# Bayside Middle



# School PAC Newsletter

Thank you! From your PAC

2016 - 2017

It's just incredible how time flies; another school year in the books and before we know it our children will be graduating from High School! Be sure to take time to slow things down this summer and soak up the beautiful sunny weather with your family and friends.

The PAC has been heavily focused on creating an excellent environment at Bayside and we surely hope your kids had an amazing year! Check out some of our proudest PAC moments of 2016-17 throughout this newsletter and plan to get involved next year if you are still here. If you are leaving Bayside, all the best to you and your family!

Thank you for all your support!



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# President's Year End Report

Thanks for another great year at Bayside! As we get ready for summer vacation to begin, let's take a minute to thank all of those that supported our kids this year, including yourselves! We know that not every child loves the school experience but we also know that the educators and parents put a lot of hard work into supporting their learning journey! Hopefully the kids had some fun this year at Bayside too!

As the outgoing PAC president, I wanted to thank you for your support of our PAC efforts and my leadership. It has been a blast to represent this amazing group of parents who have stepped forward to lead some important charges on behalf of Bayside. Namely:

- The NEW roof we can't thank you enough for your patience surrounding the construction that has been going on around the school this year. This project was brought into being by the tireless efforts of the previous years PAC and we are all so incredibly grateful for their dedication and commitment to the
  - safety of our staff and students and visitors in this school. This 17.1 million dollar initiative is set to be completed this summer!

**Bayside Middle School** 

Value: \$7.1 million Complete: Summer 2017

mproving Student Safety

- The best Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night Yet! Stay tuned for this fall where we unveil our new outdoor classroom space!
- A NEW outdoor classroom brought into being by the fearlessness of one Bayside parent who came forward with an idea and got the whole community on board! It's remarkable and we are so very excited for what this means for our children's educational experience! Check out the full story in this newsletter!
- More prepared than ever with our earthquake kit getting a much needed, long overdue make-over! Special thanks to those parents who put in time and effort making huge strides there! There's still more to do and we'd love your help! Watch for our emergency preparedness fundraiser in September!
- Four fabulously themed PAC lunches! While we had a few growing pains, all in all, the lunches were so much fun for us and the kids. Watch for them next year too, but we need some more help here to make them awesome!
- TONS of school spirit from discussing school needs with teachers and administrators to more Bayside hoodies floating the halls than ever before to more parents involved all throughout! The school environment is invigorating and we are proud to be strong contributors!
- LOTS of support for school clubs and teams! Get your kids to ask for the club they want! There is support and money if they just ask!
- And a few fabulous events to wind up the year from a joyous open house, to staff appreciation to an extended lunch with FREE food for all! Watch the calendar for news of these events and how you can help!

And so much more... Check out Page 8 for details....

As our new PAC looks forward to next year, we reflect on what has been an amazing year at Bayside for 2016-17! We couldn't be happier or prouder of what we've accomplished together as a community!

Have a safe and fun summer enjoying each other and savour each moment as they go far too quickly!

2017/2018 School Supplies!

We know summer is coming, and school is almost out; but help yourself for fall, by ordering school supplies NOW!

### Deadline is July 14th!

SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAYSIDE:

STEP 1: Go to: https://bts.monk.ca

STEP 2: Click on "Buy School Supplies"

STEP 3: Enter in your Bayside PAC Code 245G50

STEP 4: Select your child's grade from the drop down menu and enter his/her name

STEP 5: Click "Add to Cart"

There are many benefits to ordering your school supplies online from Monk Office:

- It's quick and simple!
- 10% of all online orders placed will be donated back to Bayside PAC.
- You can order online and still pay with cash or cheque.
- If you have more than one child at the school you may add both grade kits to your cart
- You may choose to have your kit delivered to the nearest Monk Office Retail location (for free!) for pickup or delivered straight to your home (for a small flat rate).
- Even if you miss the deadline for online orders for delivery to the school – you can still order online but your options become to deliver to a store or your home only.
- You are supporting local businesses.
- There is a dedicated Monk Team Member to help with PAC and Back to School needs! You can contact Caitlin McKenzie at PACorders@monk.ca with any questions or concerns about the website or your order(s).

Thank you for your support! YOUR Bayside PAC

# Bayside's Outdoor Classroom & Peace Garden

# Bayside Middle School was selected for Canada 150th Anniversary grant!









Our school was awarded \$15,300 for an outdoor classroom and peace & friendship garden!

The PAC is thrilled that Bayside was awarded \$15,300 from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation under its Common Ground Project in celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were one of only two schools chosen to receive this special funding on Vancouver Island. Our project is entitled NEPENEKÁUTW Outdoor Classroom and Saanich Moons Peace Garden: Landbased Learning for Environmental Stewardship and Intercultural Friendship.

NEPENEKÁUTW means "Place of Teaching" in SENĆOŦEN and it is the name that we have selected for this new space, which will promote the values of our school and provide culturally relevant learning opportunities to all the students at Bayside. This project is an important way for Bayside to enhance indigenous education, such as the Saanich Moons curriculum, to implement the recommendations of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and to mark the Year of Reconciliation with our First Nation communities.

Our outdoor classroom is now almost built and it is beautiful! It will have benches on three sides to accommodate one class of students. We are very grateful for the generous in-kind donations from Bradley Shuya Architect Inc for the design, Butler Brothers for the concrete, Flynn Canada for the roof, Peninsula Rock Products for the gravel, Mike Watson Trucking for excavation and Unitech for the construction oversight. We greatly appreciate the discounts that we received from Ryzuk Geotechnical and City Pump.

We commissioned local indigenous artist, Charles Elliot, to create an art piece based on the Saanich Moons curriculum that will be mounted on the front gable of the outdoor classroom. Bayside Principal Wendy MacDonald and District Vice-Principal for Indigenous Education Melissa Austin recently went to Elliot's studio to see his impressive carving in progress. In the new school year 2017-2018, we plan to integrate student-created art in the new outdoor classroom and garden.

Garden designer Sandra Bunting of Island Horticultural Services is donating her expertise to help create the peace and friendship gardens that will surround the outdoor classroom. Sandra has a child attending Bayside and we are so happy to have parent involvement in our project! Grade 7 teacher Julie Proulx will also assist in the garden design. We appreciate the Indigenous education perspectives of teacher Ivy Seward and assistant Megan Supernault. The garden will incorporate log and rock seating, paths and native plants. The excavation of the garden will be done over the summer. In early September when school is back in session, students will have an opportunity to help with the planting.

# Bayside's Outdoor Classroom & Peace Garden

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- Melissa Austin, District Vice-Principal for Indigenous Education
- Mark Peaty, School District 63
   Facilities and Grounds
- Sandra Bunting, Island Horticultural Services
- Roderic Owen-Flood, Butler Brothers
- Dave Howells, Peninsula Rock Products

In our new gardens, we are also installing a cedar peace pole. The pole just arrived and is waiting in the principal's office. On the pole, the text "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is inscribed in twelve different languages representing the most common languages of our school including English, French and SENĆOŦEN. The message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" started by Masahisa Goi in Japan in 1955. Goi was deeply affected by the destruction caused by World War II and the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and committed his life to promoting his message for world peace. Goi's message then began appearing on poles around the world. The Peace Pole Project was formally started in North America in 1986, the United Nations' International Year of Peace. Peace poles are now the most recognized peace monument with more than 200,000 poles standing in almost every country throughout the world. Bayside Middle School will be the first school on the peninsula with a peace pole!

Our outdoor classroom and peace and friendship garden will be officially unveiled in the evening of Thursday, September 21, which is the UN International Day of Peace. The Bayside event will also be the PAC welcome back BBQ and open house. We will invite local politicians and the media. We warmly welcome our Bayside Middle School community to this unveiling and celebration.

Finally to complete our unique project, we would be grateful for any financial donations, garden material or your time and expertise, please contact us at <a href="mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com">baysidepac@gmail.com</a> if you can help. Our NEPENEKÁUTW outdoor classroom and gardens will provide an enriching and enduring benefit to all the students and staff at our school.

The PAC acknowledges the following individuals, organizations and companies that are supporting this project and providing generous in-kind donations and discounts:

- Vern Declark, builder
- City Pump
- Bayside's Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- BC Fruit Growers Association
- Brad Shuya, Bradley Shuya Architect Inc.
- Jerry Horne, Flynn Canada Ltd.

- Mark O'Hanley, Flynn Canada Ltd.
- Marty Landucci, Unitech Construction
   Management Ltd.
- Sean Dethlefsen, Unitech
   Construction Management Ltd.
- Brad Telford, Mike Watson Trucking
- Ryzuk Geotechnical



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

#### Farwell Grade 8's

It seems like just the other day when you all came walking through the doors of Bayside for the very first day. Some of you were scared, some of you were extremely excited for your big adventure to middle school. Most of you just followed the crowd in hopes to make it through the day. It's hard to believe that was three years ago. Time moves so fast, it seems to slip through our fingers before we realized it happened. Now here we are three years later, three years older, three years of incredible experiences and memories to cherish.... And now you're on your way through the doors of your new school for the very first day...

Rather than leaving you with an emotional goodbye, we thought it might be neat to give you some words of wisdom from the older generation of students who have graduated or are graduating:

- Don't be afraid to branch out and meet new people. Just like middle school, there is hundreds of new students from many different middle schools who are coming together to your new high school for their first day. That's hundreds of amazing new people that will cross your path along the way and one of them could become your closest most cherished friend in life.
- Always be kind, everyone has a story and could use a friend; treat others how you wish to be treated. Kindness goes a lot further in life.
- Don't let popularity define who you are; instead dare to be different, unique, dare to be yourself.
- Let your curiosity take you beyond the borders of the school curriculum. Dive into your own ideas and follow through with them. Don't be afraid to dream.
- Don't shy away from trying new things or doing something exciting because you're afraid of being bad at it. Fear is crippling! Take each opportunity, no matter how difficult or scary it is, as a chance to grow, to learn, to discover! Try new things - you just might be amazing at them!
- Remember to never forget that change is not always a bad thing. If you don't allow for change to happen you will miss out on some beautiful things that are yet to come your way.
- You only get 4 years of high school, and then you have to be an adult; enjoy the time while you have it, make the most of it, live it, don't "wait for your life to begin" because it's already happening and before you know it, you'll be graduating and all grown up!

We here at Bayside, wish each and every one of you happy adventures, fantastic new friendships, amazing experiences and the journey of a lifetime.

























## Summer French Club!

**Location:** Centennial Park

**Date:** July 11, 25, & August 15, 29.

*Time:* 2-5pm

CFP is sponsoring a fun way to keep your French alive over the summer. Register for one or all of the dates and join us for French Fun! There will be a portable library to borrow books, games and activities organized by a French parent of Bayside.

For more information and to register, contact Rachelle: rachill16@gmail.com



# CLUB D'ÉTÉ EN FRANÇAIS

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RACHILL16@GMAIL.COM

Nous vous souhaitons un été rempli de bonheur et de bonne santé. Venez nous voir au Camp d'été ou nous allons s'amuser ensemble!

Bonne vacances à tous!!

## **Local Air Cadet Squadron is Recruiting**

The 676 Kittyhawk Air Cadet Squadron, located at 1979 de Havilland Way beside the Victoria International Airport, is hosting a Community Open House at our squadron hall on <a href="Thursday">Thursday</a>, <a href="September 7">September 7</a>, <a href="2017">2017</a>. We have a wonderful youth program and are eager to share it with a larger community audience!

#### Who are we?

We are one of the largest youth organizations in Canada and are open to young men and women, aged 12-18. Our program promotes essential social and community skills, that includes leadership, self-confidence, self-discipline, citizenship and physical fitness. This is accomplished through a variety of programs that include glider flying, simulation flying, power familiarization flying, band, drill, marksmanship, SCUBA, biathlon and many others. Cadets train every Thursday evening.

We invite families to join us on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Where we will provide a rounded explanation of the offerings of our air cadet squadron.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish further information on this event, or on any information I have included here.

Respectfully,

Lori Lumley

Lori Lumley, Chair 676 Kittyhawk Air Cade Squadron Sponsoring (Parent) Committee <a href="http://aircadetleague.com">http://aircadetleague.com</a> http://www.676kittyhawk.com





#### "Green Teacher" 2 Year Subscription

Through the outdoor classroom and garden grant, the PAC was able to buy some supplies for teachers and students. The PAC bought a two-year subscription to Green Teacher magazine for Bayside Middle School. All the teachers will be able to access Green Teacher online, receive its e-newsletter and join its webinars. The school will also receive a hard copy of the quarterly magazine over two years. A copy of the book "Teaching Green: The Middle Years" and four archive issues of the magazine have also been given to the school.

Green Teacher offers innovative curriculum-linked projects, lesson ideas and resources for teachers. Through this subscription, we hope to provide extra support to teachers as they use our new outdoor classroom and peace & friendship garden and expand the vegetable garden at Bayside.

Green Teacher is a Canadian a non-profit organization based in Toronto. It is dedicated to helping educators, both inside and outside of schools, promote environmental awareness among young people aged 6-19.

More information can be found here: <a href="https://greenteacher.com/">https://greenteacher.com/</a>

# Summer Counselling Group for Girls

Beacon Community Services is again offering a summer counselling group for girls living on the Saanich peninsula and attending school in SD 63.



# Report Cards & Early Dismissal

Thursday, June 29th is the final day for students at Bayside Middle School. The most important function of the day is to distribute report cards. If you wish to have your child's report card mailed to you, please be sure to provide your child's teacher with a self-addressed, stamped (\$1.34) envelope [9" X 12"], otherwise report cards will remain in the office for you to pick up in early July or late August.

Report cards and class activities will be finished by 10:00 am. The rest of the day, the students will be involved in classroom and school preparation/clean-up work. In the past, we have had a great number of students bring notes to be dismissed early on this day. If you wish your child to be dismissed at approximately 10:00 am on June 29th, please complete and return the Early Dismissal form to your child's homeroom teacher. Please note: students who have permission to leave at 10:00 MUST leave the school grounds at that time.

NOTE: **Buses will NOT be available at 10:00**—school buses will run at their regularly scheduled times in the afternoon. Written permission is necessary in order to dismiss your young person early — phone calls or faxes WILL NOT be accepted as we don't know who has called or sent the fax and the safety of your child is paramount.

## Look What Else We've Done This Year!

The Bayside PAC has been super busy this year!

- We had a wonderful turnout for the Bayside Christmas Craft Fair on December 8th. Thank you!
- We shared in both the community and culture of our students at the Spring Picnic on May 25th;
- We thanked our teachers and community support workers with a FREE Staff Appreciation lunch on May 30th;
- We've had tons of funding requests approved to enhance the school:
  - Soccer and Volleyballs for Bayside Teams;
  - Sports Equipment for kids to use at recess and lunch (Frisbees, footballs, playground balls, etc...);
  - · Christmas programs;
  - Lunchtime Clubs: Cartooning/Manga Club, Lego Club, Crafts Club, Creativity Club, & Board Games Club;
  - Traditional Shawl Making Club;
  - Traditional Knitting Club;
  - Robotics Club;
  - Friendship Bracelet Making;
  - Band Festival Registrations for ALL Grades;
  - Dictee Competition Registration;
  - Speakers from UVIC;
  - Audio/Video equipment upgrade to support Bayside programs;
  - 10 Hokki stools for use around the school;
  - Scripts and directors notes for the Grade 8 play;

On behalf of your PAC, we all just can't wait to see what's in store for us next year!!

Our goal is make the most out of this short time our kids have here at Bayside. To create a safe, fun, and positive environment with memorable moments for our kids to reflect back on when they think about their time here in middle school. We can't do that without the help of volunteers. If you have some free time, please check out the following list of fantastic opportunities for you to get involved!

What if your schedule is so jam packed that you can't commit to meetings; but perhaps you can offer a one time helping hand, just for an hour or two? No Problem! You choose the day and the amount of time you can give - we are happy to welcome you on a 'No Commitment Necessary ' basis.

# Help Support Your Bayside PAC

### It's As Easy As 1, 2, 3!

A good portion of funds raised by the PAC comes from neighbouring businesses within the community. Let's talk about Thrifty Foods, Fairways, and Co-op. Do you shop at any one of these three places?

Both the Thrifty Foods Smile Card, and the Fairways Community Card is offering Bayside 5% of what ever amount you load onto your card! That's \$0.05 from every \$1.00 added, will be donated to the Bayside PAC! It's so simple and it cost you nothing, not a penny extra beyond your normal everyday grocery shopping! Have you received a loyalty card in support of the Bayside PAC yet? Contact <a href="mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com">baysidepac@gmail.com</a> to get yours today!

1. Do your shopping; 2. Load money onto your Loyalty Card <u>prior</u> to ringing through your purchases; 3. Have the cashier ring through your purchases; 4. Pay using the card.

What an easy way to help create funds for the PAC to support programs at Bayside!

Do you shop at Co-op? Gas or groceries - it's all the same to us - use the Bayside Co-op membership #74721. Did you know, if everyone filled up their car with gas only TWICE in one year, our PAC would earn \$1000!

## Bayside PAC - Be Prepared Fundraiser!

Did you know? That the PAC is largely responsible for the organization and purchase of items that go into our school Earthquake Containers. We have been updating the items in our disaster kits this year!

You can help us offset the cost by purchasing a disaster kit for your family too; a great way to help your family be prepared and support the PAC!

10% -15 % of all proceeds (Depending on item) will be given back to the PAC to support our purchase of Earthquake Kit Items.

Look for this fundraiser coming in September!

# PAC Hotdog Lunch!

As a thank you, on Tuesday June 6th, all students and staff were treated to a FREE fun lunch, provided by the PAC. We prepared hotdogs, brought in cases of chips, and a mountain of juice boxes! Check out some pictures below of our awesome extended lunch break!















# 2017/2018 Dates to Remember Mark Your Calendars!

**Sept 5** • First Day Back to School

Sept 19 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Sept 21** • Meet the Teacher Night

Welcome Back BBQ

• Outdoor Classroom Dedication

• International Day of Peace

Oct 9 • STAT Thanksgiving Monday (No School)

**Oct 17 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm** 

Oct 20 • Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Oct 26 • PAC Hot Lunch

**Nov 13** • STAT Remembrance Day (*No School*)

**Nov 21 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm** 

**Nov 24** • Non-Instructional Day (*No School*)

Dec 7 • PAC Hot Lunch

**Dec 19** • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Dec 23-Jan 7** • Winter Break (No School)

Jan 8 • School Re-Opens

**Jan 16** • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Jan 29 • Non-Instructional Day (No School)

**Feb 12** • STAT Family Day (No School)

Feb 14 • Valentine's Day

Feb 15 • PAC Hot Lunch

**Feb 20 •** PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Feb 23 • Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Feb 28 • Pink Shirt Day

Mar 5 • Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Mar 17 • St. Patrick's Day

Mar 17-Apr 2 • Spring Break (No School)

Mar 30 • STAT Good Friday (No School)

Apr 2 • STAT Easter Monday (No School)

Apr 3 • School Re-Opens

Apr 12 • PAC Hot Lunch

Apr 17 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm (2018/2019 Vision Meeting)

**Apr 20** • Non-Instructional Day (*No School*)

May 4 • Non-Instructional Day (No School)

May 13 • Mother's Day

May 15 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm (Annual General Meeting)

May 21 • STAT Victoria Day (No School)

May 24 • Grade 5 Information Night

PAC End of Year BBQ

• Open House

May 27-Jun 2 • Quebec Trip

May 29 • Staff Appreciation Lunch

Jun 5 • FREE PAC Hotdog Lunch

**Jun 11-15 •** Grade 8 Exams

Jun 17 • Father's Day

Jun 19 • PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Jun 25 • Grade 8 Awards Assembly @1:00pm

Grade 8 Farewell @ 7:00pm

Jun 28 • Report Cards Distributed

• Early Dismissal @ 10:00am

Jun 30 • Admin Day (No School)

#### **About Bayside PAC**

We are a group of committed parents working together to make our kids' years at Bayside as great as they can be. All parents are members. Come join us!

#### **Bayside Middle School**

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**Facebook:** facebook.com/ BaysideMiddleSchoolPAC

#### Attendance Alert:

If your child is going to be absent or late, please contact the school by one of the following methods:

Phone: 250-652-8653

**Bell Schedule** 

Block 4

E-mail:

bsms\_attendancealert@sd63.bc.ca

#### Welcome Bell 8:22 AM Homeroom 8:30 AM - 8:34 AM Block 1 8:34 AM - 9:41 AM Block 2 9:41 AM - 10:48 AM **RECESS** 10:48 AM - 11:03 AM Block 3 11:05 AM - 12:12 PM LUNCH 12:12 PM - 12:52 PM **Reading Block** 12:57 PM - 1:26 PM

1:26 PM - 2:33 PM

# **Bayside Parents Advisory Council**

# Get to Know Your Up-Coming 2017-18 Team!

#### Executive:

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Vacant

#### **Fundraising Coordinators:**

Vacant Vacant

#### Members at Large:

There is always an available vacant seat in this section for anyone who wants to be a member!! Everyone is welcome!!

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Kelly Hoffman kpjh@shaw.ca

# Are you interested in getting involved?

We are so grateful for our wonderful team of active parents involved in the PAC. Without their dedication and hard work, we simply could not give as much as we currently do to our kids. Thank you!

If you're interested in meeting new people and being part of this amazing team, please contact <a href="mailto:baysidepac@gmail.com">baysidepac@gmail.com</a> Volunteers are ALWAYS wanted and welcomed with open arms!