

# Sooke Elementary PAC News

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## Sooke Elementary PAC

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<b>Secretary:</b>	Open position
<b>SPEAC Rep:</b>	Open position

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sep. 28<sup>th</sup> Cross-Country Meet
- ◆ Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> Photo Day & Orange Shirt Day
- ◆ Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Tour de Rock
- ◆ Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving –No school
- ◆ **Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m PAC Mtg**
- ◆ Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Photo retakes
- ◆ Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Pizza Day
- ◆ Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Non-instructional Day –No school
- ◆ Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Hallowe'en Dance
- ◆ Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Carving Contest

## Welcome Back!

Hello everyone! I'm Candice Neveu, PAC President for this school year. I've been part of the Sooke Elementary community since 2010 when my son started Kindergarten. He's moved on but my daughter is in Gr.1 now. This will be my fifth year as part of our PAC and my first as President. I am really looking forward to meeting you and hearing how PAC can improve the school experience for our kids.

We are off to a running start already! At our first PAC meeting, we proposed our budget and fundraising outline. If you want to see what that looks like, copies are posted on the bulletin board in the primary wing as well as on the board across from the office. We will be voting on it at our next meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year, PAC has adopted a Health and Wellness theme, so projects such as purchasing a water fountain/bottle filling station, supporting the creation of a school garden, and providing more support for classrooms to encourage greater exploration into the community all reflect this theme. The fundraising we do this year will go to support these projects. We'd love to hear from you! Email us at [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com), post to our Facebook page, or come to our meetings—every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 in the school library.

## Join In, Have Fun, Build Community!

Fall is a busy time for the Sooke Elementary PAC. We love to host events, see our kids smiling, and build community in our great school. We already kicked things off with the Meet the Teacher on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Even a local bear come to check out the school!

This October we kick off our Hot Lunches. They will happen on the third Wednesday in Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, April, and May. And what would October be without a Halloween Dance? That's happening October 26<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting our annual Christmas Craft Fair, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year!

These events are only as successful as the volunteers behind them and we are always looking for people who would like to help out. If we don't get enough volunteers, we may have to cancel an event. Watch for our call for volunteers on our Facebook page and sign up lists on the PAC bulletin boards in the school.



We value whatever amount of time you give us to make these events a success. Please email [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com) to let us know how you'd like to help out.

## Mabel's Labels

Buy Mabel's Labels and support Sooke Elementary at the same time! Mabel's Labels are personalized peel and stick labels that go on and stay on pretty much everything. They are great for labelling clothes, bags, and containers that kids take to school.

Now, you can choose to donate 20% of your purchase to Sooke Elementary PAC. To do so, please order via <http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser> and select Sooke Elementary PAC (Sooke) in the drop down menu. Plus, to receive a 5% discount, enter RETAILMENOT in the promo code section. If have questions email [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com).



## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the parents who helped out with Meet the Teacher. Also, thanks to Maki A., who helped coordinate the event.

Thanks as well to Lisa N., who graciously volunteered to be our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and our Ways & Means Coordinator.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### PIZZA DAY >>>

Wednesday, October 19th

### HALLOWEEN DANCE >>>

Thursday, October 24th

### SOOKE ELEMENTARY CRAFT FAIR >>>

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

## Calling all Crafters!

### Sooke Elementary Craft Fair is now accepting applications from interested vendors.

The Craft Fair will be held Saturday, November 5th. If you are interested in participating, email [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com) for an application form or pick up a form from the school office.

## Join us!

The following PAC positions remain open:

**Secretary**—If you like taking notes, writing, and communicating, then this Executive position is right up your alley. You would be responsible for attending PAC meetings to record the minutes, preparing minutes and agenda, and collaborating on the newsletter. If this peaks your interest, email [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com). Approx. monthly time commitment, 3-5 hours.

**SPEAC Rep** – If you want to know what's going on at the District level, this Executive position is for you. You would attend the monthly SPEAC (District PAC) meetings and report back to our PAC on issues relevant to us. You would also represent us to the SPEAC. Email [sookeelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:sookeelementarypac@gmail.com) for more info. Approx. monthly time commitment, 3-5 hours. Please email

## Parking Lot Reminder

As you know, our school is growing, which means our parking lots are busier than ever. It's important for the safety of drivers, parents, and especially the kids that drivers

- do not park or linger in the bus zones in the front parking lot
- avoid stopping in the drive through lane in the back lot
- practice courtesy at the gate
- avoid parking on Gollidge by the school entrance.

## MILK MONEY at VILLAGE FOODS Support the PAC when you shop for groceries.

Sign up at Village Foods and proceeds from your Dairyland purchases will go to support our school. Last year, we received around \$1200! That money went to buy new jerseys for our sports teams.

## JOINING OUR FB GROUP

Our Facebook group, SOOKE ELEMENTARY PAC & PARENTS, is a closed group for only parents/guardians of kids who currently attend our school. Anyone who requests to join will receive a message asking them to verify their affiliation with the school. It's a great way to find out information and ask questions.