

GARDEN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CARING, RESPECTING, AND LEARNING TOGETHER!

Garden City Elementary PAC welcomes you!

Garden City Elementary's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Executive would like to welcome new parents and students and to welcome back returning families. As parents of students at Garden City Elementary, you are all members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee. We hope that you will join us to help create a fun, caring and safe community for all Garden City students.

What does the PAC do? We foster communication between parents, school administrators, teachers and students and help plan extracurricular activities like dance lessons, sports lessons and theatre and cultural performances. In addition, a large part of what we do is raise funds to provide our children with these extracurricular experiences and help fund new school equipment (for example, library books, computers, gym equipment to name a few). We organize a weekly hot lunch on Fridays and best of all, we offer fun family activities such as movie nights and skating parties!

Important Dates to Remember!

Come have a welcome back coffee and meet our Garden City's PAC executive on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. Please park on the side streets (Dayton Ave. or Bowcock St.) or at the Garden City Shopping Centre.

Our Entertainment Book Fundraiser starts on Friday, September 8th! Entertainment Books sold during the first week (Sept. 11th-Sept. 15th) are eligible for an early bird prize!

Garden City's first PAC meeting will be held in September. We hope that parents will attend and find out what we do. Meetings are held once a month in the evening from 6-7 pm. Watch for reminders.

If you cannot attend our PAC meetings but would like to stay informed and/or would like to volunteer when you have time, please fill out the form below. **Remember! You are not committed to volunteer if you sign the volunteer form below.** We will email you when we need volunteers and you decide if you have the time for a particular event by responding to our volunteer coordinator. **We are all busy parents and we understand that it is hard to find the time. But the rewards and the smiles you get from your children when they see you volunteering and taking part in their school lives is priceless!**

Each year there are parents who leave as their children graduate. They are very willing to mentor new parents and keep the tradition going. If you have been thinking about getting involved then this is your chance to learn from the "pros." And don't worry...we're here to support each other and help our kids.

We need parents to volunteer their time in order to keep Garden City PAC active!

Check the Parents section of the school website for updates:
<http://gardencity.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council>

Our email GardenCityPAC@gmail.com

Garden City PAC events for 2017-2018:

Hot lunch every Friday! Pizza is \$2/slice, drinks and healthy snacks are \$1.25 **Please bring a reusable container with a lid for the pizza and purse for money.**

Entertainment Coupon Book Fundraiser

Help fund Garden City PAC events such as community skating and movies nights by buying and selling these fabulous coupon books.

Free Movie Nights! Doors Open 5:30, movie starts 6:00 pm. Dinner and snacks can be purchased.

Free Garden City Community Skate – In December.

Cash for Clothes donation December 2017-January 2018. Have you got old clothing and housewares you want to get rid of? PAC will be distributing bags before winter break and will accept bags at the school for the month of January.

2017-2018 Garden City Parent Volunteers Opportunities

Garden City PAC is always looking for volunteers. Whether you have an hour or more, there's something that may fit your schedule. We are in need of volunteers to help with the following events this fall.

Hot Lunch

Garden City PAC is pleased to offer pizza and more for sale to students every Friday, starting in September. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with set up and distributing pizza/drinks/snacks to students and collect money. If you can help out, please report to the school gym at 12:30 pm on Fridays and our hot lunch coordinators will put you to work. **This hot lunch program is only possible if we have enough volunteers!** Your children will love to see you at school during the school day.

Popcorn sales

Once a month we offer popcorn for sale to students during the mid morning recess break. We need volunteers to help pop and bag the popcorn and sell in the morning.

Early Warning and Student Attendance

We are in need of parents who can help make sure our students are safely at school by 8:45am. If you can spare about 30 minutes from 8:40-9:25 am, we need you. Duties include handing out late slips to students, checking for messages on the early warning phone line and phoning parents of absent students to make sure they are safe. Days are flexible.

Fundraising

We are in need of parent volunteers to help put together and distribute notices, collect payments and check class lists.

Join our PAC meetings

Every parent is a member of PAC and is welcome to come to any meeting. We always need fresh ideas and support to plan for fundraising, fun activities and learning opportunities for all our students.

Stay in touch

check the website regularly for updates and upcoming events which are of interest to all parents:

<http://gardencity.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council>

our email is : GardenCityPAC@gmail.com

2017-2018 Parent Advisory Committee Volunteer Form

_____ Yes, I would like to stay informed via email of PAC activities.

_____ Yes, I would like to be added to the PAC Volunteer List. I will respond to the volunteer co-ordinator if I have the time to help at the PAC event.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Childs Name: _____ Division: _____ Grade: _____

I am interested in volunteering in these areas: (Please circle as many as you like)

Hot lunch Popcorn Sales Student Attendance PAC meetings/planning

Fundraising Other areas of expertise: _____