

Parent Advisory Committee

Welcome!

What is PAC?

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is a group of volunteer parents/guardians that meet to discuss school issues. Voting members are parents/guardians of students registered at Okanagan Falls Elementary School.

To contact the PAC, please call the school at 497-5414. We will gladly pass their names on to you.

The Council's purpose is to:

port, encourage involvement, advise and share information between school administration and parents;

ist parents/guardians in accessing the system to express issues or concerns ie.: teachers, administrators, school trustees;

effective advocates for parents/guardians and children within the school; and,

anize fundraising PAC activities and events.

Delegates accepting a position on the PAC Executive follow a code of ethics. These people are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Support and reference from the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

Some of the highlights over the last few years that PAC has been involved in and are now establishing at Okanagan Falls Elementary School are the telephone contact for class representatives and the class representatives, the absentee/safe arrival, hosting a school and community wide dance, cultural events, field trips, assisting the administrators and teachers host a School Spring Carnival, starting a Healthy School/ Beautification Project for the outside of the school, fundraising for new playground equipment in the means of swings, slide, basketball hoop and balance beam, organizing the Hot Lunch Program and the volunteers that are the success of our One to One reading program as well as many other ongoing school based activities.

PAC meetings are usually the first Monday of each month. This is an open invitation for all parents/guardians to come and participate in the council and discuss the issues that are important to you.

We work together with the teachers to support our children's growth and educational development.

As a parent you are your child's advocate.

You can make sure your child's rights, needs and opinions are respected.

You can make sure that decisions that affect your child are made fairly.

Being an effective advocate for your child is by listening to them, knowing the facts, identifying the issue, deciding if your child needs support and assistance, documenting, communicating and staying involved.

The internet can be a fascinating place for a family to visit. Here are some excellent recommendations. Enjoy! Please contact the [webmaster](#) when you discover a web site that would you would like to have included.

[MarketPlace IGA Community Card](#)

Just register for your MarketPlace IGA Community Card, then start shopping. The school(s) of your choice will then receive a credit from the purchase of most Smart Choice TM, Our Compliments TM, and IGA TM brand items. Then, the school(s) can turn their credits into computers. It's that simple. IGA, MarketPlace IGA and you, working together to put computers in your neighbourhood schools.

[Your Life - Your Choice](#)

An excellent resource for teaching young teens about alcohol.

[SafeKids Information](#)

Microsoft, in cooperation with the Naperville (Ill.) Police Department's Internet Crimes Unit (NPD) and the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Task Force, created the Safekids Web to help parents and educators teach children the fundamental "rules of the road" for safe exploration on the information highway. This site includes a downloadable powerpoint presentation and a teaching guide.

[700+ Great Sites](#)

Organized by teachers, librarians, caregivers and others who care about kids.

[Bully Beware](#)

Bullying is one of the most underrated and enduring problems in schools today and is a reality in the lives of all children, whether they are bullies, victims or witnesses.

Teachers, students, support staff, parents and administrators need to work as a team to take action against bullying.

[Guidelines for School Planning Councils](#)

Transition to the School Planning Council took place during the 2002 - 2003 school year. For more information click on the link above.

[Campbell's 'Labels For Education' Program](#)

'Labels for Education' is an easy, fun way to help schools in your neighborhood get free educational merchandise, including computers, sports equipment and musical instruments.

[D.A.R.E Program](#)

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum is not all about saying no to drugs, it also includes participative discussion about bullying, violence, self-esteem. Children learn about communication and how to make informed decisions. It is delivered to Grades 5 and 6 students in the elementary schools by peace officers that are trained by D.A.R.E.