



# Parent Advisory Council 2013/2014

## September Newsletter

Wow another summer is over and our 2013-2014 school year has begun! We would like to welcome back all our students, parents and staff from last year and a warm welcome to all those who are new. We hope you find Coyote Creek just as inviting and fun as we have in the past years.

Here are your PAC representatives for 2013-2014:

Chair: Mindy Kurry	District PAC Reps: Peter Johal, Vacant
Vice Chair: Vacant	School Planning: Mona Sandhu, Bindi Dhesi, Peter Johal,
Secretary: Parmeet Oppal	Rosie Poonie & Hariti Pathak
Treasurer: Jennifer Antic	Hot Lunch Coordinators: Preet Briyah, Vacant

We are still looking to fill the following positions: Vice Chair, DPAC Rep & Hot Lunch Coordinator.....If you are interested or would like more information please contact us at [coyotecreekpac36@yahoo.ca](mailto:coyotecreekpac36@yahoo.ca).

### **PAC Events**

This year PAC will continue fundraising events such as movie nights, popcorn days, and yes back by popular demand **FUN NIGHT!** PAC will also host Santa Photos and Grad Night. Look for information in the upcoming weeks for these events and more. Over the last few years these events have been successful due to your participation and we hope it continues this year as well.

### **Hot Lunches.net**

This year PAC is going to go paperless by introducing an online program where you can order your child's lunch, movie tickets and participate in other fundraising events by ordering and paying online using your credit card or debit card. This will reduce administrative time for PAC and staff as well as allow you to make purchases at your convenience and not forget that envelope on the counter during the morning rush. Also by registering on the service, you will receive all PAC notices and reminders via your email. More information on the program and how to register will be sent home this month with your child.

### **Fundraising Dollars**

Money raised from events will be given back to the school to support student learning in ways that government funding is unable to do. Last year, with all the school community support, we were able to give back \$14,000 to our children's school. The money was used to purchase IPADs, Smartboards, art programs, field trips and much more.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Our Hot Lunch program needs 15-20 volunteers to run on a weekly basis. If you are able to assist at least one Friday a month for a few hours, please let us know! Otherwise come out and volunteer at the other events, attend parent meetings and get involved with your child's future! Meet other parents from the school and receive invaluable information from the administration, staff and district. It's never too late! Just a few hours a month can make a real difference to our Coyote Creek Community. The time invested today will help your child's experience at school be even more successful!



## PAC FAQs

What does PAC stand for?

*PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council. It is a group of volunteer parents that brings the school community together in an effort to support the school's environment in ways government funding is unable to do.*

AM I part of the PAC?

*Yes! Every parent or guardian of a child at Coyote Creek is automatically a member of the PAC and has voting privileges and is able to run/volunteer for a position on the executive every June.*

What is the PAC Executive?

*The PAC Executive consists of parents who have been elected to volunteer their time to help organize and initiate PAC events and fundraising. The executive is voted in every June and works as a liaison between parents, staff and administration.*

How does PAC raise these funds?

*These funds are raised through fundraising events such as movie nights and popcorn days. Local businesses are also contacted to either donate or provide grants for programs.*

Why should I get involved or volunteer at events?

*The events and meetings are an excellent and fun forum for parents to support our children's school experience as well as their own. By attending meetings and events, parents gain a voice, insight into what is happening at our school and meet other parents share thoughts and ideas and build our school community.*

How can I get involved?

*Attend meetings, volunteer and help organize events, support PAC events and fundraisers and/or make financial donations to the PAC or school.*



**VICE CHAIR DPAC REP  
CO-HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR  
HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS  
EVENT VOLUNTEERS (MOVIE NIGHTS,  
POPCORN, FUN NIGHT ETC.)**

Please contact [coyotecreekpac36@yahoo.ca](mailto:coyotecreekpac36@yahoo.ca)

**IT'S VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BRING SMILES!!**