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

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dates to remember

November

- **Nov. 2-22 -** Winter Plant Fundraiser
- **Nov. 2-25 -** Purdy's Fundraiser
- **Nov. 13 -** Hat/Hoodie Day
- **Nov. 17 -** Timbit Toonie Tuesday
- **Nov. 20 -** Pro D Day (No School)
- **Nov. 21 -** Abbotsford Canucks Game @ 5pm
- **Nov. 26 -** DPAC Meeting @ 7PM (Zoom)
- **Nov. 30 -** PAC Meeting @ 7PM (School Library & Zoom)

December

- **Dec. 1-17 -** Christmas Food Drive
- **Dec. 4 -** Winter Shirt/Sweater Day
- **Dec. 9 -** Purdy's and Plant Fundraisers Pick Up Day
- **Dec. 11 -** Hot Lunch Treat Day: Milk and Cookies!
- **Dec. 11 -** Winter Hat/Headband Day
- **Dec. 16 -** Christmas Concert @ 1:15pm
- **Dec. 17 -** Christmas Concert @ 9am and @1:15pm
- **Dec. 18 -** Pajama Day
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 3 -** Winter Break

PAC At a Glance

- **Hot Lunch ordering is LIVE:** Don't forget to order for December and January's Hot Lunch events!
- **Our Halloween Dance was a spooky success!** Thank you all who attended and volunteered!
- **Fundraising Fun Ahead:** Abbotsford Canucks, Winter Plants, and Purdy's are here! Don't miss out!
- **Fa-la-la-la-la!** Our classrooms are filling with festive tunes as students get ready to shine at their upcoming Christmas concerts!
- **It's the season of giving!** If you're looking for a holiday gift for a staff member be sure to check their wish list, available in the binder in the school's foyer lobby.
- **Want to make a difference?** PAC has set some big goals to benefit our school community, and we accept private donations toward them (& BONUS: you can get a tax receipt!). Ask us how today.

Want to know more about any of these (and more)? Read on for more details.

Events and General

Winter Safety Reminder
As mornings get darker, let's help our little Suns shine bright! Encourage students to add reflective gear or keychains to backpacks and carry a flashlight when walking to school. Neighbours can also help light the way by joining the school district's Brighten the Path campaign!

Christmas Food Drive
'Tis the season for giving! Sandy Hill will be collecting food donations for the Abbotsford Food Bank from December 1–17 in the school lobby. Every can, dollar or donation makes a difference in helping local families this holiday season!

Christmas Concert
It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas! Students and staff are busy preparing for three festive performances. We can't wait to share the holiday magic! Watch your inbox for concert details coming soon!

Want to see what PAC's up to next?

Check out the meeting minutes from October's PAC Meeting here. Our next meeting is Monday, November 30 at 7:00pm. Meet us in the school library or join us on Zoom.

Fundraisers

Thank you for your support so far! Community Values and Panago fundraisers were a smashing success!

Want to support a specific PAC initiative?

Private donations are welcome & may be eligible for a tax receipt. Email us to learn more!

We are fundraising for several significant projects:

1. New Larger Projector & Screen for Gym
2. Spinning Equipment for Primary Playground
3. Accessible Swing (to replace a single swing on the current swing set)
4. Mural on Outside Gym Wall (multi-year goal)

Fundraisers on now:

- **Abbotsford Canucks:** Join our Sandy Hill families and friends on Nov. 21 for the Teddy Bear Toss game where the Abbotsford Canucks host the Tucson Roadrunners ! Get your tickets online here.
- **Growing Smiles Winter Plant Fundraiser:** Will be available to order here online from Nov. 2-22, and will be distributed Dec. 9 from the Multipurpose Room (Room 107). These beautiful arrangements are going to be the hit of your holiday decorating and gifting!
- **Purdy's:** Will be available to order here online from Nov. 2- 25, and will be distributed Dec. 9 from the Multipurpose Room (Room 107). These make the perfect holiday gift!
- **Timbit Toonie Tuesday**: Bring a toonie to school on Nov. 17 to get some yummy TimBits!

Hot Lunch

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with our first Hot Lunch on November 6th; we couldn't have made it happen without you!

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates:

- **Dec 11th Holiday Treat Day (Cookies & Milk)** - Ordering deadline is Dec 3rd at noon
- **Jan 29th Fuel Catering (Wraps & Sushi)** - Ordering deadline is Jan 21st at noon

Remember, when ordering hot lunch, your child will still need a recess snack packed for that day.

Please note: All orders must be paid for by the deadline. A reminder email will be sent out a few days before the deadline for any unpaid accounts. Unpaid orders will not be submitted.

Volunteer For Hot Lunch: If you would like to volunteer for Hot Lunch this year (delivering lunches to classrooms and helping organize food bins), please find the links below for sign-up. If your child's class is full, please consider volunteering for an under-served class (you can still pop in to say hello to your child).

- **December Signup:** https://volunteersignup.org/7PBF4
- **January Signup:** https://volunteersignup.org/CWBBR

*NOTE: *All volunteers must have completed their CRC with the District and Annual Volunteer form with the school (please contact the front office if you have questions on status of your application). Visit the school website for more information on how to complete these forms.*

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A HOTLUNCH ACCOUNT:

1. Set up your account now by going to www.sandyhill.parentcouncil.net and selecting "click here to register now". Each year the system resets and parents are required to re-register their child.

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

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.

If you have any questions or problems registering please contact sandyhillhotlunch@gmail.com.

D.P.A.C. (District Parent Advisory Council)

- The next DPAC meeting is on Nov. 26 @ 7pm on Zoom . With a presentation of Digital Safety: Protecting your children from harm by Cathy Peters. You can find the link on the DPAC Abbotsford website: https://www.abbotsforddpac.ca/
- DPAC is still looking for a Treasurer and Indigenous Inclusion Liaison, please email them if you would like to join in these positions.

Let's Stay Connected!

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