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# DONCASTER PAC NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 18** - Welcome Back Picnic with Live Music (*follows Meet the Teacher*)
  - 5 pm - 7 pm @ the Primary Playground
- **September 22** - Pro-D Day
  - School is Closed
- **September 24 - 26** - Principal and Vice-Principal's Walk to School
  - see below for more information
- **October 18** - Doncaster Garden Work Party



## Welcome to the School Year

Welcome to the School Year and thank you to everyone who came out to our first PAC meeting. One of our priorities this year is to have clear communication and a centralized system to send information to all of our families.

To help we've attached a digital "Year at a Glance" calendar of upcoming DPAC events.

It's going to be a fantastic year for our kids, and we're grateful to our school administration and to you - the parents - for your support. The PAC is here to represent your voice, so please keep sharing your feedback. Together we can make great things happen!

**Jodi Green, PAC President  
2025/ 2026**

### Do you want to get connected within our school?

- To connect electronically to other families in your child's division (play dates! birthdays!) and to receive DPAC updates through your Class Rep, **please complete this [opt in form](#)**
  - DPAC needs your feedback. Please complete this **[engagement survey](#)** to help us improve our communication.
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## Doncaster Community Garden

The Doncaster Community Garden had another great season. During the Welcome Back BBQ on September 18, Mrs. Bigam will host an open garden. If you are interested in volunteering at the garden please stop by. Our grape vine is thriving and we are looking for someone who is interested in making a trellis to support the grapes growth over the entrance.

For next growing season we are looking for plant supports (tomato cages, peas and beans supports). If anyone has any unused supports or cages around their yard let us know.

Please contact Mrs. Bigam at [abigam@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:abigam@sd61.bc.ca) if you are able to volunteer for the **Garden Work Party on October 18 from 10 am to 12 pm**. We hope to see you there!



## Principals and Vice-Principals Walk to School

Meet up with other neighbourhood Doncaster kids to walk a 1 km safe route to school led by Doncaster Admin. (*Children must be accompanied by their own responsible adult*).

- **Wednesday, September 24** leaving King's Pond at 815
- **Thursday, September 25** leaving Wetherby Park at 815
- **Friday, September 26** leaving Browning Park at 815

## 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](mailto:dpac.doncaster@gmail.com).



## Meet your PAC Exec

Your PAC Exec are a dedicated group of parent volunteers who meet once a month. All parents of Doncaster students are members of the PAC. From events like the Halloween Howl to the safety committee, advocating for safer routes for our children to walk and bike to school. We need people of all backgrounds and expertise to make this community great.

**Parent Class Reps** help the PAC connect with families in each class. A Class Rep is still needed for:

- Division 11 (Alvernaz)
- Division 17 (Byer)

If you have a child in one those classes and want to volunteer, please email [dpac.doncaster@gmail.com](mailto:dpac.doncaster@gmail.com).



# Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL



You are invited to attend the  
ANNUAL WELCOME BACK FAMILIES OUTDOOR EVENT

**THURSDAY, SEPT 18th**  
**5pm-7pm**

Join us for a “BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC”  
style outdoor event featuring a live band  
for your entertainment.

### Special Guests

CandyTime Truck will be selling  
Cotton Candy & Popcorn



### For More Information :

Email: [dpac.doncaster@gmail.com](mailto:dpac.doncaster@gmail.com)  
[www.doncaster.wordpress.com](http://www.doncaster.wordpress.com)

# EVENTS **2025** SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

**TUES  
09**

## **FIRST DPAC MEETING**

1525 Rowan Street Doncaster Elementary

6:45pm SCHOOL LIBRARY

**ALL PARENTS WELCOME**

## **WELCOME BACK PICNIC**

5 pm at the Primary Playground  
Live Band and Bring Your Own Picnic

**THUR  
18**

**MON  
22**

## **PRO-D DAY**

School Closed

## **CREATED BY KIDS ART PROJECT LAUNCH**

School wide art project. Finished product gets  
turned into personalized keepsakes for purchase

**TUES  
23**



**MORE INFO:**

[doncasterpac.wordpress.com](https://doncasterpac.wordpress.com)

Please Volunteer

# Doncaster Garden Work Party!



Saturday October 18

between 10am and noon

We will be weeding and spreading wood chips.

If you have a rake, shovel or wheelbarrow please bring them along - if not, we have tools to share. Also, if you have a truck to take away garden waste that would be fantastic!

Please contact Mrs. Bigam at [abigam@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:abigam@sd61.bc.ca) if you are able to come. We need to know if we have enough people to get the job done.

# 2025

**SEPTEMBER 9 - FIRST DPAC MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 18 - WELCOME BACK PICNIC**

**SEPTEMBER 23 - CREATED BY KIDS ART PROJECT**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - PRINCIPAL WALK SAFE ROUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 25 - PRINCIPAL WALK SAFE ROUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 26 - PRINCIPAL WALK SAFE ROUTES**

**OCTOBER 7 - DPAC MEETING**

**OCTOBER 23 - HALLOWEEN HOWL DANCE**

**OCTOBER 30 - SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT**

**NOVEMBER 4 - DPAC MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 22 - HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**DECEMBER 2 - DPAC MEETING**

**DECEMBER 18 - HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT**

## DPAC QUICK GLANCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

### What We Do

- Fundraise for playgrounds, equipment & classroom extras
- Host school events (picnics, dances, movie nights, block parties)
- Facilitate hot lunches & craft sales
- Support teachers & students
- Connect Class Peers



### Get Involved

- Share your skills & talent, big or small. We need you!
- Attend monthly PAC meetings (6:45 pm in library; 1st Tuesday of each month – kids welcome!)
- Lend a hand at events – sign up for future volunteer call-outs here:

\*dates are subject to change.  
events only happen if enough volunteers sign up

# 2026

**JANUARY 6 - DPAC MEETING**

**JANUARY 23 - BOARD GAME NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 3 - DPAC MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6 - BINGO NIGHT**

**MARCH 3 - DPAC MEETING**

**APRIL 7 - DPAC MEETING**

**MAY 5 - DPAC MEETING**

**MAY 23 - ANNUAL YARD SALE**

**JUNE 2 - DPAC MEETING**

**JUNE 18 - END OF YEAR BBQ**

**JUNE 26 - STAFF APPRECIATION**

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- DPAC EVENT
- PRO-D DAY
- HOLIDAY BREAK