

Parent Advisory Council PAC Newsletter

October 2016

Another Great Year!

Thanks to the support of the McKinney community, including families, students, admin, teachers and staff, the PAC is able to contribute to our children's learning and growth throughout the school year.

In 2015/16, we raised over \$12,000 through fundraising efforts such as hot lunch days, Purdy's chocolates, flower bulb sales and a donation drive. With these funds, along with a Gaming Grant from the BC government, we held special workshops for the students, including Kbam, Saleema Noon, DARE and Brazilian Soccer; paid for a portion of student field trips; purchased a new drum set for band and a new sports equipment cart; and provided teachers with funds to help purchase classroom resources.

This year, we've got some exciting new initiatives planned, including a spring carnival and a survey for parents/caregivers about what they would like the PAC to purchase with some of the funds that have accumulated over the past few years.

Every parent/caregiver is a member of our PAC, so please feel welcome to come to a meeting or volunteer to help out wherever you can. Here's to another great year at McKinney!

PAC Meetings

7:00 pm in the Staff Room

November 24	January 19
March 9	May 25



PAC Executive for 2016/17

Brenda Khoo	Co-Chair
Dora Groumoutis	Co-Chair
Leanne Santha	Treasurer
Mukta Surma	Secretary

Questions? Email the PAC at mckinneypac@gmail.com



McKinney Movie Night Friday, October 28

Bring your chairs and blankets and join us in the gym for this frightfully fun family event!

Event Details

5:15pm	Doors open
5:15-6:00pm	Drinks, popcorn, raffle baskets
	and 50/50 ticket sales
6:00-7:45pm	Movie
Raffle basket draws will take place after the	
movie. All children must be accompanied by a	
parent/guardian at the event.	

To Buy Tickets

Please complete the pre-sale ticket order form that was sent home and drop it off at the office **by 9:00am Wednesday, October 26**. Or you can order online through Munchalunch. Movie tickets are available at the door on Friday, but only limited popcorn and drinks.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are still needed for movie night. Sign up on the PAC board near the school office if you're able to help.

Hot Lunch Days Don't Miss Out, Place Your Order Today!

Did you know that Hot Lunch Days are our biggest PAC fundraiser? Last year, we raised over \$4,000 through Hot Lunch. As an added bonus, get a welcome break from making lunches!

To Order

Go to the school website and click on the Munchalunch logo, or request a paper order form at the school office.

Volunteers Needed!

We are always looking for helpers! Sign up online on the Munchalunch volunteer page or email theodora.groumoutis@gmail.com



Upcoming Hot Lunch Days

November 2 - A&W November 16 - Boston Pizza November 30 - Fukuroku Sushi December 14 - A&W Plus more dates January through June!

More PAC Fundraisers

Purdy's Chocolates order forms have been sent home for this delicious fundraiser. Please return forms or order online **by Sunday, October 30.** Delivery will take place at school on November 24 – plenty of time to finish off the Halloween candy first!

Cookie Dough, Pies, Appetizers and more – Order forms for this popular frozen food fundraiser will be sent home in November. Perfect for holiday entertaining!

COBS and Bottle Return – Mention McKinney at COBS Blundell Centre and they'll donate 5% of your purchase price to the school. When you return your empty bottles to the Return-IT Depot on Trites Road, mention McKinney - code number 89 - before the attendant starts adding up your total, and they will donate the entire amount to the school.

Canadian Diabetes Association has provided a red bin for gently used clothing donations in front of the school. The PAC receives a small monthly fee for hosting the bin.

Welcome to Bollywood!



Break out the bling! During the week of November 21-25, students in all grades will be learning how to dance like Bollywood's biggest stars. These fun, highenergy classes are supported by PAC fundraising.

Fruit and Veg - Help Needed

McKinney is part of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable program, which provides free fruit and vegetables to students. Parent volunteers are needed to help clean trays and distribute the fruit/veg. Usually it's once a month on Thursday morning for about 1-1.5 hrs. If you can help, please email gunpun@gmail.com for more details.

Steveston-London Scholarship

Every year, the PAC provides a small scholarship to a former McKinney student who is graduating from Steveston-London Secondary. Last year's winner, James Gill, sent us a lovely thank you letter outlining his plans to use the money for textbooks for his science studies. You can read the full letter and see a photo of James on the PAC bulletin board near the school office.

PAC Email List

We're in the process of updating our PAC email list so we can keep you up-to-date on all the latest news. A form was sent home with students earlier this month. Please fill it in and return it to the PAC box at the school office as soon as possible. Extra forms are also available there. Thank you!