

Holly PAC Newsletter

Holly Elementary - Home of the Holly Hornets

June 2012

YEAR END



Is It June Already?

We have had another amazing year here at Holly and we hope that it has been successful for all our Hornet families.

The school year started off with our ever-popular Welcome Back BBQ and continued with a full schedule where our students experienced and participated in We Day, Grade 6 Camp, a Pancake Breakfast, Hockey Day at Holly, Chinese Acrobats, hatching chicks, the Reading Link Challenge, musical and dance groups, Stand By Me, swimming lessons, Book Fairs, the Delta Triathlon, Hip Hop, and our amazing Spring Fair! We had field trips to pumpkin patches, Science World, local mountains for skiing, UBC's Museum of Anthropology, Playland, Burns Bog, The Sound of Music, OWL, and Delta Gymnastics. Throughout these and other functions, our students showed their school pride by wearing their Holly Spirit Wear. Our amazing fundraising efforts helped raise funds necessary to provide these and other items and events. In addition to our fundraising, we received a playground refund with which we have been able to provide Holly with more technology for the classrooms, enhance the beauty of the school, and provide support for fine arts and sports.

Thank you to all our families for all that you have done to make this year such a success. Thank you for your generous donations of time, support, and effort. The willingness with which our Holly families step up to help in all endeavours assists in creating a wonderful learning environment at our school. We are grateful for all that you do.

To those families leaving Holly, we wish you all the best. To those families new to our Holly family, we welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. Finally, to those families returning next year, we look forward to the new things we will experience.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.

The Holly PAC Executive

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THANK YOU TO THE 2011/2012 EXECUTIVE

Many thanks to the executive from 2011/2012. The time and efforts of your volunteer time this year has been invaluable to the staff, children and families of Holly. We appreciate you!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE

Congratulations and thank you to the newly elected PAC executive for the upcoming 2012/2013 year. We appreciate your commitment for the upcoming year to help make Holly the great place that it is!

Co-Chairs - Jenifer Gentle and Janice Ayach
Vice Chair - Jana Wachowski
Treasurer - Shannon Borghetto
Secretary - Tracey Burt
DPAC rep - vacant
Past-Chair - Lorelei Dake
Past-Treasurer - Rose Kroeker

SPRING FAIR

Thank you to the Holly community for helping make the 2012 spring fair a great success! It was an amazingly beautiful evening and so great to see all the Holly families out together. Whether it be donations of your time, putting together a raffle prize or classroom basket, selling raffle tickets, filling and donating Aussie jars, or coming and enjoying the fair, your efforts were greatly appreciated! We made a profit of \$16,500 for our kids and school! This money will be put towards enhancing the education of our children at Holly.

And a special thank you to the amazing spring fair organizing committee for all their hard work in making this year's fair such a success, the hours involved were many - Cindy Eward, Juli Oldham, Patricia Mischke, Laressa Haselhan, Kim Leitner, Jana Wachowski, Pindi Mann, Rose Kroeker, Lorelei Dake, Janice Ayach, Tanya Sadlo, Jenifer Gentle and Jennifer Griffiths.



HIP HOP!

During the week of May 28, students in all grades at Holly enjoyed hip hop lessons. On June 1, they put on a show for their families. Every year the line-up to watch the hip hop show gets longer and longer and starts earlier and earlier. This year it stretched from the gym door, across the parking lot and down the sidewalk! Hip hop was funded by the Holly PAC, i.e., YOU! Thank you for supporting our fundraisers so our children can participate in events like this.

PAC SOCIAL

On June 13, instead of our usual PAC meeting, we will be having a PAC social. Our plan is to meet briefly in the library at the school at 7:00 pm to deal with any new business, including checking to see if anyone is interested in being the DPAC Representative for next year. We will then adjourn to a nearby restaurant for appies, drinks, tea and coffee. Those attending will be responsible for paying for the items they order. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to Jenifer Gentle (jgentle@telus.net) so that we can make a reservation. We hope to see you there!

SAVE-THE-DATE: WELCOME BACK BBQ

In what has become an annual tradition, the Holly PAC will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 13, 2012. Please make a note of the date and plan to attend for some dinner and a chance to catch up with your friends. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help put on this event. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Jenifer Gentle (jgentle@telus.net).

PARENT APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On Wednesday June 6 the school hosted a Parent Appreciation Breakfast. Babysitting was provided and much appreciated. Thank you to all that came out and to those who organized!!!

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

We are hosting our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on June 13th. We look forward to this tradition of honoring our amazing and dedicated staff!!! A big thanks to Jamie Kwiatkowski and Kim Richmond for organizing this event! If you are able to contribute a dish to the luncheon such as an appetizer, dessert, salad, or entree please email Jamie or Kim.

HOLLY SPORTS DAY

Holly's Sports Day is Friday, June 15. Families can meet up with their child(ren) for a picnic-type lunch between 11:30 & 12:30. Please be aware that there is early dismissal at 2:00pm.

As is the usual custom, the grade 5 parents will be running the concession and all proceeds will go towards reducing the cost of next year's grade 6 camping trip. If you are a grade 5 parent and you haven't volunteered to assist yet, please contact Shari at 604-785-1835 or sharbear65@hotmail.com.

Let's hope for a sunny day! Don't forget the sunscreen!



SUMMER BREAK

Incredibly, summer is almost upon us! Where did the time go?? Over the break, please keep an eye on the school. Contact the school board if you discover any graffiti and if you see any vandalism/trouble occurring, please contact the police.

COBS BREAD REMINDER

Don't forget!! Holly is registered with Cobs Breads "Dough Raiser" Group in Ladner. Don't forget when paying for your purchases to tell them that you are with Holly Elementary. The PAC will receive 5% back on all purchases for the year!

MABEL'S LABELS REMINDER

These are great labels that are colourful, easy-to-use, fun and virtually indestructible - dishwasher, microwave, laundry and kid-tested! Mabel's Labels also offers personalized stationary products, shoe labels, bag tags, household labels and more. To order, go to www.hollyelementary.mabel.ca. Holly PAC receives a percentage of all orders placed through this site. Orders can be placed throughout the school year.

EMERGENCY PREP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The emergency prep drill in May was yet again a great learning experience for staff, parents and the EP committee. With only a few divisions participating in the full release practice we were able to work out more of the kinks in the EP plan for Holly.

In the future students will proceed to the turf field directly for attendance and preparation for release. Parents were asked to update their child's Parent Connect information and many did! Unfortunately it was done just the night before and thus the updated paperwork had not yet made it into print in time for the drill. Please take a moment to look into updating your child's release information today as we cannot predict the future!

Some of the feedback we received from the staff was regarding the classroom emergency buckets. They are bulky and awkward to carry AND don't hold or protect the paper work well. At the PAC meeting we suggested changing these over to bags or backpacks. Upon doing some research into the cost of 1st aid bags it seems backpacks would be a more costly and practical solution. We also found the existing wheelbarrow to be a great help in transporting the supplies quickly to the command station. One more would be even better! If any parents out there have a connection to a great deal for the purchase of 24 backpacks or have a light weight wheelbarrow to donate, please contact Kelly Holbrook at holbrookkl@gmail.com.

HOT LUNCH

The students love hot lunch days! The parents love hot lunch days too because it means they don't have to make lunches!! Hot lunch days don't just happen by themselves. It takes the time and effort of many volunteers - thank you to all who have helped this year! In particular, we'd like to give a huge special thank you to Crystal Milley for her numerous hours and dedication as Holly's amazing Hot Lunch Coordinator over the past several years.

Crystal is passing her golden hot dog tongs over to Alison Day and Jana Wachowski who will be coordinating next year. They are looking forward to serving the students great lunches. Stay tuned for a new menu item or two coming in the fall!

THANK YOU PATRICE!!

The PAC would like to express their gratitude to Patrice Dagenais for all her time, efforts and talent in putting together our newsletters. Thank you so much for making it happen and for making it look so professional!!



GOOD LUCK, MRS. CLANCY!

Congratulations to Mrs. Clancy who will become the new Vice Principal of Sunshine Hills in September. Our loss is definitely their gain.

We have been so lucky to have Mrs. Clancy as a teacher and Vice Principal and we will truly miss her. Our children have benefited from her encouragement, leadership and kindness and we are very grateful for the time that we have had with her here at Holly.

Good luck, Mrs. Clancy, you will be missed.

WELCOME, MR. WEBER!

A warm, Holly Hornet welcome to Mr. Weber who will become our new Vice Principal in September. We look forward to meeting you!