

Myrtle Philip Community School

# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## May 2016 Newsletter

### GET INVOLVED: NEW PAC MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking to recruit additional members to fill various PAC roles for next year including: **Treasurer, Fundraising** and **Teacher Liaison**. If you would like to get involved, please visit our website for more information or contact Shauna Hardy Mishaw at [shauna@whistlerfilmfestival.com](mailto:shauna@whistlerfilmfestival.com). Please join us for our **PAC AGM** on **Monday, June 6 at 7pm in the Millar Room**.

### School Garden Project

The school ground garden project aims to connect children to the source of their food, the environment and their community. The main goal is to teach students how to grow their own organic food, and to work together to plant, harvest, and prepare the food. Each class will have a garden box to maintain and share what they are growing. Look for the garlic and potatoes, which have already started to grow!

The garden project was made possible thanks to a **Toyota Evergreen School Ground Greening** grant to build the garden boxes, **Whistler Excavations** for the soil delivery, **West Coast Seeds** for a seed donation, **Rona, Sea to Sky Soils**, and **Kathleen Cunningham** for her donation of a wheelbarrow and shovels as well as the teachers, students and parents who helped to make this happen. The **Real Estate Association of Whistler** has just given MPCS a grant to build a circular cement pathway in the centre of the gardens, and we are seeking funding for a native plant garden.

To get involved in this amazing project, please contact lead parent Christy Craig at [christycraig@gmail.com](mailto:christycraig@gmail.com).

### Save the Date!

#### PAC AGM Meeting:

**JUN 6, 7pm**

All MPCS parents welcome.

Room: Millar Room

#### FUN DAY:

**JUN 24**

### Stay Connected

Join us for at our

#### PAC AGM Meeting

**Guest Speaker:**

**Lisa McCullough**

**Presenting Pathways to Learning / Trends in Education**

**Monday, June 6, 7pm**

in the Millar Room.

All parents welcome.

Join the **MPCS PAC Facebook page**

Get PAC updates from the **MPCS PAC website**

### Ongoing Fundraiser

**Lovable Labels:** MPCS PAC will receive 20% of all orders placed through our fundraising website! Simply order online at [www.MPCS.lovablelabels.ca](http://www.MPCS.lovablelabels.ca)

## PAC Funding Update

MPCS PAC Executive is pleased to announce the following funding investments this school year, all of which will be summarized in our year end letter in June:

- Technology investment - \$15,000
- Library refurbishment - \$12,500 – upgrades include a research centre, projector, listening centre, book shelves and new seating.
- Student Enrichment Funding – This year PAC was happy to fully support Intermediate First Aid Training and the upcoming Tennis Program.
- Other Initiatives – Artist in Residence program, various field trips, sexual education and Internet safety workshops for both students and parents.

### GRANT UPDATE - SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- The **Real Estate Association of Whistler** for granting the school \$2,500 to install a cement walkway in the centre of the garden beds.
- **Toyota Evergreen School Ground Greening** for granting the school \$2,200 to purchase lumber for the garden beds.

## FRIDAY, June 24: Fun Day

**Call for Volunteers:** We need your help!

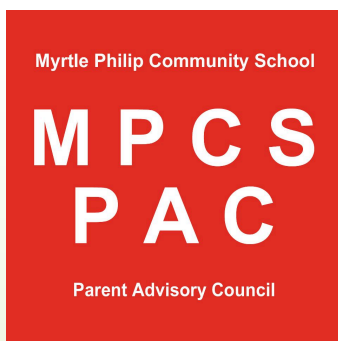
We need one parent per class to assist with organizing MPCS Sports FUN Day from 8am to noon, and to assist with the hot dog lunch.

Please contact: Jenn Black at 604-341-3440 or jennspeer@yahoo.ca.



## 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