

BPAC

Blueridge Parent Advisory Council

Newsletter

October 2014

Message from BPAC

Dear Parents,

The school year is well under way. We have had to make a few adjustments as a result of the school closure at the beginning of the year. The Welcome Back BBQ was cancelled, but we are looking forward to planning another event in December to make up for it. The Card Project is also on hold for this year, but will return next fall.

The BPAC budget was passed at the last meeting and we are in a great position to support the many activities at our school.

The BPAC relies on your assistance to make the various fundraising activities work. It is only with your volunteering that our programs can succeed and allow us to provide the support to the school and our kids.

We use many forums to try and keep you informed. We encourage you to read the BPAC newsletter, the weekly reminder email and our website.

Our goal is to provide helpful information to parents, fundraise to meet needs, serve as a liaison between parents and the school, and ultimately enhance our children's school experience.

If you have any free time to volunteer, we have many projects that need help.

Please consider attending our monthly meetings, held on the final Wednesday of each month in the school library. Our next BPAC General Meeting is on October 29th at 7:30 pm in the library. The class rep orientation will take place at this meeting, so if you are a new class rep this year, please attend. This is a great



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Looking for more information, including this year's fundraising goals, our school's wish list and current volunteer opportunities? Visit our website! It's an easy way to keep up to date with what's going on, and a wealth of information about BPAC.

opportunity to find out what is expected and to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at ralph.stringer@me.com or any BPAC Executive.

Directory Update

Your children should have brought the Directory order forms home already. The due date for orders is Oct 24th and the anticipated delivery date for the Directories will be Oct 31.

Call Back Volunteers Needed

Two volunteers are needed for one ½ hour shift in the morning every two weeks to record the information of the students who will be absent, late or on vacation. This information is recorded in a daily school attendance book and cross-referenced with the office computer printout (compiled from all classroom teachers).

This program ensures that the parents and the school know the whereabouts of each child and provides the earliest possible alert in the event of a missing child.

Please contact Gina Green to sign up:
jeffgreen@shaw.ca

Food Days

Thank-you to everyone for getting in your lunch orders in such a timely fashion - we were pressed for time a bit with the delayed start to the school year, but we were able to get the hot lunch program rolling fairly quickly. Because each vendor has a deadline, it is necessary for families to place the orders well in advance.

You will have noticed that some of the vendors have changed. We took into consideration the results of the survey done last year and made some changes. There was also a last minute cancellation by one of the vendors, so we adjusted the menus to fill in the gaps. We hope you like the new options available to you.

We have added a function to the Munch a Lunch program, where you can add an "allergen alert" to your child's profile. To do so, go to "My Family", then "My Children", and "Edit" beside your child's name. Once the child's profile is open, there is a box to fill in any allergy concerns. The ladies that run the new vendor, "Well Fed", have suggested this option, as they will adhere to any concerns that you may have.

Panago is now offering both lactose free cheese, and gluten free pizza crust, so hopefully that will assist some families!

The grade seven students have taken on all of the classroom delivery, so the need for volunteers has been greatly reduced on hot lunch days. Nevertheless, we still require a couple of volunteers on the lunch days, so if you would like to help out, please contact Janet Stringer at janniebee@me.com, and your name can be added to the volunteer calendar.

Please contact Janet Stringer with any concerns or comments.

BPAC Executive 2013-14

Chairperson – Ralph Stringer

Vice Chair – Vacant

Treasurer – Nicole Dent

Secretary – Margaret Chesko

Family of Schools Rep– Nicole Dent

DPAC Rep – Christy Campbell

Food Day Coordinators: Janet Stringer (Members at Large)

Newsletter/Website Editor: Kris McLean-Rohani (Member at Large)

Class Reps Coordinator: Jennifer Bigwood (Member at Large)

Directory Coordinator: Ralph Stringer

Book Fair Liaison: Margaret Chesko

Member at Large: Terri Thompson

Treasurer's Report – October 2014

BPAC Monthly Report

	August 1 - September 30	October 1 - October 31	Year to Date	Budget 2014/2015
Income:				
Bank Interest	\$ 3.92		\$ 3.92	\$ 20.00
Gaming				\$ 6,200.00
Fundraising				
Ski Pass Sale	\$ 1,045.89		\$ 1,045.89	\$ 1,000.00
Cobs Bread Rebate	\$ 174.95		\$ 174.95	\$ -
Mabel's Labels Rebate	\$ 8.40		\$ 8.40	\$ -
Family Photo Night		\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 600.00
Popcorn Sales		\$ 87.25	\$ 87.25	\$ 600.00
Hot Lunches**				\$ 9,600.00
Total Receipts:		\$ 11,521.78		
PLUS: Uncollected Receipts		\$ 146.55		
LESS: Pinkberry (10/7)		\$ (175.00)		
LESS: Costco		\$ (176.63)		
LESS: Paypal fees		\$ (377.22)		
LESS: Panago		\$ (500.00)		
Total Receipts for Period:	\$ 1,233.16	\$ 10,986.73	\$ 1,780.41	\$ 24,690.00
<p><i>**Hot lunch numbers are not reflected in the YTD column because this column is used for "net figures" to show against budget. Hot lunch entries will skew the totals each month and so to give a more accurate snapshot the hot lunch numbers won't be shown until the end of each session</i></p>				
Budgeted Expenses:				
KBAM (Flying Bob)	\$ 838.95			\$ 2,500.00

Our BPAC Treasurer – Nicole Dent, prepares this monthly report

Popcorn Mondays are back!

Bring \$1 on Mondays if you would like to purchase a bag of freshly popped popcorn at the start of lunchtime recess. (at the undercover area of our school playground) All proceeds help fund BPAC initiatives. We need volunteers to help us pop - one Monday or more if you can. Please contact Ralph Stringer to sign up at ralph.stringer@me.com

BPAC Budget 2014/2015

This year's operating budget was approved at BPAC's General Meeting on Sept. 24th, 2014

Blueridge Elementary School PAC Budget 2014/2015

Budget 14/15

NET REVENUE

BBQ	0
BC Lottery / Gaming Grant	6,220
Blueridge Gear	250
movie night concession	0
Cookies & Pies	600
Spell-a-thon	0
Card Project	0
Directory Advertising	550
Directory Orders	400
Family Photo night	600
Parents night social	3,000
Sports day	500
Interest	20
Lunches	9,600
Mt. Seymour Passes	1,000
Popcorn	600
Tree Chipping	750
Tombola Jars	600
Sub-Total	24,690
HISTORICAL COST AMOUNTS	
Arts/Visual Arts	300
Choir	1,100
Cultural & Performing Arts	2,500
ESL	100
Esteem Team	500
Emergency Preparedness kit	500
First Aid training - Gr 6's	600
Flowers & Gifts	300
Garden	100
LAC	500
Math/Science	500
Music	500
Peer Counselling	400
Student funding	500
Jesse Miller/Saleema Noon	1,500
Teacher's fund (13 @ \$200) **(13 @ \$185)	2,405
Blueridge Scholarship fund	500
Band	50
French Teachers Supplement	100
Sub-Total	12,955
ONE TIME COSTS	
Buses	2,500
Ecokids Club	450
Mathletics (Primary)	650
Listening Center (Primary) (2x\$383+tx)	800
Digital Cameras (2 for primary class areas) (2x\$100)	200
Sports Equipment (batons, stop watches)	500
Novel Set (Intermediate 31 copies)	500
Intermediate wordly wise set	600
Jerseys (10YM; 20YL; 10AXS)	960
Library Resources	2,500
IT Fund (to support upgrade)	1,400
Sub-Total	11,060
Total ALL Costs (Historical & One time)	24,015
NET REVENUE LESS ALL COSTS	675