Ocean Grove P.A.C. News

June 1, 2015



Chair: Trish Finnerty

Secretary: Tami Riecker

Treasurer: Aren Knudsen

Spring Basket Fundraiser-Thanks

Thanks again to Deanna Collins for organizing this successful fundraiser which profited \$3,320.50! It is fundraisers like this one that help the PAC to support fun school events and pay for many

items off of the teacher's wish lists (for more information see below). Thank you to everyone who sold and bought the baskets. We hope you enjoy them all spring and summer long!

Grade 5 Freezie Day Fundraiser!

The grade 5 parents and Leadership students will be holding a Freezie Fundraiser at lunchtime on *Tuesday, June 9th* to help offset year-end costs. Please support them by bringing some money for a cold freezie that day! More info to come. Thanks goes to Tanya Campbell for organizing this!

The P.A.C. 2014/2015 Year in Summary

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the 2014/2015 school year a success for our little Ocean Grove PAC. We appreciate the support that Mr. Boyd and many of the other teachers and staff provided us throughout the year. We also could not have done it without the support of parents, grandparents and caregivers at our school who helped out at events and with fundraisers and who contributed in other ways over the course of the year.

To summarize, our various fundraisers including the Winter Carnival (bake sale, Chinese Auction, etc...) the spring basket fundraiser as well as the renewable resources fundraiser, combined with a couple of grants, PAC fees and other revenue brought in a total of \$10,779.97. At the May 25/15 P.A.C. AGM, the Teacher's Wish List was voted on and it was determined that a good deal of funds raised will go towards items and activities such as:

- books for the library and LA room
- more resources and toys for the centre room
- i-pads for various classrooms and the resource room
- cultural events and special lessons for the whole school
- music supplies
- new outdoor toys for the Kindergarteners
- an increase in discretionary funds for each teacher to use on their students next year

As you can see, the fundraising we do throughout the year goes directly back to our children!

The PAC 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 under-the-sea themed Family Dance.*

We also owe a big thank you to Leslie Stevens and her helpers Trish Finnerty, Samantha Helm and anyone else who assisted over the year for providing us with a wonderful hot lunch program! We appreciate it greatly! Also, a big "thanks" to Cristy Balle and Tanya Campbell for taking care of the birthday board for us this year. So creative! Thank you to Andrea Laviolette for lending tech support and creating our spreadsheets for us! Also, to the parents who consistently showed up at our PAC meetings and provided your thoughts and input, we thank you.

You can see that it has been an active year for our Ocean Grove P.A.C! We hope you will join us for another great school year for 2015/2016!

A Letter from our 2014/2015 Chair

When I volunteered to join the PAC Executive last school year I had no idea what a rewarding experience it would be. I am time and time again amazed at the dedication of the students, parents, staff and administration at Ocean Grove. Thank you so much to all the people who work so hard to make our school such a wonderful place for our children to grow and learn. Also, a big thank you to Tami Riecker for her years spent as PAC secretary, it was a pleasure working with you and getting to know you as a friend. I'd like to welcome Deanna Collins as our new Secretary. Here's to making next year another great year!

Trish Finnerty

Welcome Deanna Collins

The P.A.C. would like to welcome and thank *Deanna Collins* for stepping up and accepting the Secretary executive role on our PAC for the next two school years! We know she will be an asset to the PAC with her great ideas and enthusiasm!

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 21/15 at 6:30 PM.

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Just another reminder that the P.A.C. also communicates information through our "Ocean Grove Elementary School PAC Information Only" page.

We are open to comments and questions! Please contact Trish Finnerty at cortes42@hotmail.com or 250-202-1005.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

