

POINT GREY SECONDARY

NEWS & EVENTS

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Point Grey PAC Meeting followed by presentation by Options Solutions Counseling Tuesday, Oct 22nd Library. 6:30pm start

Options Solutions is an educational consulting company. They will talk to us about post-secondary application planning. Lots of great information!

Point Grey Music Supporters Society Potluck

Wednesday, October 23rd
Cafeteria **5:30-7:30pm**

Music groups will be performing
All music students and families invited!
Please bring a dish to share

Note from our new Principal, Nick Akrap

As I sit and write this newsletter article, I realize that it is October 1st already! I guess it's true that *time flies when you're having fun*. Our School year is off to a fantastic start and special thanks goes to our office team for preparing us all for a smooth school start-up, to our teachers for their meticulous organization and to our students for arriving full of positive attitude and enthusiasm. I would be remiss if I didn't thank you, the parents and guardians, for the support you provide at home. The building of excellent student *knowledge, skills and attitudes* (today referred to as the Core Competencies) does not rely solely on schools but from the cooperation of school, community and, of course, the home. Thank you for your continued support.

Besides the excellent learning happening within the classrooms, there were many activities in September that engaged our students outside the traditional walls of the classroom. Whether it was the school-wide Terry Fox Run, the grade 8 camps, field trips to Bard on the Beach, peaceful demonstrating at the Climate Strikes, or participating in fall sports, there were many meaningful activities and events for students to participate in. We look forward to planning more fun and educational activities with the hope of further engaging Point Grey students with their learning and their school community. If you are interested in learning about upcoming events or other Point Grey related information, please visit the Point Grey website (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/point-grey/>) to download our calendar or to read the student bulletin. I've met many parents already and I look forward to meeting more of you as we navigate this school year together, as a community.

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Sister School Exchange at Point Grey

Once again Point Grey will be hosting about twenty students from Minami High School (our sister school in Yokohama) while they visit Vancouver in early February. As in the past, we are looking for host families to help billet one or two of these Japanese students. If you think you might be interested in hosting, please contact Sean O'Connor (soconnor@vsb.bc.ca) or Mara Benson (mbenson@vsb.bc.ca).

PAC Fundraising!

The PAC raises funds in a variety of ways, through direct donation, gift card donations and the gaming grant. The gaming grant, which we can use to support non-curricular activities in the school, has decreased by about \$3500 and due to declining enrollment at PG, we anticipate that number to keep going down. We try to use the gaming grant to fund as many qualifying projects that reach as many kids as possible, currently the majority of our gaming funds go to support the music program and sports. The PAC will have to fill that gap out of our other fundraising, which is where the parents come in. Your donation to the Point Grey PAC will allow us to support all sorts of teacher requests; art supplies, speakers for the drama studio, math competitions, creative writing workshops, magazines in the library, etc. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider doing it now, every little bit helps. You can find our form on the www.pointgreyparents.org under our fundraising tab or **just drop a check off to the office made out to Point Grey PAC**, every donation over \$100 will receive a tax receipt.

Please note, that while you can donate online through the VSB, be careful to choose the Point Grey PAC from the drop-down list, be aware that it takes longer for us to get the money. If you drop a check off to the office made out to Point Grey PAC, we can access the funds immediately and pass it along to activities that benefit our kids.

Gift Cards – not just for gifts!

One of our newer fundraisers is gift cards! It's pretty easy, you order a gift card from the PAC and we receive a percentage of the value of the card. Use it when you shop at T&T Supermarket, Choices, Save-on-Foods, Stong's... Why not pay with a gift card, it's an easy way to support the PAC. Why not give your child a Tim Horton's/McDonald's/Subway gift card to use instead of lunch money!

You can download the form from our website www.pointgreyparents.org under the fundraising tab. Just fill out the form, drop have your child drop it in the office before the deadline along with a check made out to Point Grey PAC. Questions? info@pointgreyparents.org **Our next order deadline is Wednesday Oct 23rd, 10am, delivered on Fri, October 31st, pick up by the end of the day from the school office. Your student will need an ID to pick up the order.**

Construction Trades Job Fair

Sat Oct 5th 9am-3pm

4333 Ledger Ave, Burnaby B.C. (Free Parking)

Learn about:

- Job opportunities for In Demand Trades
- Well-paying Family Supportive jobs
- Sponsored Apprenticeships with tuition subsidizing - no student debt
- Trades: the other 4-year degree
- Industry leading Pension, RRSP & Extended Medical Benefits

TradesOpportunityGroup@gmail.com (you can see the flyer on the PG PAC website)



Orange Shirt Day

Thank you to our very own Point Grey Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) for graciously supporting us with the purchase of these orange Every Child Matters shirts. Orange Shirt Day was chosen to be recognized on September 30th because it was approximately this time of year when Indigenous children were taken from their families and forced to attend residential schools far from their homes. We wear the orange shirts to recognize and remember the injustice of residential schools and the traumatic effect they had on the Indigenous children, and their

families. As a staff, we witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families and we commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

DIY Beeswax Food Wrap Workshop

Save the Environment, take real action against plastic pollution
Roundhouse Community Centre
Sat Nov 23rd 1:30-3pm
Only \$10

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- Oct 14 – No School – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Oct 17 – Great BC Shakeout, 10:30am
- Oct 22 – PAC Meeting , library 6:30pm start, followed by Options Solutions
- Oct 23 – PGMSS Potluck, cafeteria 5:30-7:30pm
- Oct 25 – Pro D – No School

Bi-weekly Newsletter submissions accepted until Wednesday 5pm the week of the newsletter, info@pointgreyparents.org

More information can be found on <https://www.pointgreyparents.org>

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