

Myrtle Philip Community School

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**March 2016 Newsletter****Snowball Evening Gala & Auction Success!**

On behalf of the MPCPS PAC, thank you! Over 115 guests joined us for a fabulous winter-wonderland themed evening. Together, we raised OVER \$8,800 in net proceeds which will directly support our PAC funded projects and initiatives for our children and school. We hope everybody had a ball! The food was delicious, the company fabulous, the dancing epic, and best of all - it was great to see all of our teachers and parents having fun together.

Thank you to all the volunteers, silent auction prize donors, attendees and supporters! We could not have made this event such a success without your support!

Our 3rd annual Snowball Evening Gala & Auction will return again next year. Stay tuned for more details!

New PAC Website

Check out our newly launched [MPCPS PAC website](http://mpcspac.wix.com/mpcspac) for all the latest information on upcoming meetings & events, PAC newsletters, Hot Lunch information, school calendar and much more.

<http://mpcspac.wix.com/mpcspac>

Stay Connected

Join us for at our next
PAC meeting on

Monday, April 11, 7pm

in the Millar Room.

All parents welcome.

Join the **MPCPS PAC**
Facebook page

Get PAC updates from the
MPCPS PAC website

**Ongoing Fundraiser**

Lovable Labels: MPCPS PAC will receive 20% of all orders placed through our fundraising website! Simply order online at www.MPCPS.lovablelabels.ca

Save the Date!

**OPT: Sexual Health
Parent Workshop**
MAR 15, 7-9pm

Parent Session on Sexual Health. All MPCPS and SCCS parents welcome.
Room: Library

**April PAC
Meeting:**
APR 11, 7pm

All MPCPS parents welcome.
Room: Millar Room

**Parent Talk: Internet
Safety**
APR 25, 7-9pm

Join Darren Laur for an empowering and award winning presentation about Internet / Social Media Safety.

Hot Lunch Program for Spring

The Winter Session Hot Lunch runs until March 18. We are excited to introduce **Mac 'n Cheese or Chili** on Thursdays in place of pasta for Session III. Both dishes are made by Alpine Café and we are proud to continue to support local businesses.

The Spring Session runs from April 12 to June 29 (12 weeks) with Sushi Tuesdays, Pizza Wednesdays and Mac 'n Cheese / Chili Thursdays. *NOTE that there will be no hot lunch the first week back at school. Orders must be placed by **April 8**. To order by credit card, go to <http://mpcs.hotlunches.net>.

If you need assistance completing the online form or need to pay by cash, please contact our Hot Lunch Coordinator - Jane Moran at mpcshotlunch@gmail.com. Note: Cash payments will only be accepted if necessary to process orders and must be submitted by the payment deadline to the office Attn PAC Hot Lunch Program. Cheques will not be accepted.

MARCH 15: Askable Adult – OPT Parent Workshop 7-9pm

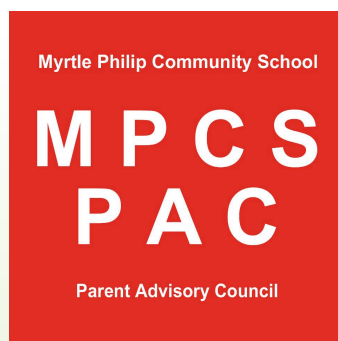
PAC is bringing back the OPT group in to deliver the sexual health curriculum set by the BC Ministry of Education on March 15 and 16. They will provide informative presentations on a variety of sexual and reproductive health issues for grades 4-7. On **Tuesday, March 15 from 7-9pm** there will be a parent workshop offered. The Askable Adult 2-hour interactive workshop prepares parents and caregivers of children aged 5-12 to discuss sexual health and sexuality information at an age appropriate level, while incorporating their own family values and feelings into the discussion. The workshop also teaches adults how to handle those tricky questions kids can ask and highlights what kind of words to use. ALL MPCS and SCCS parents welcome.

APRIL 25: Internet / Social Media Safety Presentation 7-9pm

MPCS and SCCS PAC's are pleased to announce that we are once again bringing Darren Laur to speak to both children and parents about Internet / Social Media Safety. Children in grades 6 and 7 will attend a session at Spring Creek and then there will be a parent session from 7-9pm at Myrtle Philip. ALL parents welcome and encouraged to attend.

ABOUT MPCS PAC

The Myrtle Philip Community School Parent Advisory Council (MPCS PAC) is made up of parent volunteers who oversee a wide variety of fundraising initiatives and programs that help support our students, teachers and the administration of our school. We believe that by involving and informing parents, we will have a more supportive and effective school environment for our children. It is up to us to work together as a community to ensure our children have the best possible school experience.



PAC EXECUTIVE

Chair: Leanne Turkington
 Vice-Chair / Fundraising: Shauna Hardy Mishaw
 Past-Chair: Louise Tomcheck
 Teacher Liaison / DPAC Rep: Jennifer Black
 Secretary: Lee Schwartz
 Treasurer: Nadine Carey
 Communications: Kerri Stewart



Spring 2015-16 Hot Lunch Program

TUESDAY: SUSHI by SAMURAI SUSHI



WEDNESDAY: PIZZA by MISTY MOUNTAIN PIZZA

THURSDAY: MAC 'n CHEESE or CHILI by ALPINE CAFE

THE SPRING HOT LUNCH SESSION RUNS FROM TUES, APRIL 12 TO THURS, JUNE 29, 2016 (12 WKS)
ALL ORDERS FOR THE SPRING SESSION NEED TO BE PLACED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016.
PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016.

NEW: We are excited to add a new menu item to the hot lunch program: **Mac 'n Cheese!** Prepared by the chefs at Alpine Café we will now be offering a choice of Mac 'n Cheese OR Chili on Thursdays.

If you choose to order, you can pick one, two, or all three of the lunch days. NOTE: Each type of lunch order must be ordered for the entire session. You cannot individually select weeks or mix and match different types of lunches.

Lunch ordering is only available online and must be paid in advance by credit card via PayPal!
It's quick, secure and user friendly.

To access the order form online:

- Go to <http://mpcs.hotlunches.net> (NOT "www" or ".com" and include the "." after mpcs).
- On the homepage enter your account* and enter our school access code: **mpcs** (all lower case). * Parents must create a new account per child ONCE each September for the year.
- Add your child's name and follow the prompts to find the right class and division.
- Place your orders for the current session (make sure that you hit "update order and proceed" at the bottom of the form after selecting menu items for each lunch). **Also, please DO NOT leave an order in the system that you ultimately do not want. If you make a mistake or do not wish to order an item or an entire lunch, go back into the menu and unselect the items, otherwise it will remain in our system and your order will be processed, and you will be charged appropriately.
- The online system will not accommodate late orders.
- **Online orders must be made online by credit card. Otherwise we will accept cash only. We do not accept cheques.**

If you have difficulty gaining access to a computer, would like some assistance completing the online form or need to pay by cash, please contact our PAC Hot Lunch Coordinator – Jane Moran at 778-996-8900 or mpcshotlunch@gmail.com. Note: Cash payments will only be accepted if necessary to process orders and must be submitted by the payment deadline to the MPCS Office Attn PAC Hot Lunch Program.

VOLUNTEER: We need parent volunteers to ensure our PAC Hot Lunch Program succeeds (about 1-hour a week/per session).

If you are able to assist for one or all of the three sessions or even just for one month of a session, please email our program leads:

- **Tuesday – Sushi:** Fiona Minton <johnfiona@shaw.ca>
- **Wednesday – Pizza:** Jennifer Sopp <jnsopp@hotmail.com>
- **Thursday – Mac 'n Cheese / Chili:** Jen Black <jennspee@yahoo.ca>