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AUBREY PAC NEWS

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Todd Polich: Guest Artist

We are very proud to announce that Todd Polich will be working with our students to create a giant mural on the wall of our school. Along with students, parents and teachers, Todd will design and paint a mural that reflects our school community. He has also painted murals at other schools. If you'd like to see examples of Todd's work, please visit his website:
<http://www.earthfoundation.ca/>

Tennis Anyone?

The Aubrey PAC is sponsoring tennis lessons for students in Grades 4-7. These will take place in our school gym and all equipment is provided. The dates are to be announced.

Stand By Me

This program has been ongoing for many years at Aubrey. The goal is to teach our students about Restorative Justice, Social Responsibility, Peaceful Conflict Resolution and Bullying Prevention. For more information, you can visit the program's website:
<http://www.standbyme.ca/>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 9:
Family Day

February 13:
Food Day

February 14:
Valentine's Day

February 17:
PAC Meeting
8 PM to 9 PM

February 20:
Professional Day

February 27:
Used clothing drive

February 28:
Panago Pizza
Certificates Expire

March 4:
Report cards

March 26:
PAC Meeting
8 PM to 9 PM

April 22:
PAC Meeting
8 PM to 9 PM

April 30:
Class Pictures and
Panorama Picture of
Whole School

May 8:
Run for Life Walkathon

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Just Bag It!

On February 27, bring your big black garbage bags filled with old clothes and accessories to Aubrey. So far this year, we've collected 125 bags. Our goal is at least 300 bags as that will put us into the bonus money. Can you say Spring Cleaning?

Pizza Dude?

The Panago Pizza Certificates are back! Each certificate costs \$10 and entitles the bearer to one medium pizza with up to \$10.75 to \$16 so these certificates are a great deal for the purchaser. It's also a great deal for the PAC as each certificate we sell earns us \$4.

Scholastic Book Fair

Keep your eyes and ears open for this very fun and popular event. The dates will be announced very soon.

CHILDCARE FOR PAC MEETINGS

If you require childcare during the PAC meetings, please e-mail Stella Horng at stellahorng@yahoo.ca at least 48 hours before the meeting.

We are all PAC members!



AUBREY TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

While the traffic situation at Aubrey has improved over the past couple of months due to our dedicated parking volunteers, there is still much room for improvement. The Volunteers, The PAC and Ms Merani have worked diligently with the City of Burnaby Engineers, The RCMP and ICBC Traffic Control to create a system that promotes SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE. Together with our many pylons marking the street, our parent volunteers work hard at maintaining an even traffic flow. COURTESY AND RESPECT ARE A REQUIREMENT in our school zone.

GUIDELINES FOR DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

- ❖ In front of the school on Stratford Street is our “Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zone”. If you are the first one to stop in this Zone, you must proceed forward to the cones as though you are first in a line-up, much like the taxi process at hotels and airports. Once one vehicle leaves, you keep moving forward.
- ❖ Please drop-off or pick-up your child(ren) from the PASSENGER SIDE **ONLY**.
- ❖ When leaving, always check for traffic, signal and pull away with caution.
NOTE: U-TURNS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN ANY SCHOOL ZONE, this includes using a residential driveway for the purpose of changing direction on the street.
- ❖ When in the “Zone”, you must REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE. If you need to leave your vehicle for any reason, you must leave the “Zone” and find parking elsewhere.
- ❖
- ❖ If you are picking up your child(ren) and the “Zone” is full, proceed down the center lane and circle the block and try again. Please **DO NOT** attempt to parallel park in the zone.





**Did you know,
pedestrian injuries represent...?**

Hospitalizations

For BC:

- 600 cases annually
- 12 each week
- 15-24-year-olds have greatest risk with 100 cases annually
- 57 children at BC Children's Emergency Department

For Canada:

- 2,400 children are seen annually
- Most incidents occur during 3 - 6 pm when drivers are returning from work and children are walking home from school
- Most common causes of pedestrian collisions include driver inattention and pedestrian error and/or confusion

Deaths

For BC:

- 65 cases annually
- 1 each week
- 75-84 year olds have greatest risk with 12 cases annually

For Canada:

- 30 children are seen annually

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Be a role model for children - model safe pedestrian crossing behaviour
- Obey the rules of the road - do not cross between parked cars
- Avoid distractions such as loud music and cell phones
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Use designated crossing points and pedestrian traffic signs and signals
- Before stepping off the curb, look left and right for oncoming vehicles, then look left again
- Wear bright or light coloured clothing - wear reflective materials in dark or bad weather
- If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic so you can see oncoming vehicles and they can see you

Driver Safety Tips

- Reduce speeds on residential roads
- When dropping children off at school, do not make u-turns, stop in no-stopping zones, back up into cross walks, roll through stop signs, ignore school safety patrollers or let your child out from the driver's side and into oncoming traffic
- Stop for school buses with flashing lights
- Drivers must yield to pedestrians (it's the law) and stay focused on the roadway
- Be alert and scan all ways for pedestrians, especially when approaching an intersection
- Make a habit of walking around your vehicle to scan for small children before you get into your vehicle

BC INJURY research and prevention unit

For more information, visit us at
www.injuryresearch.bc.ca

Successful Initiatives Involve:

- Parents and caregivers as role models
- Children travelling with a buddy
- Use of familiar safe walking routes
- Traffic reduction programs in school zones including signage, patrolled intersections, 30km/h school zone speed limits
- Eye contact between pedestrians and drivers
- Reduced driver speeds
- More walkable and traffic calmed communities



Safe Kids Canada *Walk this Way* program recommends the following tips for safety:

- Teach your child to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic
- Children under the age of 9 lack the developmental skills to cross the street on their own and should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older child
- Be a role model by walking with your children to school and demonstrating safe pedestrian practices
- Drivers need to slow down. The higher the speed, the higher the risk of injury
- Distractions are dangerous – remind children to put away their cell phones and take off their ear buds before crossing the street

Useful Resources in British Columbia

- BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation (www.tsfbcaa.com)
- BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation's School Safety Patrol Program (www.schoolsafetypatrol.ca)
- BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit (www.injuryresearch.bc.ca)
- Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) (www.icbc.com)
- BC RCMP (<http://bc.rcmp.ca>)
- Safe Kids Canada (www.safekidscanada.ca)
- Safe Start (www.bcchildrens.ca/SafeStart)
- Smartrisk (www.smartrisk.ca)
- The Community Against Preventable Injuries (www.preventable.ca)



Examples of Cases seen at BC Children's Emergency Department

- A 3-year-old girl was being pushed by her mother in the stroller. A car hit the stroller and although mom grabbed the child's hood, she incurred a systemic injury.
- A 6-year-old boy was riding his bike and was hit by a car. He was pinned under the car and sustained injuries to the abdomen, face and thorax.
- A 9-year-old boy was crossing at a crosswalk when he was struck by a car. He fell to the ground injuring his knees. The driver drove away.
- A 17-year-old female was hit by a car travelling at 40km/h. She broke the windshield and was thrown 20-30 feet and landed on asphalt. She sustained multiple injuries.
- An 18-year old was crossing the street listening to his ipod when he was struck by a car. He hit the windshield and was thrown 20 feet onto concrete. He sustained a head injury and injuries to his lower body.

AUBREY PAC PANAGO FUNDRAISER

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND these certificates are so popular that we encourage you to ask your family, friends & neighbours if they want any as well ...

REMINDER: Panago certificates from December **EXPIRE FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

PANAGO “What goes around, comes around” certificates are just **\$10** each, and **\$4** goes back to Aubrey PAC! (The average price for a medium pizza is approximately \$15).

Certificate details:

- Each certificate allows the bearer to get any medium Panago pizza of their choice (up to 14 toppings).
- Valid across Canada for pickup or delivery (be sure to mention certificate when ordering).
- Certificates are valid for **90 days** from issue date.
- No limit on the number of certificates redeemed per order.



DEADLINE FOR ORDERS is Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

PICK UP AT:

AUBREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 - 8:30am to 9:30am or 2:30pm to 3:30pm

STUDENT: _____ Division: _____

PARENT: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

PANAGO GIFT CERTIFICATES

Requested by:	Qty		Cost	Paid Date	Date given to Purchaser
1.		X \$10			
2.		X \$10			
3.		X \$10			
4.		X \$10			
5.		X \$10			
6.		X \$10			
7.		X \$10			
8.		X \$10			
9.		X \$10			
10.		X \$10			
Total Panago GCs		X \$10			

Please submit the order form along with your payment in an envelope or Ziploc bag. You can pay by cheque or cash to "AUBREY PAC" by Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

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