

Sangster Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council

January 2017

Dear Sangster Community,

We would like to wish all our Sangster families a very happy 2017! Hopefully if you've made those famous New Year's resolutions you're still sticking with them! Many find with the New Year it seems to bring a new energy and excitement and this is certainly the case for the PAC. We already have so much to share ... so let's get started

Money...can be a taboo topic at times, but not for the PAC. Here's an update on just how much money we've raised.

At the beginning of the year each teacher was allotted \$700 to spend how they best see fit for their students. Some of these purchases (so far) include; class field trips, crafts, arts & science items. The PAC budgeted an additional \$4500 for larger classroom purchases such as; Elmo's (video type screens), and soon more iPads including cases and apps. Our fundraising also covers expenses such as; school buses (whole school field trips, 2 school swims & beach day), sports & science equipment, math supplies (IXL for grades 2+) We believe these are all worthwhile investment in our kids.

By the end of the year, we anticipate our expenses will be approximately \$30000. Wow...now that's some dollars! But truly well worth every cent, as it really is all about the kids!

Here's a summary of what we've raised over the last little while;

- Coupon books \$2375
- Purdy's \$1462
- Poinsettia's \$550
- Christmas store \$1330
- Hot lunches \$3300
- Christmas concert (all draws) \$760
- Coffee \$430
- Bottle drive \$850

GRAND TOTAL = \$9500

Thank you parents and families! What an amazing amount of money raised so far. It's so awesome we are able to provide so much for our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

COFFEE 1. I.

1. Level Ground Coffee

Keep watching as the next forms will be sent out soon (if your child requires more forms please let their teacher know).



2. Purdy's Easter order

Just in case you didn't get enough chocolate over the holidays, we can fix that! Once again we will offer Purdy's as an Easter fundraiser. Once the info is received we will be sending the forms home. Dates to return forms and pick up will be sent shortly.



3. Popcorn

Who doesn't like popcorn? Starting Wednesday Jan 25th and each Wednesday thereafter, after school in the covered area the PAC will be selling Kernel's snack bags of popcorn for \$2/bag. While supplies last so be sure to get there early ©



4. Friends & Family Dance

Be sure to spread the news and come out Friday February 10^{th.} Our very own Mr. Poynter will be spinning the tunes! The concession will be run by the PAC. A separate dance flyer will be out next week so stay tuned for all the fine details.



5. Spring Fair

Mark your calendars ... the date is Thursday April 20th. Volunteers needed (about 45mins) Please email kristykcaldwell@gmail.com. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you think will make this event even more fabulous, we want to hear them!! Please email tracyf@telus.net.



It's because of you, the parents, grandparents and care givers who are able to give so much of your time to ensure the success of our events!!

There are so many individuals who generously give their time to helping out at our great school, we would need an entire page for all the names. But please know whether you help out frequently or maybe only been ab le to once, your efforts do not go unnoticed. From hot lunch helpers, Christmas store, bottle drive or anything, we want to Thank you for helping make Sangster (in our opinion) the best school around.

For those working parents who may not be able to help out during the school day, like many of us, your support of these event is also greatly appreciated. If you'd like to help out, the Spring Fair is an evening event and lots of volunteers are needed.

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1. Slide show

For the new parents at Sangster, at the year-end assembly there is a slide show showcasing all the wonderful times enjoyed from the year. This year Suzanne Robertson has offered to prepare the show for us. In order for this to be a success, she needs pictures!! If you have some, she'd like them. Please email her at

the robertsons@shaw.ca

2. Yearbook

We know, it's only January...but time flies when we're having fun and we would rather get a jump on things earlier than later. Each class will be allocated a couple of pages to highlight the amazing year they've had. To make this happen we need volunteers. Can you take on the task of designing your class pages? It doesn't require a lot of time, and if there are a couple of people, along with the teacher it'll be fantastic. Remember, this is for the kids and a way to capture the memories. If you're interested please email Suzanne Robertson (email above)

3. Coins for Kids – Feb 10th – Mar 12th Westshore Town Centre will provide grants to the schools with the most points along with a randomly selected school.

Shoppers are asked to submit their receipts into the draw barrel and vote for our school. Every \$1 spent equals 1 point.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS FOR SANGSTER SCHOOL

Level Ground Trading - orders will be placed monthly throughout the school year. Our minimum whole school order is \$100 wholesale. We welcome and encourage your family and friends to place an order. Are you a business owner or part of a business that purchases coffee and tea for your staff? Think about ordering Level Ground through the Sangster fundraiser. On average Sangster will receive 35% profit from the sales.

Boston Pizza – any time you visit the Langford location, be sure to write Sangster on the back of the bill and leave with your server. We will receive 5% back at the end of the year.