

# 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 2022/23 school year. Finally, we can get back to normal and host more school events.

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!

**PAC meeting: September 20@ 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, sushi and treat days (frozen yogurt, etc.)
- **School events** such as Movie Nights, Spring Fair, Halloween Party, and Meet the Teacher Night
- **Fundraisers** such the raffles, Purdy's Chocolates, gift cards sales, wolf wear, treat sales
- **Monthly meetings** - Third Tuesday of each month on Zoom. 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/Classroom support
- Grade 6/7 Leadership Conference
- School's "Hardship Fund"
- Field trip costs
- High school scholarships for Whiteside alumni

#### 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( librarian), music program, water bottle filling stations



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- 2018/19: Playground benches, music program
- 2019/20: Instruments for the music program, support for the resource center, funds for an outdoor classroom
- 2020/21: Start of fundraising for Whiteside outdoor learning space
- 2021/2022: Provided funding for outdoor learning space, new volleyball nets

**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 2022/23 PAC members are:
  - o Chair - Sandeep Bhullar
  - o Treasure - Jaylene Sandhar
  - o Secretary – Vivian Giligson
- Hot Lunch Coordinator- Karen Au
- Social Media Coordinator- Chris Ho

**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. Opportunities to volunteer this year include:

- **Richmond District PAC (RDPA) Whiteside Representative:** 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 Coordinator and 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.
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Help run and organize various fundraisers throughout the year
- **Classroom Parent:** forward PAC information emails, and provide assistance to teachers in organizing field trip drivers (if required).

- Please email [whitesidepac@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesidepac@hotmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more about PAC!

- **Facebook:** Whiteside Elementary PAC
  - **Twitter:** @whitesidepac
- PAC section of the Whiteside website

**ONGOING PAC FUNDRAISERS:**

Personalized Labels! **AVAILABLE ALL YEAR**

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

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

**Cobbs Bakery No.2 and Blundell** – Just mention James Whiteside when you make a purchase and percentage of the percentage of the order goes back to the school