

DONCASTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NewsLetter



WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

DPAC's first event of the year was the Welcome Back Picnic. This followed right after the Meet the Teachers on Sept 24th. We relocated to the gym due to rain, but we had some good FUN! CRD's Ready Step Roll table got lots of input for their research on safe school commutes so thanks for stopping by to talk to Natalie. Thanks to Vinyl Wave for the live tunes!

A BIG THANKS

Thank you to the 17 class rep volunteers. This is how the PAC connects with families regarding events and updates. *Have you heard from your class rep via email?* 377 families opted-in, but maybe you were missed or the Matrix glitched. If you want to be added to your division's class list, please email your teacher for your rep's contact. Don't miss out!



WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH:

●	Garden Work Party
	October 17th 10am-12pm
●	Family Mini Portraits
	Mon Oct 19th
●	Spooky Movie Night:
	Thurs Oct 22 6PM
●	Halloween Howl Dance
	Friday Oct 30th

Fundraisers

Mini Pics

The 20 mini photo sessions sold out in 5 hours! This Fundraiser made \$400! Double check your time slot and come on time to the Library. Bring your big smiles!

Created By Kids

We are once again participating in the "Created by Kids" Fundraiser. Last year we raised over \$3000 to support DPAC initiatives. Students have been working hard on their masterpieces. Next they bring them home **Monday Oct 19th**, and if you like you can choose items to display their art mugs, cards, water bottles etc. So many options! Order online then return the art **Wed Oct 28th unfolded**. The ordered items will be delivered Nov 16th. If you want your items to be held in the office, email DPAC dpac.doncaster@gmail.com

Purdys Chocolate

Order your Purdys Chocolatier treats by **Friday November 27** Anticipated pick-up from Doncaster: Thurs Dec 10 & Fri Dec 11 Order [here](#) and share with others who are happy to pick up at Doncaster

Student Allotments

Student Allotments- did you know that every year DPAC supports all students by allocating funds for use by teachers at their discretion within their division to benefit the class? This year we transferred \$22 per student (over \$8,800) which gets used by teachers for classroom enhancements like science and art supplies, new teaching tools like games, and field trip subsidies.

AV System Update

The current gym AV system is outdated, unreliable, and requires staff to set up a projector and run cords across the floor for every assembly or event. This creates both logistical challenges and safety concerns. The proposal originated from school administration and has strong support from staff. What would the upgrade include?

- New projector and motorized, larger screen
- Wireless microphone and Apple TV
- Built-in AV equipment rack
- Repositioning and rewiring of existing speakers with possible addition of a third speaker.

The new system would be wireless, easier to use, and available for assemblies, concerts, PE classes, student presentations, school events, and PAC activities such as movie nights and guest speakers. At the October 14th DPAC meeting, members voted in favor To transfer \$12,000 into the Special Projects and To approve up to \$22,000 from Special Projects for the gym AV upgrade.

OCT 30 HALLOWEEN HOWL DANCE

The annual Halloween Howl Family Dance is around the corner! Mark your calendars for Friday October 30th and bring your whole crew. Gentle Start (lights on, quieter music) at 5:30 pm; then the well-known dance vibes between 6-8pm. Pizza, hotdogs, drinks and treats for sale on site (no pre-order for this event). Family-friendly costumes please. Please sign up for a short shift [here](#) to help make the magic happen

Fun Lunch

Fun Lunch - For your calendars: next Fun Lunch will be **Wednesday Nov 25th**. (pizza & sushi!) Orders will open online on Tues Nov 10 and close Wed Nov 18th. <https://doncaster.hotlunches.net/>



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DRAGONS



OCT 17th: Doncaster Garden

Our beautiful wild garden needs to be put to bed for winter to ensure a great season next year! We will be weeding and spreading mulch and removing the cardboard. If you have a rake, shovel or wheelbarrow please bring them along - if not, we have tools to share.

If you have a truck to take away garden waste that would be fantastic! Please contact Mrs. Bigam at abigam@sd61.bc.ca

Spooky Family Movie Night

- **Thursday October 22nd: Place your vote.** [Here](#)
- We will show a gentler, shorter film running in the library for our younger friends;
- Full-length family movie in the gym.
- Concession open at 6 pm, movies start at 6:15pm
- Popcorn & snacks available for purchase. cash preferred
- Feel free to bring your own dinner.
- Dress cozy, bring pillows & stuffies.



VOTE FOR YOUR movie [Here](#)



HALLOWEEN HOWL **FAMILY DANCE**

FRI OCTOBER 30TH

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Gentle Start 5:30 - 6:00 pm (lights on & low music)

DONCASTER GYM



MUSIC BY DJ

FREE ENTRY

COSTUMES

PIZZA, HOTDOGS, TREATS & DRINKS FOR SALE

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

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

Volunteers needed. Questions? dpac.doncaster@gmail.com

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