

DONCASTER PAC NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 17 -**
Created by Kids
Art Work deadline
- **October 18 -**
Doncaster Garden
Work Party
- **October 23 -**
Halloween Howl
Family Dance
 - 6 pm - 8 pm
 - Quieter music
at 5:30 pm
- **October 24 - Pro-**
D Day
 - School is
Closed
- **October 30 -**
Spooky Movie
Night
 - More info
coming soon!



Halloween Howl

Mark your calendars! Doncaster's epic annual family dance is just around the corner. Bring your crew and join us on Thursday **October 23rd** in the school's gym for a lively evening hosted by our favourite DJ. This year the dance kicks off earlier with a low-key start. Join us at **5:30 pm** for lights on and music low for a gentler experience. At 6:00 pm the lights will dim and the dance will go into

full gear playing music requested by our students. We need lots of volunteers to hold this party! Please donate a half hour of your time by signing up [here](#).

- Family friendly costumes are encouraged
- Bring your appetites for pizza, hot dogs, and snacks for cash sale
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

DPAC Safe Routes to School Survey

Please complete [this short 8 question survey](#).

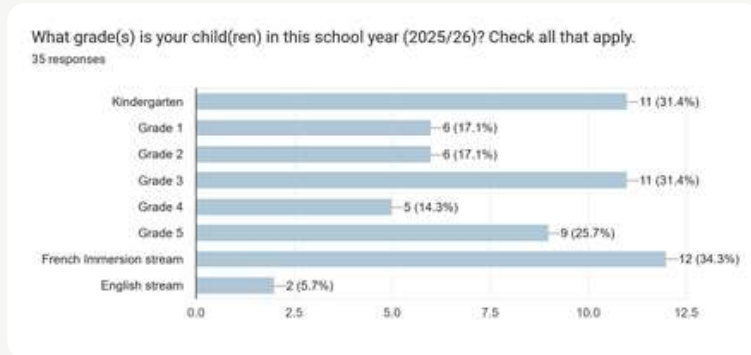
Interested in connecting with our safety committee?

Email: dpac.doncaster@gmail.com

PAC Engagement Survey

DPAC wants to understand how to best connect with the parents in the school community. We're hoping to hear from more of Doncaster's 420+ families across both language streams and all grades.

Our thanks to the 35 parents who have completed the survey. DPAC is learning from your feedback and will share the findings at the November PAC meeting and newsletter. Share your thoughts [here](#) today!



Parent Class Reps

A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered for the important role of DPAC Parent Representative for their child(ren)'s division this year. All 20 divisions now have a rep in place. If you have not heard from your child(ren)'s class rep,

please fill out **[this opt-in form](#)** to give your consent to share your contact information with them. Class reps support cohesion and community by facilitating communication within the division and between DPAC and school families.

What's up with WhatsApp:

To join the Doncaster PAC community on WhatsApp, click [this link](#) and select to join your child(ren)'s division to connect with other families.



Holiday Chocolate Fundraiser open for Order!

We're back for another festive fundraising campaign, partnering with Canadian-owned, BC-based Purdys Chocolatier.

Orders are open to anyone who is happy to pick up at Doncaster in early December. Please share this link with colleagues, friends & family.

- Order deadline: Saturday Nov 22
- Pickup: Wed Dec 3 & Thurs Dec 4

How to Order: Click [here](#), enter your email, then click "shop online" to select your favourites from the Purdys catalogue.

Each purchase supports events, activities, and resources for our students and school community.

Get Involved!

Interested in getting involved? Please come to a PAC meeting held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:45 in the library or email dpac.doncaster@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN HOWL FAMILY DANCE

Bring your crew and join the fun at this epic annual DPAC event!

New this year: Gentle Start 5:30 - 6 pm with lights on & low music



FREE ENTRY ● MUSIC BY DJ ● FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE ● COSTUMES

THURS OCTOBER 23RD ● 6 - 8 PM (GENTLE @ 5:30 PM) ● DONCASTER GYM

Volunteers needed! Sign-up [here](#).
Questions? dpac.doncaster@gmail.com

Note: ALL children must be supervised
by their own accompanying adult.

Our PAC values your feedback and is always looking for ways to improve parent communication. Many Doncaster Parents have requested to contact each other through WhatsApp as well as receive official PAC notifications and emails from their child's class rep. To help keep families connected through this optional app choice, **class-by-class groups** have been created.

Feel free to join a chat group on WhatsApp **by scanning this QR code.**



WhatsApp

DPAC will NOT automatically add your contact info to the Doncaster PAC WhatsApp Community even if you previously indicated interest in joining.

If you'd like to join, please scan the QR code above.

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To download & install WhatsApp on an iPhone. Open the App Store. Go to the Search tab, and search "WhatsApp" in the search bar. Tap WhatsApp in the search results. Tap Get to start downloading the app. If prompted, use Touch ID, Face ID, or your password to confirm. Wait for the download to finish, then tap Open to start using the WhatsApp App.

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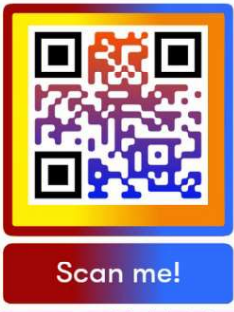
MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2025 VCPAC EDUCATION TOWNHALL

**ENGAGING SPEAKERS.
ENGAGED COMMUNITY.
FOCUS ON
MENTAL HEALTH.**

**Thu 23 OCT
2025**

**6:30 - 8:30
PM PM**

**Spectrum Theatre
957 Burnside Rd W.
Saanich, BC**



Parents, Caregivers, & Students
All Welcomed!
Childminding On Site
Register Now

FREE



Make New Connections

Connect with other parents, PAC members, advocates, and support organizations in your community.

Engage With Speakers

Learn about your rights and discuss new approaches to child and youth mental health.

Access Resources

Get answers to your questions from District Leadership and take home information sheets and handouts.



PANELIST

SPEAKER

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Rachel Trebilco

Michael Harvey

Tracy Humphreys

Monique Moore

District Vice-Principal
Indigenous Education

Information and
Privacy Commissioner
of BC

Director of Operations,
Family Support Institute
of BC

Registered Clinical
Counsellor

Supporting Community Partners:

