

George Jay's PAC Newsletter

Learning to Care, Caring to Learn

FEBRUARY 2015

Holiday Emporium Update!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Holiday Emporium Update
- Mural Planning
- Easy Fundraising
- Yearbooks
- Spring Break Camp
- PAC meeting
- Multicultural Day
- Swim Club



We had a great event in the gym. People really stepped up and supported us with donations and physically helping on the set up and the day of the event. With the Emporium and the Silent Auction, the PAC made over **\$1600** for the school and students. It's always a fun event! Thanks to the helping parents, community members from Central Baptist and Glad Tidings Churches, lunches from the teachers and Fat Daddy's.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Planning for Mural



The PAC is working towards getting a beautiful mural created for the big wall facing Cook Street. We believe that beautification of the school adds in school pride and we want to instill that in our students. There will be presentations by mural artists made at the next PAC meeting. Don't worry if you can't make it to the meeting, you will get input at a later date, so stay tuned.

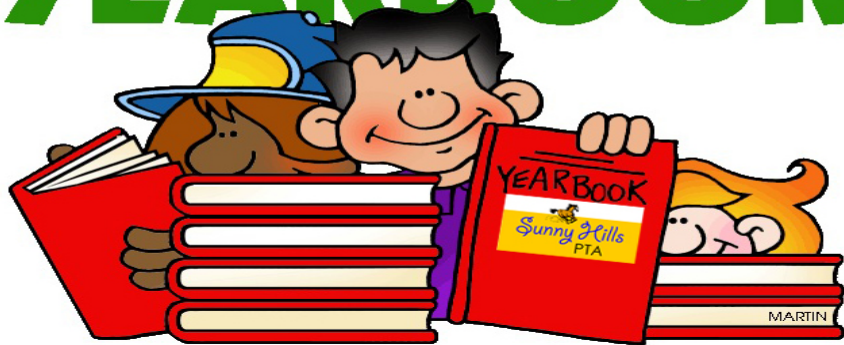
Don't forget to use your Thrifty/Fairway cards. It's the easiest fundraiser going! And you don't have to buy anything that you don't want! Just load up your cards before groceries are rung in through the cashier, and our school gets 5% of your purchases.



Thanks for helping out!

It's Time to Order Your.....
YEARBOOK!

**2014-2015 Year
Books for Sale -
\$15!**



Some Grade 4 and
5's have been work-

ing all year, taking pictures and organizing them into a lovely year book as a memento for all the children!

This 8"x 8" book will be delivered to you child in June, just in time to get signatures and fun quotes from friends.

If you are interested in a year book, please send in the form below with a cheque (preferable) made out to George Jay School. Please do not send cash with your child. You can pay cash to the Secretaries in the Office and get a receipt. The school is NOT responsible for lost cash sent to school. Your receipt is your proof of purchase! Please fill out the form below.

Deadline to Order your Year Book is March 31, 2015.

Yes I would like a Year book for my child

_____, who is in Grade _____,

Div/Teacher: _____.

Enclosed is a (circle one) Cheque for \$15 / Cash

2015 **SPRING BREAK CAMP**

Weekly, March 9-13 & March 16-20, 7:30am - 5:30pm

Join us for:

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- ★ arts & crafts
 - ★ games
 - ★ theme days
 - ★ science experiments
 - ★ sports
 - ★ movies
 - ★ field trips
 - ★ outdoor adventures

For ages 5-10

Where:

Fernwood Community Centre,
1240 Gladstone Avenue, Victoria

Costs: \$185/week

Drop in days available for \$40/day
Eligible for childcare subsidy

For more information & to register, contact:

shonna@fernwoodnrg.ca or 250-381-1552 ext.107

www.fernwoodnrg.ca

 **Fernwood NRG**
Your Neighbourhood Resource Group

Next PAC meeting

Thursday February 26th, 6:30pm

Quadra Village Community Centre, 901 Kings Road,

Childminding provided.

**If you would like a coffee or tea, you can get a free non-specialty beverage before the meeting at the Caffe Fantastico on Kings Road, just down the street from the Community Centre.

Hope to see you there as we plan for our kids' futures! We would love your input!

Multicultural Day at George Jay in April!



This year's Multicultural Day will be set up in the Gym at Richmond in April. We are looking for ideas and people to lead in activities based on your Nationality and culture.

For instance, we could have a table set up for Japanese Origami! or some Irish Dancing in another corner. Do you have something to share with the school that is easy, interactive and child friendly? We are also looking for one food item that we could share with the kids...Maybe some First Nations families would like to make Bannock for the the school. We can get supplies donated to you by the PAC and other places. Let me know soon as we are planning now.

Please email Kate at georgejaypac@gmail.com

Kate Wallace

PAC President



Find us online at www.georgejaypac.com or email us at georgejaypac@gmail.com

And we're now on Facebook—just go to www.georgejaypac.com then click the 'F' to join our group and receive instant email messages!





George Jay Swim Club April 1 – May 2 , 2015

Our Swim Club is for George Jay students of all ages!

Place: Crystal Pool

Date: April 1 – May 20th (all Wednesdays)

Time: lessons start at 3:30pm. Lessons end at 4:15pm

Cost: \$40.00 for all 8 lessons!

*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!*****

If you register your child of any age, you are responsible for getting them to the pool. NO OTHER PARENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILD UNLESS YOU OTHERWISE ORGANIZE THIS WITH SOMEONE.

All Children will be dropped off at their usual locations (school or Quadra village) and are expected to get to Crystal Pool with their Guardian. BUSES WILL NOT BE TAKING CHILDREN TO THE POOL.

If you have financial barriers to accessing this program, please email TYEE at admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com. Families will be contacted to confirm placement in the swim club by March 25 2015.

Thank you,

Kate Wallace, PAC Chair, George Jay Elementary

georgejaypac@gmail.com

Please cut and return portion below with \$40 payment. Keep above info for your records.

Cheques payable to: George Jay PAC. Send forms with cheque to the school and teachers will get them to the PAC. **Cash is not ally accepted.** However, if you must pay in cash, a receipt will be issued by Leila or at the school to confirm your payment. Leila v George Jay bus drop on mornings of Tuesday and Thursday and at Community Centre on Wednesday mornings. If you must pay please find Leila, and get your receipt.

If cash is LOST, it is not the responsibility of the PAC to refund the money. Sorry!

I, (guardian) _____, give permission for my child _____

in grade _____, to participate in George Jay School swim lessons sponsored by Tyee Swim Club.

My child can get to Crystal Pool on their own from the bus drop off.

My child can leave Crystal Pool on their own to go home.

I think my child should be in level _____ (see back of page for more information about the levels offered)

I can be reached by phone at _____

My email address is: (great in case of schedule changes) _____

Medical Issues: _____

Just a quick reminder of how we separate each swim level.

Junior Wavemakers (JWM):

- Must be able to submerge head
- Minimum age is 3 years

Coach to swimmer ratio is 6:1

Wavemakers (WM):

- Flutter kick on back
- Able to be in the colder big pool for the full class
- Retrieve object from 1.5m depth and 3m distance

Coach to swimmer ratio is 8:1

Tyee Swim Skills (TSS):

- Swim with consistent technique for 100m
- Swim underwater for 10m
- Flutter kick and dolphin kick are familiar and always used

Coach to swimmer ratio is 12:1

Tyee Swim Club (TSC):

- Swim freestyle and backstroke with basic technique
- Use dolphin kick and whip kick for propulsion
- Can somersault in the water
- Is able to swim 150m continuously.

Coach to swimmer ratio: 16:1

Please refer to these when choosing a level for your child. As always, the coach is the expert on a child's swimming abilities, but the parent is the expert on the child.

Thank you all so very much!

If you have any questions, please contact me:

Kate Wallace

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