



**ÉCOLE
CHRISTINE MORRISON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

September 7, 2011

PAC NEWS

Welcome Back

Welcome back to École Christine Morrison Elementary School. We look forward to another great learning year for our children and getting to know more of you as we work to make the school even better.

We also welcome our new principal, Sharon Gibson, to our school. We are excited to get to know her better too and work together to ensure positive learning experiences here.



Introducing the PAC...

Here is your new executive team for the PAC:

- Chair: Tanya Konings
- Vice Chair: Karen Skraban
- Secretary: Angela Giroux
- Treasurer: Natalia West
- D-PAC Rep: Darlene Adlem
- SPC Reps:
- Wendy Weyman
- Ellen Laughland
- Joanne Newlands
- Members at Large:
- Melissa Crapo
- Magna Goerke
- Dionne Hairsine
- Colleen Prail



Concession

For those of you that are new to ECM, we have a very extension concession and hot lunch program that contributes significantly to our fundraising efforts as well as ensures our students are fed healthy meals. As we go into our 2nd year running the online ordering program, our hot lunch administrator has created a comprehensive guide for registering and how the program works. Please read it thoroughly as there are some significant changes to the policies.

Due to the success of the program, we will no longer waste paper to send home order forms to all the students. If you require paper order forms, there will always be a stack of them available at the PAC bulletin board in the school lobby as of the 13th of each month.

Volunteers are needed immediately for the following areas:

Chili making: Once a month for approximately 4 hours to make chili in the school kitchen. Please advise if you have Foodsafe. Please check with Tanya Konings at CMPAC@live.com if you'd like to get Foodsafe certified.

Recycling: Once per week to pick up bags of recyclable bottles and juice boxes to be returned to the recycle depot for redemption. We prefer to have 2 volunteers to alternate.

Groceries: Go shopping once per week, sometimes per month as supplies are needed.

Concession: You are needed to work in concession for approximately 4 hours in the morning through lunch to prepare and distribute food. This is usually a once per week shift. You work in pairs.

Volunteering is a great way to get to know the other parents and make friendships that will enhance your life.

Next PAC Meeting

Thursday September 8th, 7:00 pm

We welcome all to attend and to join any of our several committees that help make our school special **"ALL WELCOME"**

Kid's Welcome!
Let us know and we'll arrange child minding

get PAC NEWS and communications via email. Send request to PAC email: CMPAC@live.com

Christmas Store

Donations are needed for the 'Christmas Store' we have every year so your kids can bring home gifts for their family. Your generosity is appreciated. Please notify a PAC member if you have any new or slightly used items that will contribute to these festive activities.

We will continue to collect Canadian Tire Dollars to purchase some Christmas store items also. You or your child can drop them off at the office.

If you would like to be on the Christmas Store Committee please contact

Dionne at

Cm.hotlunches@yahoo.ca



Campbell's Soup Labels

We're still collecting Campbell's soup labels. Our school received new badminton racquets and shuttles from last year's efforts. It's an easy way to give our children a few extras at our school. Please submit them in baggies already flattened, folded and ensure they have a barcode. Thanks!

Please save the **full label** from Campbell's soup **cans** (full UPC and front label) like condensed soups, Chunky soup and chili. **UPC only** from Campbell's soup **containers** like their ready to use broths, V8 soup, Gardennay soups and Goldfish crackers.



Concession Start

You can order hotlunches on **www.CM.Hotlunches.net** now. Please register right away. If you have any questions, please direct them to **cm.hotlunches@yahoo.ca**.

Lunches will be prepared and served as of September 30th. You can pre-order online or purchase at concession window. If you want to ensure availability of your favourite meals, please pre-order.

Fundraising

Now that our playground is in, we're looking forward to a lot less fundraising efforts in the new year. We still need to fundraise to support the many extra activities and services enjoyed here at Christine Morrison.

By popular demand, 'Cards-By-Me' will be back in September. This is a great gift idea for Christmas.



We will be hosting the Ford test drive event 'Drive 4UR School' October 29th. This is **NO COST** to you, but the school receives \$20 per registration. It's an easy and painless fundraiser.

Thank you to all you parents for the past great and successful year. Please keep supporting your child's wonderful school by supporting CM PAC. Contact us anytime by **CMPAC@live.com** or through our hotlunch online program. You can also drop off your thoughts in the Suggestion Box located outside Concession.

Job Action

Be sure to read the notice from Superintendent of Schools, Frank Dunham, that will be sent home with your children.

Also note the following excerpt from the BCCPAC office: "While BCCPAC is discouraged that students and families will be affected by this labour dispute, we are hopeful that a resolution will be reached quickly which focuses on student learning. BCCPAC will keep you updated and informed of any developments in this situation as they become available to us. To help BCCPAC better understand how teacher job action is affecting children, classes, schools and districts we ask that you share your stories with us by

e-mailing your input to

memberviews@bccpac.bc.ca

Please use the subject line "teacher job action" and indicate your school district."