



# Parent-to-Parent

a newsletter of the Carnarvon Advisory Council

October 2009

## **PAC (Parent Advisory Council) MEETING Tuesday, November 3, 2009 7 pm in the Staffroom**

### **Guest Speaker: Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Social Responsibility and Diversity for the VSB**

#### **Chair Report**

The PAC meeting is November 3 at 7pm in the staffroom. It will begin with a guest speaker on the Mind Up Program. Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Social Responsibility and Diversity for the VSB will be the guest for the PAC. She will speak about the Mind UP program, why the VSB supports this program and how this and other programs are related to Social and Emotional Learning in general.

#### **Playground**

Our Let's Play playground will be installed on Saturday, November 7! Please see the information poster on the PAC notice board. Several enthusiastic parents have volunteered to help build it; if you would like to help with construction, or by donating food or refreshments, please call Katherine at 604-736-9225 or e-mail: [playground@telus.net](mailto:playground@telus.net).

#### **Class Representatives**

##### **We are still looking for volunteers to help out as class reps.**

Look for the sign-up sheet outside your child's class to help out as class rep!

Patti Harris is the Class Rep Coordinator and she will provide you with a class list, contact information for those who wish to be included and information on how the class rep can help.

You will be asked to forward information by e-mail as much as possible. Class reps also often help with teacher gifts in December and at the end of the year if desired and with activities such as sports day where an extra hand or two is often appreciated by the teacher.

This is a simple job, most of which can be done from your computer if you find it hard to get time to be at the school. Please consider helping out in this way as it helps make sure that all families get the information they need and means that we can avoid sending out reams of paper to everyone!

#### **Class Lists**

We are in the process of creating the class lists. Your child will not be included on the class list unless you return the form which was sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please make sure that your e-mail address is clearly written on it as this is the main means of communication that your class rep will use. If you have not sent in the form yet, please do so asap as we need these lists!

#### **Pizza Day**

Our second pizza day is coming up this Friday, October 30. We look forward to seeing those of you who can help out at 11:30 in the lunch room.

If you did not complete orders yet through the beginning of January, you can still go online to do that. Just go to [carnarvonpac.ca](http://carnarvonpac.ca) and click on the pizza icon. All of the instructions are there!

#### **Play at Lunch**

"Play at lunch" started well at the beginning of October. The students are enjoying a variety of activities, inside and outside. We do keep them out of the rain! If you would like to find out more about the program or you would like to join our team please contact Vera (phone 604-738-2042) or e-mail at [geralddolman@telus.net](mailto:geralddolman@telus.net). A commitment maybe once every two months would help out a lot.

## Safe Arrival

This program is intended for children in grades 4 through 7 who either walk to school alone or with siblings. If you would be able to help please contact Patti Harris at [bebop@shaw.ca](mailto:bebop@shaw.ca).

Forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago and if you wish your child to be registered for the Safe Arrival Program, you must return the completed for to the school. Extra forms would be available from the office.

## Fundraising

### ***Gift Cards – They're back!***

Gift cards can now be ordered through the [hotlunches.com](http://hotlunches.com) website. You can access it the same as for ordering pizza, and then order your gift cards. Go to [www.carnarvonpac.ca](http://www.carnarvonpac.ca), click on the pizza icon, and select the "gift cards" menu. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Taylor at [steve.kate@telus.net](mailto:steve.kate@telus.net). By ordering them through the website, you can donate to the school while still collecting your credit card points if you use the paypal payment option!

### ***Entertainment Books***

Our Entertainment Book Fundraiser raised almost \$3,200\* this year! Thank you everyone for your support. This is including ~\$550 donated in books from teachers and volunteers.

### ***Family Photo Night***

This 4 night event was once again a huge success. It raised @1,230.00 for the PAC. Thank you to all the families who participated, to the volunteers who gave their time and to Robin Holmes for her support with the evenings. The proof sheets are being delivered to the school on October 26. Please take this opportunity to select your complimentary 8X10 pose and order additional packages.

### ***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](http://www.QSP.ca) and "Register" or "Shop Now". Group ID#2795.

## Education

Tentative date for the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" workshop- led by the Learning Disabilities Association of Vancouver is **Tuesday 24 November**.

If you have a child with learning challenges and wish to gain a better understanding of what it is like to have a learning disability- then this is for you. Participants will be put through a series of fun and interactive simulations and exercises that will give everyone a feeling and better understanding of what a child or adult with learning disabilities experiences every single day of their lives. Registration details will follow soon. Questions/comments? [lyndalawrence@shaw.ca](mailto:lyndalawrence@shaw.ca).

## Parent/Teacher Conference Food

Thank you to all the parents who provided delicious food to our teachers during the Parent/Teacher conferences. Your efforts were well received and appreciated.

## Halloween Costumes

Boo! We're looking for any CLEAN Halloween costumes (store-bought or handmade), that are in good condition and would fit a child up to 16 years old. Pieces (wands / swords / crowns / capes / costume jewelry etc.) are welcome, too! Everything will be donated to BC Children's Hospital for their annual "Halloween Party and Trick or Treat Parade". If you can help, please contact Andrea Martin Blair @ [martinvonblair@telus.net](mailto:martinvonblair@telus.net) or 604-736-3826 to arrange for pickup. She is happy to store donations until October of 2010. Thank you!

## PAC Reps & Committees

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Pizza Days – Helen Reid, Patti Harris, Monica Berdin  
Play at Lunch – Vera Brandt  
Playground - Katherine Taylor  
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Safe Arrival – Patti Harris  
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