



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO QAYQAYT!

The Ecole Qayqayt Elementary PAC acknowledges that the land on which we gather, work, play and learn is the traditional unceded territory of the Qayqayt First Nation. The Qayqayt PAC would like to extend a **warm welcome** to all the new families joining our school this year! We are looking forward to meeting the newest Qayqayt students and their families at our Welcome BBQ in September.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8th @ 7 pm – PAC meeting
(zoom link on qayqaytpac.ca)

Wed Sept 14th – Welcome BBQ

Wed Sept 21st – PAC meeting

Thurs Sep 29th – Sept PAC Lunch

Fri Sep 30th – Truth & Reconciliation Day

What is a PAC and what does it do?

More than just fundraising! The PAC (Parent’s Advisory Council) is the collective voice of parents and caregivers in our school community who have the legislative right to advise the school administration on any matter relating to public education and whose role is to support students and families. We are a part of School District 40’s PAC (DPAC) and represent the families of Qayqayt at district meetings through our DPAC representative.

We also administer our Provincial Gaming Grant to provide funds for fun and educational events, and activities for the school. Throughout the school year, the PAC serves to support all Qayqayt students and families through fundraising, special events, and educational workshops.

**I read for pleasure,
and that is the
moment I learn the
most.**

-Margaret Atwood

PAC Meetings

Every parent or caregiver of a student at Qayqayt is automatically a member of the PAC, and is welcome to attend PAC meetings. The PAC offers families a **welcoming and supportive place to go for questions and advocacy** should the need arise. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, except for September when we meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Meetings for the 2022-2023 school year will be hybrid online via zoom and in person. In person takes place in the school library (childminding available). We invite everyone attending in person to bring a device capable of joining over zoom to ensure an equitable experience. Electronic devices are available to borrow from the school if needed for attending in person.

We hope to see many of you there whether virtually or in person!

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

The PAC helps dispense provincial gaming funds to provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities for the Qayqayt kids. The PAC provides up to \$350 per classroom for **field trips to Science World and more**, or special guests like Mike's Critters! We also provide \$200 to each teacher for classroom supplies.

We are looking forward to hosting some of the school community events we have missed out on over the past two years, such as our Welcome BBQ, and the Spring family events. We also will be continuing to run our monthly PAC lunches!

The PAC also brings in speakers and facilitators for parent workshops. Some of our favourite ones we have run in the past include:

- Saleema Noon's body science
- Building a healthy relationship with food and our bodies
- Anti-racism for kids
- Navigating social media for kids

Family volunteers are essential to the success of PAC events and fundraising efforts! Please reach out if you have an idea, suggestion, or can volunteer your time.

A Website, Facebook, and Instagram, oh my!

The PAC runs a website where all caregivers and parents can manage their child's orders for PAC monthly lunches, events, fundraising efforts, and special treat days: www.qayqaytpac.ca

A registration invitation will be sent out in September to sign up for an account. In the meantime, you can view the event calendar and PAC

documents, including meeting minutes and our Constitution right from the login page.

Find us on **Facebook** through our group *Ecole Qayqayt Elementary School Community*, and on **Instagram** under *Ecole Qayqayt Elementary PAC* where we post updates on PAC events, fun lunches, and more!

Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network of parents, volunteers, and advocates dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. The New Westminster Chapter is active and, in regular years, hosts a number of events to **foster and grow the French student experience and community**. Interested? Follow on Facebook @CPFNewWest or email cpfnewwest@gmail.com.

2022-2023 PAC Executive

Chair – JC Valeros

Vice Chair – Michelle Kennedy

Secretary – Grace Steyn

Treasurer – Andrea Arnold

DPAC Rep – *vacant*

CPF Rep – Heather Hansen

Member at Large – Allison Clavelle

Member at Large – Joselin Cross

Member at Large – Laura Kwong

Member at Large – Michele Bridge

Member at Large – Neal Micheal

Member at Large – Kira Tomson

Member at Large – Ashlee Reid