

What is PAC and why do I care?

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) is a voluntary committee made up of every person who has a child registered at the school.

There is also a voluntary elected Executive PAC, with positions such as Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)); secretary (notes the meetings) and creates the agendas for the next upcoming meetings; CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Representative; Fruit & Veggie Program Coordinators; Hot Lunch Program Coordinators; and members at large.

What does PAC do?

PAC discusses with the school about events that are happening, as well as organizes events for the school. Some things that are PAC run / sponsored that you may not know of are:

Earthquake kits; Breakfast with Santa; ArtCards; Hot Lunch; Family Photo Night; Holiday Market; French movie fieldtrip; spirit day; popcorn Fridays; scholarships; Giving Tree; Read-a-Thon; Purchasing the Playground; End of year Yearbook; Scholastic Book Fair, running the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program and much more.

PAC also volunteers to help at Sports Day by running the concession, donates to the Grade 7 Grad, helps pay for guest speakers at school and subsidizes events like the tennis lessons and hip-hop lessons that are offered school wide. PAC also helps subsidize families who are having a hard time making ends meet.

Where can I find out more ?

On the school website at [Seaforth Elementary School | Burnaby School District \(burnabyschools.ca\)](http://SeaforthElementarySchool|BurnabySchoolDistrict.burnabyschools.ca), then click on the heading that says 'Parents'

PAC is always fundraising, they have plenty of \$\$ already

Last year, with all of the fundraising done, there was a total of **\$77** that wasn't used for the betterment of the students and school, which got brought over to this year's budget. As a member of PAC, you are welcome to look at the budget, please just ask your treasurer to show it to you.

Why are you telling me this?

Events at the school need volunteers to make sure that they run smoothly. Schools are a registered non-profit. PAC uses funds raised through fundraising events to be able to put on events at no or low cost to parents.

How can I help?

Volunteers are always welcome and needed for events that you see coming up at the school. You can email ecoleseaforth.pac@gmail.com who will be able to put you in touch with the lead volunteer for any of the events, or, sign up through here: [PAC Activities & Parent Volunteers – Seaforth PAC](#)

I don't have time to donate, can I help in another way?

You can help by spreading the word about upcoming events which you can find out about through <https://instagram.com/seaforthelementarypac?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>, you can help by participating in the events when you are able as a guest or volunteer, you can help with ideas of things to do, and of course, if you are able, you can always help financially by speaking to the principal or head teacher and letting them know that you would like to help, or by donating directly through School Cash Online ([SchoolCashOnline.com: Fee Details](#)). This also gets you a tax receipt.

I'm new to the school and don't know any people on PAC

We were all new to the school once. PAC is a great way to learn more about the school, meet school administration, other parents and be in the know about what events are coming up.

PAC has monthly evening meetings, the information for the meetings is emailed out the day prior, and is also available on the minutes from the last PAC meeting [PAC Meeting Minutes | Seaforth Elementary School \(burnabyschools.ca\)](#)

There is also a PAC Instagram page for information:

<https://www.instagram.com/seaforthelementarypac/>

What are some ongoing PAC fundraisers that I can use when shopping?

- Shop through [Seaforth PAC | Team Fundraising at FlipGive](#) for birthday and holiday gifts, PAC gets some of that money back!
- [Mabel's Labels: Kids Labels, Name Stickers & Clothing Labels \(mabelslabels.ca\)](#) then click on 'support a fundraiser' and choose Seaforth Elementary PAC (Burnaby). PAC gets some of that money back!