

Whiteside PAC

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome Back Whiteside Families!



The Whiteside Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to welcome back all students and families for the 2020/21 school year. Things may look a little different this year but that isn't to say that the PAC won't be working hard to support our school community!

Every parent and guardian of a Whiteside student is a member of the PAC automatically. Some parents are able to volunteer in big or small roles; some attend meetings only. Others read our monthly newsletters and enjoy participating in the activities organized by PAC. We know not everyone can volunteer but any time you can spare to assist is always appreciated. Mostly, we just want you to feel connected to your child's school and know that PAC is here to help you navigate this chapter of your child's life!

Next PAC meeting: September 16 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

WHAT IS THE WHITESIDE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)?

Things we do:

- **Hot Lunch Program**—once or twice a month, order a special lunch for your child, delivered right to their classroom! This is a significant part of our fundraising effort each year. We offer pizza, burgers, Subway, International-themed food, sushi and treat days (frozen yogurt, etc.)
- **“Early warning”**—volunteer parents call home to check on any absent students each day to make sure they are safe.
- **School events** such as Movie Nights, Meet the Teacher Night, Spring Fair & Halloween Party
- **Fundraisers** such as Purdy's Chocolates, gift cards sales, wolf wear, treat sales (Freezies, hot chocolate, etc.) & the raffle
- **Monthly meetings** - third Wednesday of each month - Free childminding is provided. Learn more about what happens at the school; have input into how PAC funds are spent and discuss how we can assist our community. It's also a great way to get to know the principal and vice-principal, too!

Things we fund:

Annually:

- Fine Arts workshops
- Grade 6/7 Leadership Conference
- School's “Hardship Fund”
- Field trip costs
- High school scholarships for Whiteside alumni
- Classroom support



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Special Projects:

- 2016/17: iPads for each classroom to support the new curriculum, new audio equipment for assemblies / music program / movie nights, & new gym equipment
- 2017/18: STEM supplies for Mme Pollock, music program, water bottle filling stations
- 2018/19: Playground benches, music program
- 2019/20: Instruments for the music program, support for the resource centre, funds for an outdoor classroom



Who we are:

- All Whiteside parents are members and are encouraged to attend meetings and vote.
- The executive members are elected at the AGM in June. Your 2020/21 PAC members are:
 - Co-Chairs - Diana Redman & Priya Chawla
 - Treasure - Jaylene Sandhar
 - Secretary - Erin Mah
 - RDPA - Vacant
 - Fundraising Coordinator - Sandeep Bhullar & CC Chang
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator - Diana Redman
 - Early Warning Coordinator - Diana Redman

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WHITESIDE:

Please take time to consider assisting the PAC - either by joining the executive team, attending PAC meetings, or volunteering to assist with various PAC events throughout the year. This year we may not be able to run our normal activities like movie nights, the Halloween Party and Spring Fair but we still have many initiatives on the go. Opportunities to volunteer include:

- **Richmond District PAC (RDPA) Whiteside Representative:** Currently Vacant. This position is a necessity for our PAC to learn what is going on in the district and to share RDPA initiatives with our school.
- **Hot lunch volunteers:** Help us sort and distribute food on hot lunch days and run cash sales for other items from the concession (kitchen) in the gym.
- **Early Warning volunteers:** 9:15-9:45am each day to call families whose children are not in attendance (and who have not been reported absent on the Early Warning Message Line).
- **Classroom Parent:** forward PAC information emails, and provide assistance to teachers in organizing field trip drivers (if required).
- **Other volunteers:** assist the library, decorate the foyer for events, maintain the PAC Notice Board, photocopy and distribute newsletters, and other tasks to be completed during the school day.

If you are interested in finding out more about PAC and what you might be interested in helping out with, please email whitesidepac@hotmail.com now so we can answer your questions as soon as possible.

ONGOING PAC FUNDRAISERS:

Personalized Labels! **AVAILABLE ALL YEAR**

- www.mabelslabels.com - Support a fundraiser and choose "James Whiteside Elementary PAC (Richmond)" from the dropdown menu
- www.oliverslabels.com/whitesidePAC
- www.emilypress.com/whiteside

Daily Hot Lunch!

- www.libbyskitchen.ca
- www.thelunchlady.ca

Every order placed through these links earns money for the PAC!

