

## Welcome to Queen Victoria Annex!

We are looking forward to getting to know you better. First, we would like to introduce ourselves: we are the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**. We are a group of parents and guardians of children attending Queen Victoria Annex.

### What is the role of the Parent Advisory Council at Queen Vic?

It is our mission to 1) be a means of communication and community building between parents and staff and 2) support school staff and enrich our children's education by providing funding for supplies and programming not covered by the Vancouver School Board Budget.

In the past, the PAC has funded many things including, but not limited to: field trips, performances, transportation to the school camp, sports programs, computer equipment, P.A. equipment, contribution to the grade 5 graduation fund, staff appreciation lunches, and Christmas hampers to needy families.

The PAC is not responsible for organizing or planning field trips, sport programs, purchasing of equipment, etc. The Vice Principal, teachers and administrative staff take care of this and will ask for assistance (volunteers, funding, etc.) if they need it.

### How have we raised funds?

Our biggest fundraiser is the Spring Festival, which is a fun and exciting event that is open to the entire community. We also raise money through direct donation, the Micro-footie concession stand at Garden Park, bake sales, coffee sales, magazine sales, Polar Feet and Raspberry Kids sales, Donald's Market shopping cards, raffles, recycling, Mabel's Labels sales, the Scholastic Book Fair and the "Kids Culture Film Series." We are open to new ideas about how we can raise money to help our school and children.

### Parent Buddies

The PAC has a 'buddy' program for new parents to our school. We have all been new parents to a school at least once, and know how many questions arise as we are introduced to a new system and culture. Every new parent to Queen Victoria Annex will be given the name and contact information of a seasoned parent 'buddy' who has volunteered to answer all of your questions and introduce you to our community and programs. You can expect to be contacted by your parent 'buddy' within the first week of school.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child attending Queen Victoria Annex you are encouraged to attend our PAC monthly meetings. The more involved you are, the more you'll be able to voice your opinions and feel like part of our community. You will be enthusiastically welcomed!

Sincerely,  
Your PAC executive

If you have any questions please send an email to PAC co-chairs Virginia Weiler & Erin Wallden at [qvapacchair@gmail.com](mailto:qvapacchair@gmail.com)