



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear {FAMILYNAME} Family

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire PAC executive for all of their hard work over this past school year. I feel extremely proud to be a part of such an amazing, talented and dedicated group of people.

I would also like to thank our wonderful parent community for your ongoing and generous support in our fundraising efforts and for all of your volunteer hours – we couldn't be successful without your help.

And finally to the staff, thank you for supporting everything that the PAC does and for your unwavering dedication to our school and our children. Blakeburn really is the best school!

We were very excited about the opportunity to allocate just over \$14,000 towards some of the new technology upgrades that went into the school this year, things like iMacs for the library and Flip Camcorders and iPads that were used for oral storytelling projects. We allocated another \$6,300 towards the purchase of new reading materials and math manipulatives that were needed in the primary classrooms. We were also able to help fund field trips for the students, performing artists, our annual pancake breakfast and the year end picnic to name a few.

Here is a summary of the fundraisers that we took on this year:

Activity Fee Program	\$5,215.00
Cards by Me	\$ 207.20
Neufeld Farms – cookies/appies	\$ 916.00
Walk-A-Thon	\$4,424.42
Carnival	\$2,848.35
Hot lunch, Pizza & Treat Days	\$8,200.00 (approximate)
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 259.73</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$22,070.70</u>

We still have a few positions available on the executive: **Parent Education Coordinator, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Multicultural Liaison and 1 position for Member at Large.** More information about these positions can be found at www.blakeburnpac.org.

Here is your 2012/2013 PAC Executive:

President	Jennifer Steel
Secretary	Sabrina McEachern
Treasurer	Laura Seekings
District PAC Rep	Nadine Stack
Fundraising Coordinators	Andrea Howorth Joanne Goertz Gorett Page Meaghan Relkie
Health and Safety Coordinator	Sylvia Pawley

Parent Communications	Rochelle Hepworth
Hot Lunch Coordinator	Andrea Dowdle
Members at Large	Stephanie Hefti
School Planning Council	Jennifer Steel Stephanie Hefti Meaghan Relkie

Sadly, 3 longtime members of the executive are leaving Blakeburn as their youngest children are now off to middle school. I would like to acknowledge Jennifer Muzzin, Diane Bruce and Moona Tyers. Thank you all for the years that you spent on the PAC and the countless hours that you dedicated to Blakeburn. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

Finally, I would like to bid a fond farewell to all of our Grade 5 students and their families. I wish you all the best as you begin your journey into Middle School. Your friends at Blakeburn will miss you!

Have a wonderful summer!

Best regards,

Jennifer Steel
PAC President



We take this time every year to reflect on the dozens of volunteers that selflessly give of their time, efforts and talents throughout the year.

- THANK YOU to the 52 parents who have volunteered at the carnival. You baked cakes, set up games, worked at the stations, and cleaned up afterwards with hardly any guidance, with a smile all the time. We have had so much positive feedback from the community, and this would not have been remotely possible without your support.
- THANK YOU to the parents who showed up to help with hot lunch, pizza days, fruits/vegetables distribution and treat days. We hope you shared our thrill of seeing 20 little faces light up when you walk in with meals. When you are present at the school, your children know that you are present in their lives.
- THANK YOU to every parent who drives kids or lends a helping hand on field trips and class events like gingerbread decorating. You make a difference in the lives of kids whose parents do not have the flexibility to attend these school events.
- THANK YOU to our gardening committee and the families who have come out to help create our beautiful outdoor classroom. Every plant and shrub that you have planted continues to touch the lives of kids who play in its shadow in years to come.

- THANK YOU to every volunteer who kept the running club going, keeping our kids motivated and active and raising money for a good cause at the same time.
- THANK YOU to the traffic volunteers who keep our kids safe in the drop-off zone come rain or shine.
- THANK YOU to Vivian Crawford for taking, sourcing and sorting hundreds of photos for the yearbook, and to her husband Calum for designing the yearbook in such a professional way. Your countless hours of work will still be fondly remembered as we page through our yearbooks many years from now.

If someone from the Blakeburn community, whether mentioned above or not, has touched you in the last year, please take time to thank them specifically by writing on the wall of the [Blakeburn PAC Facebook](#) page. We are generally so quick to criticize, so let's take this opportunity to acknowledge those people who have made a difference.

Family Picnic

The PAC is once again sponsoring the annual year-end family picnic. The picnic will take place at noon on the last day of school, Thursday, June 28.

Bring a picnic lunch and come and join your child for some fun times outside. The PAC will be serving hot dogs, chips, and drinks to Blakeburn students. Please note that the food served will be for students only. Parents and siblings should bring their own lunches.

See you there - let's hold thumbs for good weather!



Hot Lunch is Friday, June 22.

Contact [Andrea Dowdle](#) if you can help distributing meals to classes. It will only take about 30 minutes of your time.

And the carnival winners are ...

The winner of the candy jar guess game at the carnival is **Brian Mirea** in Division 1. There were 1331 candies in the jar, and Brian guessed 1325. Well done, Brian, we're sure these candies will keep you busy over the summer!

The cake walk game was a huge success thanks to the creative efforts of so many parents who baked treats which were offered as prizes. These were the winners:

Most Fun: Mad Hatter Cake

Matthew Okuda - past Blakeburn student

Most Original: Hamburger and Ants Cake

Solaya Dofher's mom, Nina Bianco

Most Beautiful: Ivory Roses Cake

Zachary Evenson's mom, Nancy

Best Rock n Roll Theme: Music Notes Cake

Darian Corson's mom, Janice



Yearbook Designer needed

You might have marveled at our beautifully designed yearbooks that land on our bookshelves year after year. Well, you know what they say about good things ... unfortunately this is Vivian and Calum Crawford's last year designing our yearbooks, as their daughter moves on to middle school next year.

Even though the shoes are big to fill, we are certain that our parent community has at least a few equally talented people that could take on this project. Guidance will be provided to make this a smooth transition, including templates.

If we do not have any parents volunteer for this task, the cost of the yearbook will increase two or threefold, putting it out of reach of many students. Please consider donating your services to your school in this way.

Email [Jennifer Steel](#) if you can help.



To ensure a secure environment for our Blakeburn parents, we have recently transitioned our Facebook presence from a "page" to a "group". If you have not yet done so, please take a few seconds right now to click on the Facebook image below. On the page, click on the "Ask to join group" button on the top right. The administrators of the group will verify that your name is on the parent/guardian list, and you will receive a notification that you have been approved to join the site.

You need to do this in order to receive up-to-the-minute news regarding Blakeburn PAC happenings.



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