



SEPTEMBER 2026

Ecole Sandy Hill Elementary School P.A.C. NEWSLETTER

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dates to
remember

- **Sept. 18 - Oct. 2** - Community Values Book Fundraiser
- **Sept. 24** - School-wide Field Trip (Greendale Acres)
- **Sept. 24** - DPAC meeting 7pm (Abbotsford School District office)
- **Sept. 25** - Pro D Day (No School)
- **Sept. 28** - PAC meeting 7pm (school library or Zoom) - Everyone is welcome!
- **Sept. 29** - Meet the Teacher night 6-7 pm - at the school
- **Sept. 30** - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- **Oct. 2-23** - Pango Fundraiser live
- **Oct. 6** - Photo Day (*say cheese!*)
- **Oct. 6** - Grade 5 Movie Night (for Grade 5 students only)
- **Oct. 12** - Thanksgiving (No School)
- **Oct. 21 & 22** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (12 pm dismissal)

Welcome Back!



The PAC Executive is excited for the new school year and look forward to spreading fun and joy throughout the school! This year, we are introducing a newsletter to help keep parents and caregivers informed about what we are up to, school events, volunteer opportunities, and important updates.

In our experience, some families prefer a quick update, while others want all the information! So, in our newsletters, you'll find the quick information you need on the first page, with all the extra details below.

Everyone is a voting member of the PAC, and our success is only possible with the help and involvement of all the parents and caregivers at the school. Please consider volunteering your time and/or attending monthly PAC meetings, which are available both in-person and online.

We also have a volunteer WhatsApp chat where we post volunteer opportunities throughout the year. If you would like to join, please send your name and phone number to sandyhillpac@gmail.com.

Volunteering at the school does require a criminal record check through the Abbotsford School District. Please visit the school website for directions on how to complete one.

Welcome, Kindergarten Families!

We also have a WhatsApp group just for Kindergarten parents and caregivers, where you can connect with other Kindergarten families. Please contact us to be added to the group.

We ask that all chat groups remain free from advertising and non-school-related content. Any questions or concerns directly related to students or staff should be directed to the school email.

Meet our PAC Executive team for 2026/2027

- Chair – Kathy Asselstine
- Vice Chair – Brooke Kuyer
- Media Manager – Aimee Meidema
- Secretary – Jas Hundal
- Treasurer – Phil Osler
- Hot Lunch Coordinator – Alicia Larsen
- Events Coordinator – Naomi Mulawka
- Assistant Events – Vacant
- Fundraising Coordinator – Jenn Shaw
- Assistant to the Fundraising Coordinator – vacant
- DPAC Rep – Chelsea Muirhead

We still have two vacancies: Assistant Fundraising Coordinator & Assistant Events Coordinator. If you would like to volunteer for these positions, please contact us at sandyhillpac@gmail.com

Fundraisers



We look forward to fundraising throughout the year to support our students, school, and staff. We have some amazing goals this year, including raising funds for various field trips, fun activities, and replacing school equipment.

Check out our PAC meetings or the meeting minutes, which are posted on the school website in the PAC section, for updates on all of our initiatives.

Here are some of our upcoming fundraisers:

- **Community Values Coupon Books** went home September 18th. This fundraiser is being run for two weeks, and closes on October 2nd. Books sold will be sent home on Wednesdays and Fridays over the course of the fundraiser.
- **Panago** certificates will be available to purchase on Hot Lunch from Oct. 1 - Oct. 21st. Certificates will be distributed Oct. 28. Certificates cost \$14.00 and can be used for any medium pizza. Please note, certificates expire 3 months from date of issue.

- **Growing Smiles Winter Plant Fundraiser**, which includes poinsettias and other winter greenery, will run Nov. 2nd - Nov. 22nd. Orders will be available for pick up in the Multi-Purpose room on December 9th.
- **Purdy's Winter Chocolate Fundraiser** will run Nov. 2nd - Nov. 25th. Orders will be available for pick up in the Multi-Purpose room on December 9th.

Hot Lunch



This year we will be using sandyhill.parentcouncil.net for our fundraising and hot lunch events as well as for sending out newsletters. As a reminder, we reset the Hot Lunch website at the beginning of each school year, which means that everyone will need to re-register for a new account each school year.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. You can set up your new account now by going to sandyhill.parentcouncil.net and click "click here to register now".
2. Create your account with your (parent) details.
3. Once you have done that you can add your student(s) to your account. Select the class your child is assigned to from the available list of teachers and divisions listed. If you are unsure, please contact the school's office.

*****You will need this code to complete your registration: XUKDVr**

If you have any questions or problems registering please contact sandyhillhotlunch@gmail.com.
Please remember, when ordering hot lunch, your child will still need a recess snack packed for that day.

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The District PAC (DPAC) is here to support both PAC executives and parents and caregivers throughout the district. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend DPAC meetings, which are held either at the School Board Office or online via Zoom.

DPAC also offers many parent nights throughout the year where you can learn skills and gain information to help support your student throughout their school career.

Your DPAC Representative represents all parents and caregivers from Sandy Hill, including voting on your behalf at DPAC meetings. They also keep you up to date at PAC meetings and submit reports for you to review. These reports are available on the school website in the PAC meeting minutes.

Let's stay connected!

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