



# News from the PAC

The beginning of another school year -  
A message from the 2010/2011 PAC Executive

Welcome to all our new families and Welcome Back to returning Rogers Families! In the coming school year, we hope to again hold many more successful events, which we hope will continue to benefit all of our students (and their families).

We have some exciting events lined up for an exciting 2010-2011 school year at Rogers!

While continuing to fundraise for fieldtrips, classroom equipment, etc., we are primarily focused on fundraising for a new playground, AKA 'Playground Initiative 2011'. The Rogers Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) started an initiative last year to provide our children with a new, safer primary playground. The purpose of replacing our playground structure is due to its current deteriorating condition. The aging, structural condition of the existing playground was reviewed and confirmed by a member of the Rogers PAC executive and a member of the GVSD.

Student recreational education will be enhanced by having a safer, more appealing Play Structure.

## Why attend a PAC meeting?

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend PAC meetings. If you are a Rogers parent, you are already a member! It's an opportunity to meet other parents and your Principal. You can bring ideas, voice concerns or just listen to discussion about events and policies affecting your children. We meet every second Tuesday of the month in the school Library at 6:30 pm - **Babysitting is provided free of charge!**

## Myths and Facts about PAC:

Myth: The PAC is a tightly knit, close-minded group of Moms who can go to meetings because they don't work out of the home during the day

Fact: The PAC is made up of Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Guardians; many who work outside of the home and have very busy schedules.

Myth: Nobody cares about my ideas... They will only be dismissed

Fact: Any idea and/or suggestion is discussed in a diplomatic manner and always documented in the PAC meeting minutes. The Principal is also in attendance to hear your opinion.

Myth: You will be forced into volunteering for an event, whether you want to volunteer or not.

Fact: No one is ever forced to take on a role or responsibility. 'Jobs' are completely voluntary.

The PAC meetings in our school are a great way to find out the happenings of the school and be involved as a parent. Getting involved in your child(s) school is a very rewarding experience. Let us ease all those bad PAC myths from your mind. We are a fun group that likes to do great things for the school and our kids. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend and be part of your school community. Our first meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there!

## 2010 - 2011 Rogers School PAC Executive

President: Alison Hoogland

Vice President: Christa Easton

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