

FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

# DPAC NEWS

Doncaster's Parent Community Working To Enhance  
Our Kids School Experience.

## Message from the VP:

**What a wacky winter we are having! It's strange to see plum blossoms covered in snow...**

You're new executive has been hard at work writing a mission statement for the Parent's auxiliary. We are trying to define what it is we do, a shape how we would like to help the kids and staff here at Doncaster. We hope it will be a document that reflects the values we as parents' hold, and can help PDAC move forward in sustainable, effective ways. Stay tuned!

One of the more urgent needs the DPAC has identified is the need for new playground equipment. A committee has been formed to search for grant, raise funds, and select equipment. If you would like to help please contact Dawn at [dawnbsnca@yahoo.ca](mailto:dawnbsnca@yahoo.ca).

A tech committee has also been formed to look at getting new computer monitors, some smartboards, and maybe a new sign out front. Contact [dpac.doncaster@gmail.com](mailto:dpac.doncaster@gmail.com) if you'd like to participate!

Dawn Neilson (aka Reid's mom).

## Math Mania

**What fun we had a Math Mania!** Over 170 people came out and played the penny game, the Set Game, the 'Game of 24', Tower of Hanoi, kaleidoscopes and straw constructions, plus a number of mathematical puzzles and paradoxes. And who could forget the cool bubbles!

Young and the not so young were intrigued by the puzzles and many kids lined up to play on the tarp. We had such a good time, we asked David, the University of Victoria Professor who co-ordinated it, to please consider us for next year. As they put on Math Mania 4 times a year they will add our name to their list. Hopefully we will see them again next Fall!

## Don't Miss....

**Star Search postponed!**

**Watch for new date!**

**Mar 3 – DPAC meeting**

7pm in library

**Mar 8 – Pizza/Smoothie Day**

**Mar 14 – International Day of Pi  $\pi$**

**Mar 14-25 – Spring Break**

**Mar 28 – First day Back from Spring Break**



## DPAC Notice Board

There's a DPAC notice board outside the school office. Check it regularly for news of upcoming events.

## Community Partners

Cob's bread is one of our community partners? As part of their Doughraiser program, Cob's bread will give 5% back to the school if you mention Doncaster at the till at the Shelbourne plaza location. There is a minimum we need to meet, so go on in for your Saturday sticky buns, cheese & sundried tomato pullapart, or sourdough walnut loaf. All bread is made right on the premises. Check out their cool website at: [www.cobsbread.com](http://www.cobsbread.com).

## Bingo Night!

What a success! Lots of good food and games galore. This is Tammy's last year organizing this favorite annual event. Way to go! And Sandra did an excellent job calling the numbers: "Legs eleven", "Unlucky for some thirteen!" and my favorite "two little ducks, number twenty two!"

## Big Thanks!

Thanks to Mme Cairns for organizing Math Mania. And thank you to Tammy and your volunteers for putting on a successful Bingo Night!

