

George Jay's January PAC Newsletter

"Learning to Care, Caring to Learn"

Holiday Emporium

Once again, our Holiday Emporium was a big success! We raised almost \$1,800 with the Emporium and Silent Auction this year. We even got our picture in the *Times Colonist* (see below)! Thank you so much to all our donors—this event wouldn't go as smoothly and be as successful without you. Our neighbourhood businesses who donated gift certificates for our silent auction included Aubergine Specialty Foods, Belfry Theatre, Cornerstone Café, Crystal Pool, Fernwood Inn, Floyd's Diner, Gemi Hair Salon, Larsen's Music, Market on Yates, Nando's Restaurant, North Park Bikes, Patisserie Daniel, Status Hair, and WIN.



Thanks also to both the parent and community volunteers from Central Baptist Church, Glad Tidings and Oak Bay High who came and helped with the set-up and the event, and the gift-wrapping volunteers—many of who have done so for years. And a big thanks to our Grade 4 and 5 students who spent a morning moving boxes and happily setting up for the big day!

The money raised will go towards increased activities for our students: field trips, theatre programming, clubs and so much more. We are so grateful for all the helping hands at this annual event!

PAC Meeting: January

Our January PAC meeting will be split into two parts: a short general meeting followed by the special Parent Education Night (see below). The regular meeting starts at 5:30pm on Wednesday, January 29. Please RSVP to georgejaypac@gmail.com with your name and if you are bringing children. Your RSVP will ensure that we have enough babysitters and food. Thanks for understanding!

Parent Education Night

Exciting news—our first Parent Education Night is going to be held in the Parent Room at 6pm on Wednesday January 29, directly after a brief PAC Meeting.



Our guest speaker **Brooken Sayers** will talk about self-regulation—a practice that teaches kids how to stay focused at school, and how you can bring these tools into your home. Please RSVP georgejaypac@gmail.com if you can, just in case there are enough of us attending that we need to move to another room.

Thanks!

Thanks to parent volunteer Anne for keeping both the Lost & Found and the Clothing Exchange room clean and organized. It also looks like we need more boy pants, so if you have children's clothes that are clean and in good shape, please bring them to the Clothing Exchange room located in the Parent Room.

Thanks also to local Kaleidoscope Theatre, who gave free tickets to some of our grade 3, 4 & 5 classes to go see their production of *The Neverending Story* in December. What a treat it was!

Lunch Clubs Need You!

We are looking for parents, guardians or family helpers to participate in fun noon hour clubs. Crafting, skipping, playing board games, drumming . . . the list of possible clubs goes on and on! We just need you once a week for 30 minutes at lunch to spend some quality time with our fantastic kids. Contact Beth at rusty-cauldron@icloud.com if you are interested in heading a club or have an idea for one to start.

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