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Message from the Chair

Quarter 4 is About to Start!

Spring has officially arrived and Quarter 4 begins next week. That means only 10 more weeks of school!

Graduation planning underway for this year's class of grade 12s. Thank you to Teri Charuhas and Lisa Pindera for chairing the Parent Grad Committee! More information about graduation plans will be shared at this month's PAC meeting.

Looking toward the end of the school year means PAC is also starting to think about next year. Executive positions are elected at the PAC AGM in September. I am stepping down as PAC Chair after this year and there may be other executive positions available. If you are experienced and interested in taking on a role on the PAC executive, please contact me for more information at kitspac@hotmail.com.

Being involved with Kits PAC is a very rewarding experience. If you would like to get involved with the Kits PAC [please contact us](#).

We look forward to you joining us at the next meeting and finding your way to get involved!

Please visit our [PAC website](#) for more information about Kits PAC and to subscribe to this email.

Next PAC Meeting - JOIN US!

Looking forward to seeing you at the **Kitsilano PAC ONLINE meeting**

When? Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Time? 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Where? [zoom link registration](#)

Minutes from the last PAC Meeting are available on the [PAC website](#).

- You will be sent an email with your own specific link to join the meeting.
- When you join, you will enter a waiting room until the host admits you.
- Registration will remain open until after the meeting starts.
- For questions about the meeting, please contact kitspac@hotmail.com.
- For questions about registration, please contact alan.patola.moosmann@vancouverdpac.com

Upcoming ONLINE PAC Events



April 27, 7:00 PM

PAC Meeting

Zoom link for [registration](#)

All parents are welcome and encouraged to come to PAC meetings. You will learn more about what is happening at the school and hear from:

- invited speakers on topics of interest to parents
- updates from the Principal, Ms. Bains
- updates from teacher representatives and

May 3, 7:00 PM

What's Next

Kwantlen Polytechnic University - KPU

Interested in design, nursing, Chinese medicine, trades, business, university transfer? These programs and many more are offered at KPU. Join the KPU representative who will tell us about admission requirements, programs, and answer all of your questions!

All grade 10, 11, and 12 families are welcome to register [here](#) for the Zoom link.

May 12, 7:00 PM

What's Next

Langara College

Check the [list of programs](#) offered at Langara including fine art, theatre, nursing, kinesiology, business, data analytics, and journalism. A representative will answer your questions and let you know what it is like to be a student at Langara.

All grade 10, 11, and 12 families are welcome. Watch for registration information.

Graduation Planning



Planning for this year's grade 12 graduation is underway!

Along with the student Grad Council and the work of the school administration, the Parent Grad Committee is working hard to make this year's graduation special. While the school staff and administration plan the graduation ceremony each year, the parent committee plans additional activities or celebrations.

Updates on plans for this year's graduation, fundraising, and additional activities will be reported at this month's PAC meeting. Please join us.

Watch for further information about celebration plans and fundraising activities.

If you have any questions please email [Teri C.](#) and [Lisa P.](#)

Support Our School and Students



We are very grateful for all the work that our schoolteachers, admin and staff have put in as we have made our way through the past year.

As PAC parents we want to also recognize how incredibly challenging this has been for you and your children.

As we come out of this together, many of us also see the silver linings. As a PAC, we are optimistic as are the schoolteachers who are preparing creative projects for the remainder of this school year and into next, to maximize student engagement before and after class time.

Like for many other non-profit entities, PAC donations and funds available to support planned activities for our children, are less available this year. We understand that this may have also been a difficult financial year for many parents, but if you are fortunate enough to still be able to make a donation to PAC, please donate what you can to help Kitsilano spring forward into a prosperous and revitalized year ahead.

If you would like to make a donation, you can use [School Cash Online](#)

- click **Make a Donation** on the Home Page, and
- select **Fund Destination 'S-Kitsilano PAC'**

Once you **Add to Cart** and complete your payment, you will automatically receive a **VSB system generated tax receipt**.

Thank you for generosity of time, money and care; whatever you can afford to give

Kitsilano Neighbourhood House

- The regular Youth Drop-in is every Tuesday and Friday, from 4 - 6:00 pm (except April 23rd). This is currently a virtual youth program (grades 7 - 12) for the youth to have space to meet some new friends, play games, and learn some new skills. Our activities include online group games, workshops, and sometimes holiday celebrations. See the program calendar below for details.
- The zoom link for Youth Drop-in Online is [here](#).
 - Meeting ID: 834 9528 0118
 - Passcode: 949754
- Subscribe to the Kits Neighbourhood House [Youth Program Newsletter](#)

Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland Study Buddy Program (Free)

- Study Buddy is a weekly 1:1 mentoring program that focuses on schoolwork. Students in this program not only improve their academics but also report a higher level of self-esteem and better social interaction with peers.
- Referral criteria: Female-identified youth (girls, transgender youth and non-binary) age 7 to 17 at the time of application who are in need of academic support or assistance for school-related work and able to meet the minimum time commitment (1 hour per week for at least 6 months).
- For more information, please contact: Ivy Chiang, Program Manager Email ichiang@bigsisters.bc.ca or call C: 604.832.9136
- www.bigsisters.bc.ca

Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre (BC Children's Hospital)

- BC Children's Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre provides peer support, information, and resources to help you talk to and guide a youth in your life to the services and supports they may need.
- Find tips for starting a conversation with your youth about their mental health, how to support a youth who comes to you with concerns, information on how to reach a parent peer support worker at the Kelty Centre, and additional resources and tools.
- Foundry, a unit at Kelty, offers young people ages 12-24 resources and services online and through centres across BC, including virtual counselling and youth peer support.
- Check their [website](#) for more information.

Youth Empowering Youth

- Youth Empowering Youth (YEY) is a developmental movement led by teens for teens to nurture, support, and strengthen young leaders.
- YEY is a safe, positive place where teens can explore their talents while equipping themselves with the life skills they need to reach their goals.
- Through a comprehensive curriculum based on the Slight Edge Principles, YEY dives into real issues like identity, self-assurance, resiliency, and taking responsibility for thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- Each 90-minute Zoom class builds on the principles of the last lesson and is designed to be fully participatory and interactive.
- For more information check the YEY website [here](#).

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