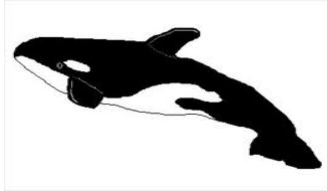


Ocean Grove P.A.C. News

June, 2013



Chair: Tara Idiens

Secretary: Tami Riecker

Treasurer: Aren Knudsen

Basket Raffle-Thanks

We want to extend our thanks to all of the parents, staff and any others who donated items for the Spring Basket Raffle. We are also grateful to the moms who helped assemble the baskets as well as those who gave up their time before and after school in order to sell tickets for the raffle.

The draw took place on May 10th and we want to congratulate all of the winners, most of whom were students and staff of Ocean Grove!

This fundraiser brought in an amazing \$860.11 and we believe this was a fun event for students and adults alike!

Hot Lunch Program for the 2013/14 School Year

We want to thank Brandi Stovman once again for coordinating the Hot Lunch program for us for the past number of years. We appreciate it Brandi! Thanks again also to Leslie Stevens for taking the coordination of the Hot Lunch Program on for the next school year. Leslie would like everyone to know that the program will be moving to an online format for ordering (but there will still be a paper option if necessary). More information about this to come!

Happy Father's Day!

The P.A.C. would like to wish all the hard-working and devoted Ocean Grove dads a "Happy Father's Day!" Enjoy your special day!

Next P.A.C. Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, September 30/13.

"Like" us on Facebook

Just another reminder that the P.A.C. also communicates information through our "**Ocean Grove Elementary School PAC Information Only**" page. Once we make it to 85 likes, we will do another draw for a chocolate surprise basket!



We are open to comments and questions! Please contact Tara Idiens at tidiens@gmail.com or 250-923-2193.

The PAC 2013/2014 Year in Summary

We believe this year has been a success for the P.A.C. in terms of fundraising and events, in large part due to the efforts and contributions put forth by many of our Ocean Grove parents, caregivers and staff. We want to particularly thank Mr. Boyd for his ongoing support of the P.A.C. and all of our activities.

To summarize, our various fundraisers; chocolate sales, cookie dough sales, the Winter Carnival (bake sale, Chinese Auction, etc...) and Spring Basket Raffle, combined with a couple of grants, PAC fees and other revenue brought in a total of \$14, 824.12. At the May 27/13 P.A.C. AGM, the Teacher's Wish List was voted on and it was determined that some of our revenue will go towards items such as additional books for the library, learning assistance resources, extra outdoor play equipment, musical instruments and repairs, resources such as wobble cushions and document cameras for some of the classrooms, cultural events for the whole school to attend, field trips and more!

We also organized and sponsored many fun, student and family focused events this school year which included: the Halloween Breakfast, two Potluck Lunches, the Winter Carnival, and the tropical-themed Family Dance.

So, you can see that we may be a small P.A.C., but we are an active one!



A Letter from our Chair

As the school year comes to an end I, on behalf of the PAC Executive would like to say it's been a great year!

When I accepted the challenge as PAC President, I was a little hesitant, and quite honestly terrified! As a full-time working mother of 2 busy boys, involved in an array of activities, and with a shift-working husband I couldn't imagine where I'd find the time to devote to the PAC. Never mind my public speaking phobia! But, with the help of Ocean Grove staff, willing parents, grandparents and caregivers, we made it work and have had a very successful fundraising year, along with a lot of fun.

We learned a lot this year-what works, what doesn't, and we all have a common goal, which is having happy kids! Seeing their smiling faces at our many activities this year has been so rewarding, which makes those long days and nights all worth it!

We realize that everyone is busy with hectic schedules. Please know that we so appreciate every little thing each and every one of you do to help us. Whether it's pounding the pavement selling chocolate, preparing delicious food for potluck lunch, contributing to the beautiful baskets for the raffle, sparing precious time to come out and volunteer, it all helps. Thank you.

I would like to personally thank Aren Knudsen, our amazing Treasurer, and Tami Riecker, our fantastic Secretary. Rest assured these ladies have you and your kid's best interests in mind, always trying to see what will benefit the school as a whole. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them, and am looking forward to next year.

There is always lots of room for more ideas, suggestions, and comments so please feel free to join us, any time.

We will be looking for a new PAC Executive 2014/2015. I would strongly encourage you to consider it. The role does not land on one person's shoulders, it's a team effort.

We hope you and your kids have an adventure-filled summer, see you in the fall!

Tara Idiens