come and contribute to next years' plans!

**June 24** - 5.00 - 7.00 pm Canadian Parents For French - awareness and membership drive: St Jean Baptiste Day , at Brentwood Bay Pub.

Confirmation and details to follow. - check CPF Facebook for updates.

All will be welcome!

## PAC co-funded and supported events.

During the year PAC supported a number of the ever popular workshops and parent evenings hosted at Bayside. Plenty of helpful content was shared and so for those that many have missed these events, here are some of the highlights.

In November we welcomed back Darren Laur, known as the *White Hatter*. His two hour **Internet/Social Media Safety** presentation, as always, had everyone on the edge of their seats.

Darren's presentation is full of important content, information and advice on things you need to know if your child has a smart phone, ipad/tablet, or works on the internet/engages with social media. We received lots of requests for resource links mentioned during the presentation, so please check out these page links below, supplied by the White Hatter. We think you'll find the answers you're seeking! If not, The White Hatter is happy to respond to private messages posted via his Facebook page - link below.

Q & A resource: <http://thedigitalsheepdog.ca/parents/>

Informative video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoPe-skp4Nc>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/The-White-Hatter-Darren-Laur>

**Advocating for your child.** For those that missed this fabulous workshop, the BCCPAC offer a step-by-step guide to resolution advocacy for parents who want to become better advocates for their children. A downloadable guide is available on the link below. The guide gives information on:

- \*details on how the school system works,
- \*outlines parent and students rights and responsibilities,
- \*provides strategies for advocating for children, and
- \*supports student self-advocacy.

**Download the PDF Guides:** <http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources/speaking>

BCCPAC also offer a variety of other helpful guides for parents. One new document is on how to deal with bullying. This guide offers advice for parents whose children are the targets of bullying, as well as for parents of children who have witnessed bullying or who have bullied others. We hope that you find this guide to be a useful resource, giving you the tools you need to talk about bullying with your children and take action to seek a positive solution.

<http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources/bullying-stops-here>

## Bayside's Leaky Roof.

For those of you that have followed our communications, you'll know that we've been campaigning for a NEW ROOF. After 20 + years of having rain drip through Bayside's building, our campaign, lobbying and petition to those in power have finally met with success. We have been updated from the school district that they have presented preliminary reports to the Minister of Education.

We hope, as a minimum, for a new roof for the gym, library and entrance way BUT with luck, by the time you read this newsletter, the Ministry of Education should be announcing its' commitment to hopefully fund the remainder of the roof. The Hon. Bernier is reviewing all and aims to make a financial commitment in a timely matter to ensure the district can move forward to tender in May. Fingers X for a new roof over the summer months. Woo, Hoo!

**Communications** - Did you know that PAC has its' own Facebook page? Please visit and like our page! Join the conversations and contribute useful links and ideas. We



will continue to share information on the school website PAC page together

with our emails. Remember to receive PAC emails you must "Opt in" to receive!

## Where We've Spent the Funds:

*\*Internet/Social Media Safety Presentation. And Advocating for Your Child workshop. Two popular and informative presentations at Bayside.*

- \* New Library Revolving Book racks.
- \* Classroom funding and field trips
- \* Hockey Safety gear/PE/ Pinnes/shorts.
- \* Band Festival Registrations
- \* PC for Extreme Team
- \* Swim Club
- \* Breakfast Program
- \* Lunchtime Clubs
- \* Late Bus (Wednesday)
- \* Christmas Store
- \* Staff Appreciation Lunch
- \* Expert Visitor fees
- \* Grade 8 Grad party
- \* Welcome Back coffee morning



- \* Rugby shorts & socks
- \* Welcome Back Party
- \* Year End Party
- \* Hot Dog Day
- \* Totem Pole
- \* School Sign
- \* Year End Entertainment
- \* Year End Student recognition
- \* Vaccine refreshment fund
- \* Staff retirement gifts

## PAC 2016-2017

The current PAC team have had a very intense, productive and busy year! Many members have full time roles and yet find time in their hectic lives to volunteer and participate.



Sadly six members from the current PAC are stepping down in July 2016 and we need to urgently find replacements to carry on the sterling work for the new school year. If you are interested, please email your name to PAC and plan to attend our AGM on 24 May, 6.30 pm.

Did you know 73% of employers would recruit a candidate with volunteering experience over one without? AND that volunteers are likely to live longer than those that don't? Food for thought!

**We look forward to working with you during the remaining part of the school year.**

*Sandra Arthur, President  
PAC and Members of your  
Bayside PAC*