



Dear Parents,

Welcome to new school year! And a very special welcome to our new families. The upcoming school year sure promises to be unusual! The PAC will be hosting the monthly general meetings virtually for the 2020-2021 year and keeping our families informed through emails, the parent page of the website and on our facebook page. This September email is a bit long and contains a lot of information so let's get into it!

Contacts:

You may contact the PAC executive at ropac@wvschools.ca.

Please bookmark our website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/rockridge-secondary/parents/>

We also have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RockridgeSecondaryPAC>

Executive:

The PAC executive team for the 2020/2021 Year:

Chair: Tanya Mah

Vice Chair: Helen Hall

Past Chair: Tanya Petraszko

Treasurer: Barb Mitchell

Secretary: Debra Hadden

Online Communications: Tatiana Krapotkina

DPAC Rep: Amy Usher

Member at Large: Diana Steele

Outdoor Classroom Committee members: Karen McCluskey and Andrea Koehle Jones

P2P Coordinator: vacant

PAC Meetings:

PAC General Meetings for the 2020-2021 year will be held virtually (time to be determined). We will provide a zoom link closer to the meeting date. Keep up to date on PAC initiatives, receive information from our principal Judy Duncan with her Principal's Report, and we hope to hear about student happenings from students. We will also have guest speakers from time to time discussing topics such as mental health and youth, and post secondary options.

This year's meeting dates will be held on Tuesdays:

October 20

November 17

January 19

February 16

April 20

May 18 – General Meeting and AGM

September Events:

As you have read in the Principal's Welcome Back email, PAC has had to cancel this year's Pancake Breakfast for new families and the Parent Welcome Coffee. We would like to tell you about 2 other initiatives, one new and one continuing.

Outdoor Classroom FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE!

After a hiatus of 6 months (due to COVID), planning for the Outdoor Classroom is back on! To date, the site has been selected, plans and permits have been drawn up and submitted, and the site has been prepared for construction.

The PAC will be holding a virtual cheque drive so that construction can begin on the new Outdoor Classroom. We need your help! You may make your donation by cheque or through School Cash Online (SCO). All donation amounts will be gratefully accepted. A minimum of \$25 donation by cheque will receive a donation receipt mailed to them through the School District office. Donations through SCO will receive an auto generated tax donation receipt emailed to them. Donations above \$300 will be acknowledged with a permanent engraving displayed onsite at the school.

The goal is to raise \$60,000. We can do it! We are in the process of setting this up and will have a link on our school website soon.



(Photo Martha Perkins, North Shore News)

Parent to Parent (P2P)

Rockridge has a parent club called Parent to Parent (P2P).

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/898751170172366>

P2P was formed in 2013 for parents, by parents. Traditionally, the Parent to Parent group gives Rockridge parents the opportunity to meet others in the community through their participation in a variety of activities such as snowshoeing, pumpkin carving, cooking, book clubs (day and evening). Activities are continuing such as bookclub, albeit virtually. If you would like participate in in P2P, please join the facebook page. P2P is also looking for a new coordinator. If interested, please contact the PAC at ropac@wvschools.ca.

Warm regards,
Tanya Mah
PAC Chair