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Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to Macaulay from your Parent Advisory Council!

The Parent Advisory Council, or PAC, is your official voice in the school. All parents are members of the PAC and through our regular meetings and ongoing communication with school staff and administration, we bring a parent's perspective to issues that affect the school and our children's education. But we do much more than that! We raise over \$20,000 each year through our annual Walk-a-thon and other initiatives to pay for upgrades to the school's playgrounds, field trips, swimming and skating lessons, computers, books and much more. We also work to build a strong sense of community at the school. Our annual events include a family dance, BBQs, bingo night and greening parties. This year, we are proud to be involved in supporting Macaulay's social responsibility theme. Parents have helped to organize a food drive for Esquimalt Neighbourhood House, collect warm clothing for the homeless and raise awareness about homelessness in our community. As you can see, parent involvement is not just an important part of the school experience at Macaulay, it's essential!

Getting involved in the PAC is a great way to volunteer in your community. Whether you can give a little or a lot, it all makes a difference in our school. I look forward to meeting you at the Welcome to Kindergarten night in the spring and seeing you at our meetings and events next year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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