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Walton PAC Newsletter



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Read-a-thon Raised \$14,040

Thank you Walton parents, family, students and community! You helped us surpass our goal of raising \$12,000 so that our school library can continue to provide fun, interesting, and educational (...ssh!) resources to help our minds explore and expand. Here's some information about what we did to raise the money, and what the funds will go towards.

Our final read-a-thon total was **\$14,040** but if you are still interested in contributing you can continue to donate at <https://chimp.net/campaigns/walton-read-a-thon>. One hundred percent of the donations are going directly to our school library as Chimp, the online fundraising site, has agreed to cover the cost of the credit card processing (2.8%).

The 550 Walton students read 15 minutes a day from Jan 4th to 31st. A great assortment of books were completed like The Tales of the Beedle Bard, The Chronicles of Narnia, Star Wars and Pinkalicious Pinkie Promise. Well done! The Walton Reading Tree was tended to by Ms. Augustyn. Each leaf represents a book read by a student.

The WHL Coquitlam Junior A team, the Coquitlam Express visited the school and read to every classroom, and played hockey against the grade 4's. Our students did a good job of holding their own and scored some pretty goals! The Coquitlam Express also gave us 5 flex passes to give away. We held a raffle and pulled names from the students who had read a book and posted it on our fundraising site: Aneil, Div. 11; Emiliano, Div. 9; James, Div. 18; Adam, Div. 16; Sydney, Div. 5. Enjoy the games!

Mr. Mah followed through on his promise and had his head shaved by Ms. Gradner at a morning assembly. You can view a video of the event at <http://www.waltonpac.ca/2016-read-a-thon-summary.html>




A special thank-you to our ten sponsors who offered matching contributions: Pediatric Dental Group, Monarch Dentistry, A Buyer's Choice Home Inspections – Tricities, Cortney Lessard – Realtor, Church's Chicken, James Garbutt – Realtor, Zac Jacobson, Dave & Jenny Tang, Kho Tian Hu, and the Tri-City Chinese Canadian Association.

Well done, everyone and don't stop reading!



Spring After School Program Registration Starts March 11th

Registration for the spring session of PAC After School Activities will open Friday March 11th with most programs beginning the week of April 4th. Registration and program details are available online at <http://www.waltonpac.ca/after-school-activities.html>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mandarin Tutoring Grade 4 & 5 9 weeks	Hip Hop Grade K – 3 8 weeks	Mandarin Tutoring Grade 2 & 3 10 weeks	Mandarin Tutoring Grade 1 10 weeks	Lasermaster Grade 1 – 5 8 weeks
R&B Yoga Grade K – 5 9 weeks		Mandarin Tutoring Grade K 10 weeks	Robokids Grade 1 – 3 8 weeks	Tennis Grade 3 – 5 8 weeks
Multi-Sports Grade K – 5 9 weeks		Cartoon & Comics Grade 3 – 5	Soccer Grade 1 – 5 10 weeks	
		Home Alone Grade 4 & 5 6 weeks		
	Ready to Lead Grade 3 – 5 <i>Ongoing from September</i>	Toastminors Grade 1 – 3 <i>Ongoing from September</i>		
		Run Club Grade K – 5 <i>Ongoing from September – continuous entry</i>		

Fundraising Update

A PAC movie night was held on January 22nd featuring Hotel Transylvania and another movie night was held on February 26th featuring the movie The Good Dinosaur. A total of \$938.02 was raised between these two evenings.



Please join us for our next Popcorn Day Sale on Thursday March 10th at 1:45pm in the gym.

A big **THANK YOU** to Mr. Michael Beet and the SD43 Maintenance and Facilities Department for installing our garden boxes. The children have already begun using them and preparing them for spring.



Hot Lunch Update

The upcoming PAC Hot Lunch Fundraisers will be Flying Wedge Pizza (April 6th) and Moa Box Sushi (April 20th)! We have switched to online ordering and payment for all of our hot lunches, including pizza lunches. Cash will no longer be accepted.*

If you haven't registered a hot lunch account yet, please take a minute to register at <https://walton.hotlunches.net/admin/>. If you require the access code to register, please email us at waltonpachotlunch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

PAC Hot Lunch Committee



*Parents who do not have access to a credit card can email us at least 10 days in advance to arrange to pay by cash.

Can You Donate any Gardening Tools?

The Gardening Program is in need of some tools for the students' to use in cultivating the garden that will be planted this spring.

If you have any of the following in good working order that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the school office.

- class set of hand trowels
- class set of hand forks (cultivators)
- good quality rubber non kinking hose that runs the length from spigot to garden
- sturdy hose reel to store and hose - lee valley
- watering wand
- watering cans
- 1 hard rake
- 1 soft rake
- 2 shovels



Upcoming DPAC Events

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) hosts free events open to all parents of children enrolled in school district 43. Please consider attending the following events:



District Parent Advisory Council

The next General DPAC meeting is on Wednesday March 30th. Any and all parents are welcome!

The Student Leadership Council (SLC) will be presenting their World Café results on what students think about the curriculum redesign and Personalized Learning. Kathleen Nadalin, Road Safety Coordinator for the Tri-Cities at ICBC will speak on traffic safety at and around schools. Early Learning Focus Coordinator, Andrea Hunter, will talk about what Early Learning and Literacy looks like in the redesigned curriculum.

PAC Meetings for 2015/2016 school year will be held at 6:45pm on:

Monday April 11th
 Tuesday May 24th (our Annual General Meeting)
 Tuesday June 14th

Please contact us at waltonpac@gmail.com if you require child-minding (for potty-trained children over the age of three) during the meeting.

Minutes from each PAC meeting will be e-mailed to all parents.

The Walton PAC invites all students and staff to the Pizza Hot Lunch Fundraiser

The Hot Lunch will include:

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza (Flying Wedge Pizza, Whole Wheat or Gluten Free Crust)
- Red Seedless Grapes
- Peak Freans Fruit Cream Cookies (Tree Top Natural Fruit Snack for Gluten Free or Dairy Free Lunches)



Wednesday, April 6, 2016

The deadline to order is March 30th.

Cost - \$5.00 per 1 Slice Lunch
\$7.00 per 2 Slice Lunch

Online ordering is required for this Hot Lunch at <https://walton.hotlunches.net/admin>

No cash accepted for this lunch.

All menu items meet the requirements outlined in the BC Government's Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools

Please email Connie or Fanny if you have any questions or comments at waltonpachotlunch@gmail.com.



The Walton PAC invites all students and staff to the Sushi Hot Lunch Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016

The deadline to order is April 13th

The Hot Lunch will include:

*Choice of 8 pc California Roll or
6 pc. Tamago Roll (Egg) or
6 pc. Kappa Roll (Cucumber)
**Catered by Moe Box Sushi

* Baby Carrots &
Ranch Dip

* Tree Top Natural Fruit
Snack



\$5.50 for the California Roll Lunch

\$4.75 for the Tamago or Kappa Roll Lunch

*Combination lunches also available

Online ordering is required for this Hot Lunch at <https://walton.hotlunches.net/admin/>

No cash accepted for this lunch.

All menu items meet the requirements outlined in the BC Government's Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools.

Please notify us if your child has any food allergies or dietary restrictions of concern. For any comments or questions, please email Connie or Fanny at waltonpachotlunch@gmail.com.

