

Carnarvon PAC Committee Reports

January 2010

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PAC (Parent Advisory Council) MEETING

Tues January 12, 2010

7 pm in the Staffroom

All parents/guardians are invited!

Chair Report

A warm welcome to our new Principal, Mrs. Nichols. This will be her first PAC meeting with us so we look forward to introducing her to all of the families at our school, and letting her know about all of the great activities in which PAC is involved.

Child Care Program

The Preschool will host their annual **Open House on Saturday, January 23, 2010** from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening to meet with the teachers and to view the facility. All family members including younger brothers and sisters are most welcome to attend.

The Preschool is pleased to partner with Carnarvon Community School in introducing families to the **Ready, Set, Learn** Program. This is a ReadNow BC program to help three-year-olds get ready for success in school. At the Open House families will receive an information pamphlet and an age-appropriate book for families and children to read together. This program is sponsored through the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Information detailing Carnarvon's future **Ready, Set, Learn** programming will also be available at the Open House.

Pizza Day

A reminder to everyone to order their pizza on-line at www.carnarvonpac.ca. Cash and cheques are due Jan 22 and are to be given either to class teachers or to the office (if not paying through paypal). Parents are encouraged to order for all dates all at once.

Play at Lunch

We are looking for more parent volunteers to help out with our play at lunch program. If you have questions or would like to help out please contact Vera Brandt at vbrandt@telus.net.

Safe Arrival

We are still looking for volunteers to help out one or two mornings a month. Please email Patti Harris (bebop@shaw.ca) if you can help out.

Fundraising

QSP

Save up to 85% for yourself, friends or relatives, while supporting Carnarvon. Over 700 popular magazines are available on-line, so try a new magazine or renew an existing subscription. Or send a subscription to any friend or relative in Canada. It's the gift that lasts all year long! Carnarvon earns an average of \$10.00 profit for each subscription sold!

Log onto www.QSP.ca and "Register" or "Shop Now". Group ID#2795.

Gift Cards

Gift cards are a great way to contribute to Carnarvon fundraising and save time with your gift card purchases.

The gift card fundraising program is even better and easier this year because now you can order online and pay with your credit card. To order gift cards go to the same website you order your pizza day items (<http://carnarvon.hotlunches.net>) or you can also go to the Carnarvon PAC website at www.carnarvonpac.ca and click on the pizza icon. Click on "Orders", then select "Student Orders" and you will see an option for gift cards. Click on the order form and place your order. Paper orders are also available in the yellow display case outside the office.

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Education

Mark your calendars for our next parent education evening on **Tuesday 2nd February**. Jim Skinner M.Ed will be speaking on "**The Perils of Homework**" where recent research about the value of homework will be presented. He has been involved in the public school system for 38 years and brings a wealth of information to share and promote discussion about this topic. This presentation will be open to parents of Carnarvon and neighbourhood schools.

Registration information will be sent out in the New Year.

Any questions, or suggestions for future topics to;
lyndalawrence@shaw.ca.

School Planning Council (SPC) updates:

Elections for the School Planning Council will occur at the next PAC meeting, Tuesday January 12 and all are welcome to consider joining - a total of up to 3 parent representatives are possible. As the SPC timeframe is from January to December, your child needs to be at Carnarvon throughout that entire period. Participation in a few day time meetings is usually necessary as well as development, distribution and analysis of a survey to gather input from all student families on school goals, and review of the overall school plan. As a reminder, our school's goal this year is "to improve problem solving skills in Mathematics for all students"; current parent members are Efrosini Drimoussis, Wendy Woodfield and Tarek Haji.