



Dear {FAMILYNAME} Family

It's carnival time! But as consumed as the PAC members are with organizing the biggest event on the Blakeburn calendar, there are still lots of other things going on that we would love to share with you. Grab a tall drink, sit back and happy reading!

Best summer wishes,
The Blakeburn PAC Executive

ROCK 'N ROLL CARNIVAL TIME!



You, your family, your neighbours, (and everyone else you can tell!), are all invited to Blakeburn's annual carnival on

**Friday, June 8
from 4:30 to 7:30**

All the favourite activities are back again this year: tons of carnival games, pony rides, face painting, bouncy castles and cake walk. Not to mention yummy burgers and hot dogs straight from the bbq.

New this year are **human gerbil balls**, and a **live DJ** in keeping with our rock and roll theme.

No event of this scale would be possible without the many volunteer hours put in by you, the parents. We are calling on you once again this year to volunteer

an hour of your time to help out with the carnival. There really is a job for everyone, right from setting up in the morning to cleaning up at night, and everything in between.

*We are specifically looking for 3 parents with a **Food Safe certificate** to volunteer for our 3 bbq time slots.*

The easiest way to sign up is by clicking on this link:



Alternatively, email [Rochelle Hepworth](mailto:Rochelle.Hepworth) with your name, the job you're interested in, and the time slot you can help.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us! Hosted this year by our PAC, we are very excited to announce this event and hope that your family will come by to support the fair, which in turn supports our children and our school.

For those of you new to Book Fairs, prices are very good and Scholastic gives us back a generous percentage of the sales which are used directly to purchase library and guided reading materials for Blakeburn Elementary – so it's a win-win-win for everyone!

NEW THIS YEAR: The Classroom Wish List Program

Teachers have written down a wishlist for their own class libraries (which are often paid for by teachers themselves). Come down to the fair and choose to buy one of these wishlist books - they make great end-of-year gifts for your favourite teacher - and your name will be acknowledged in the front of the book.

Come and browse and buy on

**Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24
at 8:15-8:35am and 2:45-4pm**



- **Pizza Day** is Friday, May 18. Contact [Andrea Dowdle](#) if you can help serve pizza from 12:00-12:30pm
 - **Hot Lunch Day** is Thursday, May 24. Andrea needs volunteers for this day too.
- A huge **THANK YOU** from the Fundraising Committee for all your support during the annual **Walkathon**. Your help on the day, as well as your generous donations made this a record fundraising event.

PAC Executive Vacancies for 2012/2013



Elections were held at the May PAC meeting for positions on the Executive for 2012/2013. We are very happy to welcome 2 new parents onto the Executive. However, we also have to say goodbye to 3 members whose kids are moving on to middle school.

These changes have resulted in 5 positions still vacant on the Executive, namely:

- DPAC Representative
- Parent Education Coordinator
- Parent Volunteer Coordinator
- Community & Multicultural Liaison
- Member at Large

The DPAC Representative is considered an essential position, and we are not allowed to function as a PAC without this position filled. **If it is not filled, the PAC will be dissolved.** Please consider this urgently!

Descriptions of all positions can be found on the [Blakeburn PAC website](#). Being involved in your children's school and seeing the impact of your involvement is a highly rewarding undertaking. Make this the year where you matter!

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.

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](mailto:jennifer.steel@blakeburn.ca) 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.



Join Team Max!

Max Routley, a Grade 5 Blakeburn student, is a champion, and the hero of many! After beating the cancer that threatened his life a couple of years ago, he has this year been selected as the ChildRun Champion Child, and he is now calling on the Blakeburn community to help him in the fight against cancer.

The **27th Annual ChildRun** presented by the Wilson Family takes place on **Sunday, June 3, 2012** near BC Children's Hospital.

ChildRun is a great community 'fun run' for individuals and groups to exercise their support for sick kids across our province. The run includes a scenic 5km route through Queen Elizabeth Park or a kid-friendly Thrifty Foods 1km Fun Run, followed by a carnival celebration. All proceeds go towards childhood cancer research and treatment areas at BC Children's Hospital.



Join Team Max and together we can fight against childhood cancer. If you can't participate, make a donation by clicking on his [fundraising page](#) and help Max reach his ChildRun fundraising goal of \$5000. He is more than halfway there!

BCCPAC is 90!

On April 22, 1922 almost 300 delegates gathered for the first meeting of the BC Parent Teacher Federation. Over the years the organization may have changed its name (to the present BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils), but the one thing that has not changed in close to a century is the passion and devotion of parents to see that all children receive the best education.

In celebration of this milestone, BCCPAC is hosting a celebration on May 24, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Executive Plaza Hotel in Coquitlam. There will be snacks, dessert and a cash bar.

Please RSVP to the office at info@bccpac.bc.ca

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The Family Resource Centre is pleased to announce they are now accepting registrations for the Summer Multisensory Literacy Tutoring Program.

Fees are \$20 per hour for members and \$30 per hour for non-members.

This is a specialty tutoring program that benefits all children struggling with literacy issues - tutors are trained in Orton Gillingham and/or Slingerland and they offer very affordable rates and great support services to families dealing with various learning issues.

Registration is on a first come - first served basis and is limited to 6 children per hour. There are 3 trained tutors offering a variety of hours/programs to suit the needs of families. Please note: All children attending the summer program will have first priority to register for the fall/winter/spring program that begins in September 2012.

This is community based program open to all children ages 5 through 14.

Contact ldafrasernorth@gmail.com or frcdistrict43@gmail.com with any questions.

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