

Welcome from the Crosstown Elementary Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Dear Families of Crosstown Elementary,

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding school year ahead of us in 2018-2019!

For our returning families, we are happy to see you again. For all of our new families, welcome. You have joined a great community of children, parents and educators at Crosstown Elementary and we are looking forward to getting to know you this year.

Your Crosstown Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is proud to support many activities available at our school and provide volunteer opportunities for you to get involved and join the fun. We place a high value on the opportunity to create and sustain a strong link between school and home and hope you will join us as we work together with the staff to make Crosstown Elementary the best it can be for our children and school community.

If you are a parent/guardian of a student at Crosstown Elementary, you are a member of the PAC. General meetings are held the first week of most months. Our first meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 4 at 5:45 (after the Teacher Meet and Greet) in the Multi-purpose room. Join us for a coffee while we discuss plans for the 2018-2019 school year.

The PAC is here to represent our students and their families along with the diversity within our community. Together, we aim to provide a voice within our school system and welcome your input.

How you can get involved:

- Attend General PAC meetings – these happen once a month and are a great opportunity to receive school and classroom updates from our Principal and staff, hear about some of our unique school programs, participate in discussions about relevant issues for our school and support fundraising activities.
- Become a classroom representative – we recruit one parent from each class to provide a communication channel to and from the PAC.
- Volunteer - There are several fundraising and non-fundraising related activities that require parent participation, such as the Fresh Fruit and

Vegetable Program, Fall Festival, Sports Day and other events that happen throughout the school year. Please contact the Events Coordinator (listed below) to inquire and volunteer.

- Contribute to school fundraising – our PAC undertakes a variety of fundraising initiatives each year which support school programs and enrichment opportunities for the students.

Our goal this year is to raise \$100.00 per family. Donations may be offered at any time but pledges that come in the beginning of the school year are the most helpful as they make it possible for the PAC to provide enriching opportunities to our children throughout the year. If you would like to donate any amount, you can write a check to the Crosstown Elementary PAC or give your donation in kind. We are able to offer a tax receipt for donations above \$25.00. Please contact us if you have any questions (crosstownelementarypac@gmail.com).

2018-2019 Crosstown Elementary PAC Executives

Meaghan Taylor - Chair
Desiree Miller / Bonnie James - Co-Chairs
Jamie Cammack - Secretary
Vivi Chang - Treasurer
Gabrielle Gendron - Events Coordinator
TBD - DPAC Representative(s)

Stay in touch:

There are a number of ways we keep you updated throughout the school year:

- At PAC meetings;
- Through your class reps;
- Through our Facebook group ([VancouverCrosstownElementary](#))
- Through info provided in the monthly newsletter (e-mail only) and the bulletin board by the entrance/front office; or
- By contacting us directly via email (crosstownelementarypac@gmail.com).

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Both **SPUD** and **MABEL'S LABELS** donate a percentage of every purchase to the Crosstown Elementary PAC. To support:

SPUD

1. Create an account at SPUD.ca;
2. Choose the organic produce box you want to order from SPUD.ca/fundraising and add it to your cart;
3. At checkout, enter the promo code FUNDRAISING. Select **Crosstown Elementary** from the drop-down list and complete your order;
4. Your order will be delivered to your home or office, and your fundraiser will receive a donation from SPUD.ca!

MABEL'S LABELS

1. Create an account at mabelslabels.com;
2. On the main page, click on SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER;
3. Select **Crosstown Elementary School** from the SELECT YOUR SCHOOL drop-down list;
4. You'll be directed to the Crosstown Elementary School's fundraising page and all your orders will be credited to our fundraiser campaign!

We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year with all of you. Please contact your PAC executive with any questions, comments or concerns!

Dear Crosstown Elementary Parents and Guardians,

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

2018/2019
FUNDRAISING GOAL

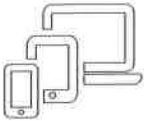
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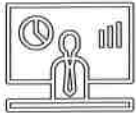
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CLASSROOM FUNDS



GUEST SPEAKERS



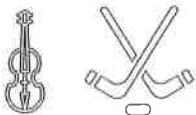
FIELD TRIPS



PERFORMING ARTS



MUSIC & SPORTS
EQUIPMENT



This year Crosstown PAC is initiating a Direct Donation Drive. Following the success of other local schools who do this, our goal is to raise \$100 / family for the school year. While we will be running other fundraisers such as the Harvest Festival, Crosstown Holiday Ornaments, The Movie Night at Crosstown, etc., this allows families to donate upfront so that funds can go towards various needs that enhance the school experience.

Where does PAC money go?

The funds raised by the PAC will go directly to the students and staff at the school.

In our first full year in operation we were able to:

- Sponsor the Rock'n'Beau Year-end Graduation Party for the entire school
- Present the Graduating Grade 7 students with a Crosstown Hoodie

What are we fundraising for this school year?

Here are some of the goals we are working toward:

- Technology – this could include computer equipment, iPads, LCD projectors, software, etc.
- Classroom Funds – funds to augment classroom resources
- Guest Speakers
- Field Trips – provide funds to offset costs
- Performing Arts – school wide plays, children's musicians, etc.
- Music and Sports Equipment

Tax receipts will be issued by the Vancouver School Board (VSB) on donations of \$25 or more. The recommended amount is \$50 per student, but ANY amount is welcome and voluntary.

We accept donations not only from parents and guardians, but from anyone or any company that wishes to donate.

We understand that donating to the school may be difficult for some parents, so we appreciate any amount and welcome parent participation at the school in lieu of a monetary contribution.

If you would like a tax receipt, please ensure you include the following form in your envelope:



CROSSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DONATION FORM

Amount of Donation: \$25⁰⁰ \$50⁰⁰ \$100⁰⁰ \$200⁰⁰ Other: \$ _____

NAME FOR TAX RECEIPT: _____

CONTACT NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL _____ TELEPHONE _____

(OPTIONAL) STUDENT NAME _____ DIVISION _____ TEACHER _____

All donation information will be kept private. We understand that some families are unable to attend events outside of school hours but would still like the opportunity to donate to the school PAC. Checks should be made payable to Crosstown PAC. Thank you for your participation!