

Kits PAC E-News

News from your Parent Advisory Council

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Next PAC meeting to be held November 22

All parents are invited to the third PAC meeting of the school year on Tuesday, November 22.

The agenda includes:

- the principal's report
- a teacher's report, including information on the teachers' job action
- a discussion and vote on the remaining PAC budget, continued from the last PAC meeting
- a presentation by a guest speaker from citizenU.

The City of Vancouver is working with the Vancouver School Board, Parks Board, library, other government agencies, community organizations, youth and their families on a citywide action research initiative called citizenU.

CitizenU aims to create an even safer, stronger and more inclusive Vancouver by tackling racism, discrimination and bullying head-on on all fronts (discrimination based on ability, age, citizenship, culture, ethnicity, faith, gender, health, language, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic circumstances, and/or social groupings) and by striving to build stronger, more positive relationships among our diverse communities.

The experiences and reflections of those involved will inform and influence the development of policies and practices within the City, within partner organizations and within the community - to address racism, bullying and all forms discrimination in Vancouver, and to build community across cultures, subcultures, faiths and generations.

You are warmly encouraged to come out to the PAC meeting, socialize with other parents, increase your awareness of what is happening, and build connections to your child's school.

Tuesday, November 22

Snacks and socializing from 7 - 7:30 pm; meeting from 7:30 - 9 pm

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Location: 3rd-floor Staffroom

Grads have to November 10 to meet yearbook deadline

The deadline for Grade 12s to submit baby photos and grad write-ups for the yearbook is November 10.

BABY PHOTOS

Grade 12s should scan a baby photo at high resolution and send it to kitsgrad2012@gmail.com. Or they can come to Room 508 and drop it off, and the yearbook committee will scan it for them. (Make sure they write their name and homeroom on the back, and it will be returned to them.)

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Grads should submit their grad write-up via Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Kitsgrad2012>. Write-ups can be up to 550 characters (not words), and grads need to be sure to answer the survey questions as their responses will appear next to their photo. Grade 12s are welcome to use the lab in Room 508 to log onto Survey Monkey, but emailed or handwritten write-ups will not be accepted. Write-ups must be in proper English (or French) - no slang, abbreviations, etc. If Spellcheck does not like what they wrote, it will be deleted. There will be no time for changes!

For more information, students can join the "Official Kitsilano Yearbook group" on Facebook.

Grade 12 parent night to be held November 17

Grade 12 parents are encouraged to attend a Grade 12 Parent Night on Thursday, November 17.

The event will feature Kits principal Chris Atkinson and will begin at 7 pm in the auditorium. Learn about graduation requirements and activities, and about post-secondary procedures. Bring your questions.

Prior to the event, at 6 pm, parents and students are invited to attend a presentation by the University of British Columbia, also in the auditorium.

Provide your view on wireless technology in Vancouver schools

The Vancouver School Board has communicated the intention to provide wireless internet access in all elementary and high schools within the next 12 to 18 months. The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) is asking parents to provide their opinion on this subject by participating in a survey.

DPAC's mandate includes sharing the opinions and priorities of parents via PACs across Metro Vancouver. One current hot topic at the VSB is access to the internet and

deployment of wireless capability.

DPAC would like to ensure it's communicating the appropriate messages from Vancouver families. Are you worried about wireless internet? If so, what aspects?

DPAC asks parents to take a moment to complete its quick five-question survey (see link below). The survey is anonymous. The opinions of VSB families are valuable to DPAC and help it define its priorities.

[DPAC wireless survey](#)



Annual Cookie Bash coming up in December

It's that time of year again to treat our Kitsilano school staff to some holiday goodies!

Bring along at least two dozen baked goodies to the Kitsilano staff room (3rd floor) on the morning of Tuesday, December 13.

We will provide bags for the teachers to take home some holiday cookies. It's our way of saying thank you to our hard working Kitsilano teachers, office and janitorial staff.

Please sign up for the Kitsilano Holiday Cookie Bash at the next PAC meeting, or send a message to Mary Laird at laird3862@aol.com to confirm what you plan to bring. Volunteers to help with set-up, coffee and tea prep the morning of December 13 would also be appreciated.

Cookie drop-off between 7:30 and 9 am; Cookie Bash begins at 11 am.



Have you donated yet to support the school?

The PAC needs your help! We have now designated the majority of our gaming funds from the government and PAC fundraised money to meet student club and school requests. Unfortunately, we were unable to fully fund some very worthy requests this year. With further donations of only \$5,000, we would be able to fund most of the significant requests.

Like all PACs, ours raises money for items not paid for by the School District. The PAC conducts only one fundraising initiative for the school year: the KitsNOW campaign, a direct request for donations. While the recommended amount per family is \$75, no donation is too small.

You can donate using the PayPal link below, or by cheque. If donating by PayPal and you wish to receive a tax receipt (for amounts over \$20), email your name, address and amount of donation to kitspacdonation@hotmail.com.

If you would like to donate by cheque, make it out to "Kitsilano Secondary School PAC" and drop it off at the school office or mail it to the school (2550 W. 10th Ave., V6K 2J6).

Your support is needed and appreciated!

[Donate by PayPal](#)



Keep in touch with the PAC

To get in touch with the PAC at any time, contact kitspac@hotmail.com. Also, don't forget to check the PAC website regularly at www.kitsilanopac.ca.

To help you plan, the dates of the upcoming PAC meetings for this school year are as follows:

Tuesday, November 22

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, April 17

Tuesday, May 22

Hope to see you there!

Select Relevant Links

- [Send Feedback to Kits PAC](#)
- [Kits PAC website](#)
- [Vancouver School Board](#)
- [Canadian Parents for French](#)
- [Donate to Kits PAC using Paypal](#)
- [Kitsilano School website](#)
- [BC Ministry of Education](#)
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Disclaimer:

Dear Parents and guardians:

All parents of students of Kitsilano Secondary School are automatically members of the Parent Advisory Council (Kits PAC) which meets regularly at the school.

The purpose of this e-mail group is to keep Kits parents and guardians informed through periodic newsletters and announcements.

Group members may opt to remove themselves at any time. Should you wish assistance to remove your email address from this group, please let us know.

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