



Aubrey October PAC News



Welcome Back!

Thank you to all the parents who helped to organize our Welcome Tea! Our goal for this event was to reconnect with old friends and welcome new families attending Aubrey this year. Job well done!

PAC AGM October 15, 7:00-8:00pm in the library

We are putting a call out for nominations for all PAC executive positions.

We will also be voting on the purchase of a school wall mural project.

Please come out and join us for this important meeting. Get involved and be a part of the decision- making process.

What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

All parents and guardians of students at Aubrey Elementary are automatically members of the PAC. In fact, the PAC thrives with the participation of dedicated parents and the support of the school.

PAC activities are administered through the PAC Executive Committee made up of elected parent volunteers.

The PAC is a non-profit, volunteer group whose objectives include:

- To advise the school principal and staff on parental views about school programs, services, policies, and procedures
- To contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting the involvement of parents and guardians and other community members
- To organize PAC events and activities that contribute to the vibrancy of the school community and support the quality of education and the well-being of students
- To assist in supporting these initiatives through fundraising and community building programs

Voluntary Donation Drive 2014/2015

What is a Voluntary Donation Drive?

Public funds cover basic education at Aubrey Elementary, but as parents and guardians we directly fund additional valuable education resources beyond those normally provided by the BSB and government. Most of our funds are received directly from our parent families and raised through countless volunteer hours and the dedicated efforts of the PAC.

The Voluntary Donation Drive is an annual, voluntary, confidential contribution with a suggested amount per child (\$30) that allows us to significantly reduce the number of small fundraisers and retain only those that are efficient and significant in return for the hours invested. The more funds we receive through voluntary donation the less we will have to fundraise and the fewer donation solicitations parents will receive throughout the year.

Where do these funds go?

Funds raised are targeted in a number of ways including investments in:

- Building up our technological resources eg. ipads, computers, etc.
- Playground equipment
- Sports equipment
- Music equipment and supplies
- Educational guest speakers eg. Jesse Miller, Saleema Noon, Teresa Triggiano
- Classroom supplies and enrichment
- Arts and cultural performances eg. Milton the Drummer
- Healthy school events eg. capoeira, zumba
- Emergency preparedness supplies

How to Donate

The Voluntary Donation Drive form will be sent home soon. Here are a few ways to donate.

- Donate through the Cash Online program at burnaby.schoolcashonline.com.
- Return form with cash or cheque to Aubrey in a sealed envelope with cheque payable to the Aubrey PAC.

Only donations of \$20 dollars or more made through the Cash Online system are eligible for a tax receipt from the Burnaby School Board.

Please return your donation by October 29, 2014. However, if you are unable to make a donation at this time, you may participate at any time in the year.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



“Money in the Bag” Fall Clothing Drive



Once again we are teaming up with the Canadian Diabetes Association to take part in their “*Money in the Bag*” program. This great fundraising opportunity will raise money for our school, and it will also contribute to the Canadian Diabetes Association in their quest for better diabetes treatments and ultimately a cure.

Acceptable items for donation include: clothing, shoes, boots, purses, belts, tablecloths, curtains, and towels. Any cloth items are acceptable. Toys and household appliances will also be accepted, but must be in a box.

More information about this fall’s installment of the clothing drive will be coming soon, so start cleaning out those closets!

Our goal is 300 bags! Help us reach it again.



Capoeira and Zumba Classes Coming This Fall to Aubrey

The PAC is pleased to be able to sponsor these activities again as part of the healthy schools initiative.

Zumba is an energetic, Latin- inspired, danced- based fitness class. The Zumba classes will be offered to K-3 grades.

Capoeira is an Afro- Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, and music. The Capoeira classes will be offered to grades 4-7.