



PAC NEWSLETTER

September 2024

A WELCOME FROM THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year! The Watson Elementary School PAC is looking forward to the new school year and wants to welcome all new and returning families.

What is a PAC?

Watson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is formed to be a voice of the parents to build communication and connection between home and school to support the well-being and growth of our students. Our chief mandate is to foster the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical well-being of children through the promotion of effective communication and co-operative participation between members of the home, the school, and the community.

Who is the PAC?

The PAC is comprised of parent volunteers who have been elected as executives and committee coordinators, as well as all parents and guardians of registered students. We volunteer through many initiatives within the school to help promote community and connection for the betterment of the students.

We encourage all parents and guardians to attend PAC meetings to stay informed, get a chance to share your ideas, find out about volunteer opportunities, and support our great school!

Scan the QR code for the PAC's constitution and bylaws:



THIS YEAR'S PAC EXECUTIVES

PAC Chair, Kelsey Ohs | **Co-Chair**, Kele Nash | **Secretary**, Stephanie Dillon | **Treasurer**, Justin Nearing

JOIN US!


First PAC meeting of the 2024/25 school year:
All parents/guardians are welcome


Tuesday September 24th
7:00pm in the school library



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 Watson Elementary School PAC

PAC WITHIN THE SCHOOL

HOT LUNCH

The PAC coordinates a variety of hot lunch and treat days through out the school year as a novelty to our students. A small portion of sales helps with PAC fundraising efforts. This year students can look forward to menus from McDonald's, Pita Pit, Jim's Pizza & Pasta, hot dogs, Subway, Kona Ice, SinAmen, churros, and more!

All purchasing for hot lunch and treat days will be done through the MunchaLunch website. If you haven't set up your account yet, we recommend you do so!



MUNCHALUNCH

MunchaLunch is an outsourced online ordering platform that allows for a more streamline way for ordering for the PAC. If you're new to MuchaLunch, you will need to register an account for your child(ren).

munchalunch.com/schools/WatsonChilliwack/

Note about absent students:

If your child is absent on the day of Hot Lunch you will be able to pick up the lunch from your child's teacher, from their classroom after 12:00pm. Unfortunately, our hot lunch volunteers are unable to accommodate requests to have hot lunch orders set aside at the office. Too many requests to do so in the past has created confusion for the parent volunteers, so all orders will be delivered to the classroom teachers for distribution. Alternatively, if your child is absent, you may contact PAC to allow the order to be donated to the lunch program for another student to enjoy. Treat Day orders will be ready for pick up at the end of the day. Orders due to absence will not be reimbursed.

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND UPDATE

PAC has been working to respond to the pressing need for an inclusive and accessible playground at the school.

Construction on Phase 1 which includes a SwayFun and Barn Activity Centre will start this fall!

We are so incredibly grateful for the support of our families, our school and our community to be able to bring more accessibility to Watson Elementary.

We will continue to fundraiser and work towards Phase 2 of the project. Only \$190,000 to go!



FUNDRAISING

The PAC runs a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year to bring a selection of goods and services for purchase that help the PAC with raising money. Our fundraising efforts help purchase equipment for the school, bring enrichment to the students, support our teachers, and supplement the cost for field trips and bussing for all students.

It should be noted that some fundraisers will have purchasing through the MunchaLunch website, while some will have purchasing through a vendors website, and some may have purchasing through cash to the school. There is this inconsistency as different vendors/programs have different methods for handling funds. We suggest reading fundraising notices carefully for instructions.

Fundraisers from the PAC to look forward to in Term 1:

- Great Little Coupon Book
- Family photos
- Krispy Kreme
- Fresh to You fruit and veggie bundles
- Neufeld's
- Purdy's

Question: **Are families expected to participate and purchase from every fundraiser?**

Absolutely not! We understand that not all products sold through fundraising efforts are a good fit for every family. We want to give families the opportunity to show support by offering a wide variety of fundraisers. Do what works for your family, we appreciate your support!

VOLUNTEERING

Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be announced during monthly PAC meetings, as well as on the PAC Facebook page. Opportunities could include helping with Hot Lunch distribution, or setting up for a school event etc.

All volunteers within the school will need to have a completed Criminal Record Check on file with the school. The free application can be found on Watson Elementary School website, under the Parent Information tab, or scan QR code:



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