



Welcome back! This newsletter is where you will find out about upcoming events and info related to the Parent Advisory Council at Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary. This is my second term as GEC PAC Chair and also for our entire exec team. Our goal is to keep you well informed and encourage parents/caregivers to get involved with their child's experience here at Gleneagles. There is important information below, please read!

We will definitely miss our usual events of bringing the GEC community together during the Welcome Tea and Meet the Teacher evening. Our goal last year was to build and encourage a community feeling at our school with great events and clear, open communication. This year we have come up with a concept of 'supporting the community' at GEC. We hope you can join us in this venture that supports students, staff and our families as we embrace a safe, socially distanced path forward given the challenges we all facing during the pandemic. We will find a way to have the fun and positiveness that we were able to achieve last year. We will be hosting a Golf Fundraiser, a Book Fair online, continue to bring in additional programming for the kids and will keep you posted on when Hot Lunch will be available (District has advised planning should start after October).

I look forward to seeing you (virtually) at our first **GEC PAC meeting** on Wednesday September 16th at 6:30.

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to know how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on our team. We would really like to hear from you.

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Afterschool Childcare

West Vancouver Rec has let us know that their program out of Gleneagles Rec will launch mid October. The PAC has organized Heather Fraser with Saplings Outdoor Program www.saplingsoutdoorprogram.ca to run an after school program starting this Monday (Sept 14th). The program will run until the Gleneagles Rec Centre program is in place. Saplings staff will pick up the children immediately after school in a designated area on the school grounds (same meeting place as Kids Club - picnic tables outside primary classrooms). They will move offsite to play and explore the surrounding forest and beach areas. Pickup will be at 5:00pm. More detailed information on pickup location and what to bring etc. will be provided once you register. Any questions should be directed to Heather at saplingsinfo@gmail.com. Please put "Gleneagles After School Program" in the title of your email so she can respond promptly.

To register for temporary after school childcare please visit:

<https://www.amilia.com/store/en/saplings-outdoor-program-ltd/api/Activity/Detail?activityId=ynw3QYx>

Note that Sept. 25th is a pro-D day and we are hoping that Heather will be able to provide a day long option so stay tuned.

GEC PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30pm via zoom.

Here is the [link](#). It will also be posted on the WhatsApp 'Gleneagles School' thread on the day of the meeting. Every parent or guardian at Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary is a member of the GEC PAC. This is your opportunity to learn about new initiatives, hear from the Principal and other great experiences in your child's school life, as well as ask questions. We encourage at least one representative from your family to login to as many PAC meetings as possible. We have changed to virtual evenings on Wednesdays to continue with social distancing measures; dates are below.

September 16th - 6:30

October 7th – 6:30

November 18th - 6:30

December - no meeting!

January 13th – 6:30

February 10th - 6:30

March - no meeting!

April 14th – 6:30

May 12th - 6:30

June 16th – 6:30 AGM

Agenda for September 16th (Future meeting agendas will be published one week prior)

6:30 Chair's Report

6:45 Treasurer's Report

7:00 Principal's Report

7:20 Upcoming Events/New Business

8:00 Adjournment

Golf Fundraiser

The GEC PAC is calling all parents, caregivers, grandparents and supporters of Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary kids to join us in a "Golf Game to Support the kids". This fundraiser will take the place of the very successful event 'Oktoberfest' and other fundraiser initiatives that would otherwise have happened in non-Covid times.

Tee-time - \$128 per person (\$100 to the GEC PAC and \$28 for green fee)

Spots are available through the [Munch-A-Lunch](#) system, under the "**Fundraising tab**" or secure a spot or foursome by cheque; can be given or picked up by any of the GEC PAC Exec team. We are also working on a 50/50 draw for the event and for those who cannot attend. (Tax receipts will not be issued so that the funds raised are not restricted to purchasing capital items.)

Volunteer: if you have a little extra time or are willing to sponsor a longest drive prize, etc. please email Lisa @ GECPACCHAIR@gmail.com

‘Gleneagles School’ WhatsApp Thread

If you haven't already joined the "Gleneagles School" WhatsApp thread, please do. We will send reminders of dates with details and important school related info from the GEC PAC Exec Committee (the only admin members; this is not a discussion panel – you can private message any exec member if you have any questions or comments).

Per the district's strict policy on privacy, we request an 'opt-in' from parents interested. If you would like to receive these alerts please send an email with a mobile phone number and name to GECPACCHAIR@gmail.com Your email will be saved there and kept confidential.

***This info channel will not replace newsletters from the school but will be an additional resource for quick reminders on important events. We will also post links to important info from the School District, BCCPAC and DPAC resources.

Volunteer Signup

We will be looking for a pool of volunteers for various events/committees in the coming weeks.

Upcoming events

GEC PAC Meeting – September 16th @ 6:30 via Zoom

Golf Fundraiser – October 1st – Starting at 2pm

See more GEC PAC past and present information at [GEC PAC Resources](#)