



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all doing well and everyone is healthy and safe. Vaccinations will be starting soon for the elderly, we have had some longer days and sunshine, spring break is a few days away. Soon, our children will be getting a well deserved break, and we hope you will too. But before we head into March Break, your monthly PAC newsletter and announcements.

### **Upcoming Speakers**

Over the next month, before and after the break, you PAC and DPAC is hard at work providing parents with many parent education opportunities:

#### **Parents as Educators and Career Coaches Workshop**

**Wednesday (tomorrow) March 10 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Rockridge Secondary in conjunction with Education Planner BC are hosting an interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school. The workshop will be a modified version and it will run for 1 hour and 30 minutes (1.5 hours). See [the poster](#) for details and to register, [click here](#). Any questions can be directed to Leesa Alldred at [lalldred@wvschools.ca](mailto:lalldred@wvschools.ca)

#### **Talking About Inclusion, Anti-Racism and Diversity**

**Tuesday, March 30th, 7pm**

West Vancouver DPAC is pleased to host a virtual event featuring Alden E. Habacon, a leading diversity and inclusion strategist who is also working with the West Vancouver School District on their inclusion programming. This is the first in a series of parent education and community engagement events. Tickets are limited and available through [Eventbrite](#). For more information, see the [poster here](#).

#### **PAC Meeting Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Barry Craig**

**Tuesday, April 20th, 9am**

Please join the PAC on April 20th at 9am, as we welcome special guest speaker, Dr. Barry Craig, who will speak on the topic, "What is the Role of the Liberal Arts in a Stem World?" Thank you to Leesa Alldred, and the Post-Secondary and Careers Department for arranging this event for parents.

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS IN A STEM WORLD?



Dr. Barry Craig,  
President of Huron University

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL INTERACTIVE TALK EXCLUSIVELY FOR ROCKRIDGE PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNSEL, WITH DR. BARRY CRAIG, PRESIDENT OF HURON UNIVERSITY - ONE OF CANADA'S PREMIER LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTIONS OFFERING AN ACADEMICALLY ELITE, YET ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION SINCE 1863.

Join the conversation as we discuss what a liberal arts education means and its employability in the future global economy as well as the importance of an education that emphasizes ethical leadership and character, as much as academic intellect.

During the event, you'll be able to ask Dr. Barry Craig any questions you wish as part of a live Q&A interaction. A member of our admissions team will also be available to answer any of your questions about the application process.

**APRIL 20TH, 2021 | 9:00 AM PST**



## **Succession**

We have a number of positions available for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. Positions available include:

- Chair/Co-Chair
- Vice-Chair
- DPAC Rep
- Members at Large

Please contact Tanya at ropac@wvschools.ca for more information.

## **Outdoor Classroom Update**

The fundraising drive isn't over yet! We are doing one last BIG push to raise the last of the funds needed to get the outdoor classroom built. Please consider donating to this project! We are almost there! Thank you to all those who have donated, and please get the word out!

## **Other fundraisers:**

Please consider donating to the other annual PAC fundraisers also. These two optional Contributions can be found on School Cash Online.

- Scholarship Contribution: The Scholarship Fund provides various scholarships, book awards, and grants each year to Grade 12 students. Please consider donating to this worthwhile fund.
- PAC Contribution: The majority of PAC contributions provides funds towards wish list items to enhance classroom learning. Previous contributions have allowed the PAC to purchase digital and educational resources for the learning commons, film and camera equipment for Film, Technology, Business, Drama, Music and Theatre Company classes, science equipment, and classroom set of novels for the English Department.

## **Grad Funds**



A letter from one of our parent volunteer organizers, Linda Heintzman, was emailed last week to parents in Grade 12, about making a contribution to the Grad 2021 fund. If you did not receive this email, please contact the office or the PAC and we can forward it to you. Grad parents, please consider making a contribution to this fund. Deadline is April 9th.

And, last, but not least, a little light spring break reading! Please find a link to the Minutes of the February meeting.

On behalf of the PAC Executive, I wish you all a fun, safe March break filled with family time and laughter.

Happy Spring Break!  
Tanya Mah  
PAC Chair

Please follow us!

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