



West Sechelt Elementary Parents Advisory Council Newsletter

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The WSES PAC is comprised of a group of parents dedicated to bettering WSES for its students. We volunteer because we want to aid in creating the best learning environment for students, teachers and staff. The first step in fulfilling this mission is to volunteer or attend monthly PAC meetings. At our September meeting we had 2 parents attend, this was a disappointing turn out. We hope to have better attendance at our **November 1st meeting 6:30-**

8:00 in the Community Use Room, babysitting is provided. Please note, you don't need to volunteer for anything when you attend a meeting!

Hot Lunch – November

For November you may complete the online order form starting **October 17-26**. All orders and payments are due by **October 26th**. No late orders will be accepted. If you ordered online, you will receive email notifications when the next menu is ready for ordering.

Why order online? It saves paper, reduces processing time and order errors, view what you have ordered, pay online and receive a weekly email reminder regarding meals and upcoming events. Please note that for security reasons, the system is cleared of all users and students each year. If you ordered online last year, you will need to set up a new user account for this school year.

Getting Started: To access the site, please go <http://www.wsespac.hotlunches.net>

1. Register for an account - click on the "**REGISTER**" tab on the main menu bar
2. Enter our SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: **WSES**
3. LOG IN, add your student(s), select their class and place your order.

Please note that you should only create one hot lunch account per family.

Payments: May be made online using Pay Pal, or you may print a remittance form and return it to the school with your payment (cash or cheque) to the office in the green box marked PAC. If you cannot print the form, send your payment with a note clearly stating which student(s) the payment is for.

Questions? Go to the **Help** tab and open the Parent Instruction Guide or contact Aspen Wing wsespac@outlook.com

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

A very big thank you to our new hot lunch volunteers. It's wonderful to see parents and grandparents helping out! Volunteering is an easy way to help and does not require a large time commitment. Many students rely on the hot lunch program as their primary meal. It is vital this program continue for children and parents who depend on it. The revenue generated from the program is the main source of PAC funding. It allows us to purchase: Ipads, books, art supplies, musical instruments, self-regulation tools, sound system, playground equipment, field trips and much more.

If you are at home with a small child you are welcome to bring them to play in the Community Use room while you help with hot lunch. This would also be a great job for grandparents. Please contact Aspen Wing at wsespac@outlook.com to volunteer or for more information. You can sign up to volunteer on the Hot Lunch calendar located on the PAC board at the front entrance of the school.

September/October Spending

During the September 27th PAC meeting we voted on the following expenditures:

\$2500-2600 - New Projector for the Gym

\$500 - Friendship Bench

\$500 - "Making Empowered Choices" Sessions for Grade 4's

\$4760 -Teachers' Discretionary Fund - \$20 per student with an additional \$100 for each Kindergarten class.

\$500 Principals' Discretionary Fund.

Each parent/guardian of a child attending WSES is eligible to vote on matters at each monthly PAC meeting.



Winter Fundraiser!

Get into the holiday spirit with the WSES PAC Fundraiser! We are selling beautiful poinsettia, holiday planters and wreaths starting **November 1-15th**. Each student will be bringing home a fundraising package on October 28th. Last year the money raised enabled the entire school to spend an amazing day at YMCA! This year funds raised will go to another exciting school wide educational experience. Watch for more details!

Next P.A.C. Meeting: 6:30-8:00pm on Tuesday, November 1

(Babysitting provided)