

# CLOVERDALE TRADITIONAL PAC NEWSLETTER

## Did You Know???



There are 252 possible medals to be handed out to Olympic Athletes at the 2010 Winter games



### Labels for Education:

Our total as of December 2009:

7237

Thank you to all the Cloverdale Parents and families that have gotten involved and really put the effort forward to get the labels!

Please ensure that we get the English side of the label and the UPC code.

This is a sample of a UPC code:



[www.labelsforeducation.ca](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca)

\* Be sure to include the UPC and front label. English UPC only.

This link will take you to the online merchandise that we can use our points for!

<http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/merch.asp>

## January 2010 Edition



Michele Mork, the Craft Fair Committee and all the Volunteers: Thank you for all of your hard work hosting another very successful Craft Fair

Chris Kachansoki and all of the Bottle Drive Volunteers: Organization and Team Work made this day a success! Thank you

Mrs. Harrower: Thank you for attending the November 09 PAC's Our School Meeting.

The Parkes Family: Thank you for donating your time and beautifully crafted Cloverdale Traditional School Ornaments.

The Safe Arrival Volunteers: Thank you for your dedication to the Safe Arrival program and our children's safety.

## Cloverdale Traditional School's PAC

is excited to present

### "Self-Esteem Messages We Give Our Children".

Workshop by Barbara Small  
Tuesday February 23rd  
7:30-8:30pm in our Library

#### Self-esteem Messages We Give Our Children

Although all of us start off with healthy self-esteem, many children do not feel good about themselves. They doubt their self-worth and question their feelings and their needs. Our self-esteem is strongly influenced by messages we receive at an early age. Learn how you may be unintentionally passing on your own negative beliefs to your children through your words and your action, the potential impact of these messages and discover techniques to help your children maintain a strong sense of self-worth and self-respect.

There is limited seating for the Self Esteem workshop. Please preregister: [tanyacreed@telus.net](mailto:tanyacreed@telus.net)

Please feel free to join us for the Our School Meeting prior to the workshop 6:30-7:30

## Fun & Games Fridays!



We will have our first Fun & Games Friday's on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have equipment set up in the Gym at Cloverdale to play with and have some fun! These evenings are brought to you by the Cloverdale PAC and it's open to everyone at Cloverdale Traditional. Please note: if you plan on having your child come out and play at the gym – you will have to stay with your child.



### Class Rep Needed!

3<sup>rd</sup> Call!

If anyone is interested in being a class rep for Mrs. Susut classes please contact Gret Dowd at:

[gret@shaw.ca](mailto:gret@shaw.ca)

Don't Forget: February brings the Olympic Winter Games to our shores in Vancouver, BC. Be sure to include some time to watch our Canadian athletes compete against the best in the world for a chance at Olympic medals.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>



Next Our School Meeting:  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30pm in our library

**Child minding available onsite for the evening of the meeting for those that need it!**



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?



The School Act gives parents the right, through PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school.

PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school other than matters assigned to the School Planning Council (SPC).

PACs are the forum within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

## Who Can Become a Member of PAC?



All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are automatically voting members of the PAC.

## What Governs a PAC?

As an autonomous body, the PAC must abide by its Constitution and Bylaws and the School Act.

## How Does a PAC Work?

Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings communication may also be done through, newsletters, memos, telephone, email, and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input.

PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

### **Whom does the PAC Advise?**

(a) advise the board and the principal and staff of the school or the Provincial school respecting any matter relating to the school or the Provincial school, other than matters assigned to the school planning council, and

(b) at the request of the SPC, assist the SPC in carrying out its functions under this Act.

(c) advise their District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC), the Ministry of Education and any other organization, as they deem necessary.

### **The Purpose of PAC is:**

- to provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the school;
- to assist the SPC in carrying out its function;
- to give input into school- based decisions;
- to participate in goal setting;
- to unify efforts of the school community towards the goal of quality education;
- to improve the sense of community in the school neighbourhood;
- to monitor and review school rules and conduct, the safety programs, the educational programs; learning materials, equipment and the school building;
- to educate parents;
- to encourage people to vote in school board elections;  
*(PACs cannot favour a particular party or candidate but can give all candidates an opportunity to express their opinions to other parents at the school.*
- to advocate equal educational opportunities for all students;
- to liaise with other education partners and organizations; and
- to provide methods to resolve problems between the school and community by directing parents and students to the Advocacy project.

### **The PAC is NOT:**

A committee to discuss individual students/staff problems or conflicts.

### **Your Involvement**

Parents are encouraged and invited to bring forth issues, suggestions, or concerns relating to the meeting and enhancement of the needs of your school community.

These issues can be brought forth by:

- contacting a PAC executive member
- sending a letter to the school addressed to a member of the PAC executive
- attending a PAC meeting

Cloverdale PAC Executives would like to extend an invitation to you as parents to get involved with your school's PAC. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and become part of a great school community. Parents/guardians can make a difference to the quality of their children's education by getting involved in what they are doing in school and by taking part in their PAC. Each school PAC meets regularly throughout the school year. Look to your school monthly newsletter for the next PAC meeting date and DPAC meeting date.

We believe that the learning environment that is marked by positive parental involvement supports and enhances the public school education system.