

# Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary (GEC) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) NEWSLETTER - October 2022



What an amazing start to the school year! It's only mid-October and we have managed to do so many things already including:

- Welcome Tea
- Welcome Back Open House
- Staff Appreciation for World Teachers' Day
- Hot Lunch
- Fall 2022 Golf Game
- Installation of the outdoor classroom
- Plantings around the outdoor classroom
- Spirit Wear
- Installation of the saucer swing
- Painting the soccer goal posts
- Babysitting and stay safe courses
- Preparations for a mural in the undercover area
- Naturalizing the playground with the installation of logs and boulders and sitting areas

Phew! It's been busy! Luckily the weather has been amazing which has helped on the installations and also allowed the students to enjoy some of the new outdoor additions.

Read on for more details about some of these events. We have more planned for the upcoming months so stay tuned!

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## Welcome Back Open House – September 27<sup>th</sup>

A huge thank you once again goes out to Lisa and Rick Kim from Olive and Anchor for taking the school harvest and creating a wonderful meal for us to enjoy at the Welcome Back Open House. Parent garden volunteers worked with various classes to harvest and prepare potatoes, kale, herbs and flowers. The Grade 7 Grad's also ran their first fundraising event of the year and provided dessert for the event. Their bake sale raised \$486 which will be used towards their grad activities and legacy gift. It was great to meet the new teachers, to tour the classrooms and wander the halls once again. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for a great evening.



## World Teacher Day – October 5<sup>th</sup>

We celebrated our wonderful teachers on World Teacher Day by providing some yummy treats. Thank you to everyone who signed up and brought food and drinks for this event.

## Golf Game for the Kids – October 6<sup>th</sup>

The Golf Game was once again a hugely successful event with golfers from all abilities hitting the links under clear blue skies. We had some amazing prizes and we raised over \$6,500. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered and to The Orchard for hosting us afterwards. If you haven't played in one of these Golf Games yet, don't worry, we are planning another one for the Spring!

### And the winners are.....



**Tennis Legends** - Jason Hofman, Jason Kittler, Tom Wolff von Gudenberg, Adam Becker

\*Special mention to the Gleneagles Grinders for the lowest overall score of 28 (Rod Brown, Tim Engelbert, Graham Harding, Chris Sfikas)



Tennis Legends



Gleneagles Grinders



Dude, Where's My Par



Fore Players

**Final Standings:** we had a 5-way tie but after consulting our resident Pro (Rod Brown) the Tennis Legends came out victorious!

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Bogie Nights



Reckless Drivers

## Long Drive and KP Contest Winners!

### Longest Drive hole #1:

Jonathan Olsen (\$50 Golf Town and Tequila from Dave Runte Real Estate)

Meg Rosen (\$50 Golf Town and Red Wine from Community Spirits Liquor Store)

### Longest Drive hole #9:

Chris Sfikas (\$50 Peak Golf Gift Card and Putting Matt)

Erica Duffy (\$100 Mercuterie Gift Card and Charcuterie Board from Horseshoe Bay Boards)

### KP hole #5:

Jonathan Olsen (Andrew Black Golf Lesson)

Heather Nelson (Courtney Campbell Golf Lesson)

### KP hole # 8:

Adam Becker (2 Canucks Hockey Tickets from Dave Runte Real Estate/Sotheby's)

Ruth Spink (Whittall Real Estate – Italian Gift Basket and Sea to Sky Gondola family day pass)



Danielle Lavallee marking her long drive right near the men's marker.



Pretty impressive! KP markers on hole #5.



Erica Duffy all smiles after winning the LD#9!

### Door Prizes:

- Wildwood Sunglasses - Ryan Turner
- Bfit Personal Training Gift Certificate - Russell Snow
- Peak Golf Golf Towel - Pete Clearwater
- Kim Taylor Real Estate Folding Beach chairs - Tim Engelbert
- Birdies Babes Beats Golf Event - Corrinne Bennett
- Olive and Anchor \$50 Gift Certificate - Megan Bassendale
- Olive and Anchor \$50 Gift Certificate - David Kinney
- Forecast Coffee Shop, Caulfeild - \$20 gift card, coffee beans/water bottle - Ian McLaughlin
- Kim Taylor Real Estate - Corksicle Wine Tumblers - Lisa Fairburn

### 50/50 Winner:

Sean Whittall

Thank you to Rachel Clearwater, Wally Jonsson, Kim Whittall and Anna Stewart for helping with registration and 50/50 sales!

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## Outdoor Enhancement Initiative - Update

Our Outdoor Enhancement Initiative has been full steam ahead! The installation of the outdoor classroom at the front of the school is almost complete. Once again, we want to thank MacDonald Trucking and Excavating for donating the boulders and installing them. Thanks to the parents, students and West Vancouver School Facilities for their ongoing work in creating a native plant garden to act as a green buffer between the outdoor classroom and the road. The PAC purchased 60+ native plants to build this garden with some donated native plants from The West Vancouver District organized by Heather Nigh. School District Gardener, Laura McMurrin, organized garden design, plant selection and delivery and she spent a full day at Gleneagles School helping the student start the planting. Student garden builders include Ms. McIntyre's Div. 3 class and Mrs. Phillips' Div. 1 class and the parent volunteers include Marie Engelbert, Paul Schmid, Jim Xu, Michelle Candedo, Gilberto Lopez, and Pete & Rachel Clearwater. The border garden should be finished by the end of October but in the meantime the teachers and students have already been enjoying this new space.



On the other side of the school, we have added some beach logs and boulders to soften the playground area by adding natural elements. These beach logs and boulders were donated and installed by the West Vancouver District. In particular, we would like to thank Tiffany Bentley, and her amazing crew for making this happen. We still have benches to install in this space which have been made by Greg Cormier and his students at West Vancouver Secondary. The installation of the saucer (aka Oodle) swing is also complete! This is an exciting new addition for the kids in the forested area.



## Outdoor Enhancement Update continued...

Tracey Hayes has designed an amazing underwater themed mural for the undercover area. We are hoping that she can start the mural in the coming weeks, just in time for the kids to enjoy during the rainy season. Thanks also to Dave Wolstenholme and Wally Jonsson who cleaned and painted the soccer goal posts. Wally and his group of dads (Steve Ramsbottom, Paul Schmid, Paul Taylor, Tim Jenkins and Ben Lavallee) have also installed many more small seating areas throughout the school grounds using the logs that were donated by the Gleneagles Golf Course. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this project and to all the volunteers who have helped along the way.

## Additional Garden Activities

A big thank you to all the parent garden volunteers (Benita Riaubiene, Shevaun Brown, Teresa & Roman Price, Elisa Campbell, Jessie Jenkin, Elspeth Halverson, Ruth Brock, and Rachel & Pete Clearwater) that worked with students this Fall to keep our school gardens growing. We really appreciate all your weeding, planting, building rock borders, harvesting, spreading mulch, and watering efforts!!!! We also appreciate the parents and community volunteers who came and hand watered at school in the summer to keep the new plantings alive. Thank you to Ali Greig, Anna MacRae, Artie Chumpol, Catalda Van Dyke, Danielle Lavallee, Elisa Campbell, Heather Nelson, Jen Meire, Jenny Clark, Jill Fujibayashi, Michelle Deng, Nichola Vermiere, Paul Schmid, Paul Taylor, Rebecca Vernon, Robyn Markham, Sheona McDonald, Shevaun Brown, Teresa Price, Kirstie Simpson, and Pete and Rachel Clearwater!

If you would like to help in the school garden visit the garden volunteer sign up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E48A4AF2AA7FC1-fall> or e-mail PAC garden coordinator, Rachel Clearwater, at [ihp.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:ihp.rachel@gmail.com)



## GEC PAC Meetings

Our October PAC meeting was held on Wednesday, October 19th at Rod and Shevaun's House. It was a great meeting and also offered a chance for parents to socialize. Thank you Rod and Shevaun for hosting and to Lauren Fuhre, Shula Klinger, Roz Dickett, Sonia Gregg, Julie Brown, Jessie Wu, Jill Fujibayashi, Amanda Clark and Shevaun Brown for providing appies and yummy treats.

### Additional PAC Meeting Dates:

Nov 30 – 6:30pm via Zoom

Feb 8, April 12, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 7 – 6:30pm, locations to be determined

## Book Fair – November 2-4<sup>th</sup>

The Scholastic Book Fair is happening Nov 2-4 in the GEC Learning Commons. This year we are introducing an evening session for parents who can't attend during the day or who would like to shop with their kids. There will also be an online option. Thank you to Lauren Gilchrest and Marie Engelbert for organizing this event. Stay tuned for more details.



## Mom's and Dad's Nights at The Orchard

The first Thursday of every month is Dad's night at The Orchard. The last Thursday of every month is Mom's night. Join us from 7pm onwards for a fun evening and a great way to meet other parents. The next Mom's night is October 27<sup>th</sup> and the next Dad's night is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## More to Come...

As we already said, it has been a busy start to the year and we wanted to thank all of the PAC executives and everyone else who have volunteered their time to make this such a successful start to the year! We still have a lot more we hope to do and accomplish before the holiday break including the following:

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Mural in the undercover area
- Stain the benches made by WVSS and install them
- Installing more log seating areas
- Staff appreciation lunch in December
- Mural in the music hallway

We are also considering hosting a holiday party for parents in late November or early December. If you are interested in making this event a reality by helping to organize, please email [gecpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:gecpacchair@gmail.com)

## 'Gleneagles School' WhatsApp Thread

If you haven't already joined the "Gleneagles School" WhatsApp thread, please do. We send reminders and important school related info only. 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](mailto:GECPACCHAIR@gmail.com)

### Summary of Upcoming events

- Babysitting and Stay Safe courses – October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Mom's Night at the Orchard – October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Book Fair November 2-4<sup>th</sup>
- Dad's Night at the Orchard – November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- GEC PAC Meeting – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm via Zoom

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