

## Island ConnectEd K-12 PAC

Hello from your Island ConnectEd PAC Executive and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! As a parent or guardian at IslandConnectEd you are automatically a voting PAC member and part of what makes our school community such an inclusive and welcoming environment-and our school year so much fun. We encourage all families of Island ConnectEd to attend PAC meetings and share their ideas and visions for a wonderful year. Our meetings are typically held the third Thursday of the month at the school and sometimes our amazing upper levels kids even provide child care!

Our first meeting will be held on SEPT 21st at 10 am and will include discussion of our yearly budget and upcoming events and activities. Please come and join us.

Our **PAC bulletin board** is located on the bulletin board by the front office. There you will find our activity calendar, latest PAC minutes, and other relevant information. We also have two Facebook pages, Island ConnectEd K-7, which is a closed group available to all registered parents and Island ConnectEd K-12 which is our public school page.

**Ongoing Fundraisers:** both **Cobs Bread** and **The Soap Exchange** donate a percentage of every purchase to Island ConnectEd families. Just mention you are with our school when you visit these businesses. We also collect **Country Grocer** receipts that can be placed in our CG envelope hanging on the family room bulletin board.

Another service offered by the PAC is to assign a **mentor-family** to help answer your questions and provide extra support during the first months in your new program. Let us know if you are interested in signing up for one.

We look forward to a wonderful year with our Island ConnectEd family and have a number of events and trips planned thanks to the collaboration between our principal Patrick Young and our parent volunteers. Specific details are sent out by email closer to the time period and also found in our school newsletter. Any school parents or family members who have the desire to have any sort of event, field trip, party or get-together take place this year through the PAC can either come to a PAC meeting or fill out a field trip or fund request form to be brought to any of our meetings. Our meetings are fun, family inclusive and sometime even have yummy goodies, so please don't hesitate to pull up a seat and join us! Listed below are some of our events that we hope to continue to run with the help of our parents and family volunteers.

Event	Date/Time
Welcome Back to School Event and	Sept 21 2017
Pancakes	
Fall Fish Hatchery Trip	TBD-late Oct/early Nov 2017
McNabbs Corn Maze	TBD-late Oct 2017
Pumpkin Carving/Costume Contest	TBD-week of Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017
Ice skating	Thursdays 1:15-2:45pm from Nov 2
	2017-Jan25 2018
Kids Market	TBD
Winter Formal Snowflake Dance	TBD- Dec 2017
Popcorn Party	TBD-Jan 2018
Nanaimo Museum Field Trips	TBD-Feb 2018
Valentine's Swim and Potluck Party	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> 2018 10am-2pm NAC
Big Field Trip to Victoria Museum	March 9 <sup>th</sup> 2018 all day
International Food and Culture Fest	TBD
Courtney Paleontology Museum and Fossil	TBD-May 2018
Tour K-7	
Spring Fish Hatchery Tour	TBD-May 2018
Raptors Center Field Trip	May 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Fun Run and Food Fundraiser	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2018
Show and Share	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Evening
Camping Trip	June 15-18 2018
Fun Day	June 21 <sup>st</sup> 2018

We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year with all of you. Please contact your PAC executive with any questions, comments or concerns.

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