

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Our first full week went great! We are really noticing students have settled into school routines and enjoying being at school. It has been great to visit the classes and see so many students engaged in learning.

What a great way to end the week with a pancake breakfast. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out to make it happen! I was so appreciative to everyone who jumped in and made it work. We managed to prepare 600 pancakes and ham in 1 hour! Thank you! Below are some pictures 😊

Please note that Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> is the [national day of mourning to mark Queen's funeral](#). Schools will be closed for the day.

We have another busy week ahead with our Terry Fox Fundraiser hotdog lunch on Friday September 23. Thank to the PAC who will be preparing and serving lunch. Order forms went home with students and are due by September 21<sup>st</sup>. We realized that we have a typo on the form, and it says Thursday, September 22 for the due date. We will accept forms on Thursday but ask that families please return completed forms before the 21<sup>st</sup> if possible, as it will make ordering food easier. Sorry about the mix up.

Please see more information below regarding PAC

Also, for those of you with older children at GP Vanier. We are working on having past Miracle Beach (current GP Vanier) students volunteer with the school on flex days. So far, we have 4 students that will be joining us on October 5<sup>th</sup> for their first flex day. If you know a Vanier student that is interested in volunteering at Miracle Beach on flex days, please have them see Mr. Mckillican at Vanier and connect with me by email. This is a great opportunity to collect volunteer hours towards graduation.



Thank you everyone that volunteered!



Lena Murdock showing off a great plate pancakes and ham!

## Miracle Beach Elementary School Week-at-a-Glance September 19<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday, Sept 19	Tuesday, Sept 20	Wednesday, Sept 21	Thursday, Sept 22	Friday, Sept 23
No school – Day of mourning – Queen Elizabeth’s Funeral	Terry Fox Fundraising begins  1:00 – Fire Drill with Bells	Hotdog lunch order forms due  Noon - Choir		School Terry Fox Run and hotdog lunch  Noon – Tone Chimes  School Supplies Fees Due
Monday, Sept 26	Tuesday, Sept 27	Wednesday, Sept 28	Thursday, Sept 29	Friday, Sept 30
		10:10 – Tour de Rock Riders Arrive  Noon - Choir	Orange Shirt Day  Reconciliation Walk – Smoked Salmon	No School - <a href="#">National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</a>

### Upcoming dates to note:

- October 4 – School Photo Day
- October 5 – PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
- October 5 – Vanier Volunteers
- October 6 – Grade 7 Try-A-Trade
- October 7 – Hot Lunch Starts
- October 10 – Thanksgiving (No School)

# PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

## PAC? WHAT IS PAC?

### PAC STANDS FOR PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC is here to bring together parents/legal guardians, teachers/staff, community members and Administration, to inform one another about what is happening in and around the school. PAC supports the students, by enhancing extracurricular opportunities and encouraging parent and community involvement..



## WHO IS PAC?

PAC is YOU!! All parents/Legal Guardians are already members of PAC.

Each year an executive is elected, to ensure communication, advocacy, funds collected by fundraisers are following the Bylaws and completed in an accountable manner.





## WHO IS YOUR PAC EXECUTIVE FOR 2022/2023

Chairperson - Joanne Barr

Vice Chairperson - Jodi Schneider

Secretary - Valerie Gregor

Treasurer - Cassandra Tomlinson

Fundraising Coordinator - Kelly

Hemingway

DPAC Representative - Jen Storey

Hot Lunch - Wendy Jorgensen and  
Joanne Barr



## WHAT AND WHEN

MIRACLE BEACH PAC MEETS  
THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH AT 630PM

We host Mr. Darnel and a School District Trustee at every meeting. At meetings we learn about what is happening in and around the school, discuss concerns, plan fundraisers, ask questions, discuss ways to improve our school and learning environment.



## QUESTIONS ?

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANY PAC EXECUTIVE MEMBER, EMAIL [MIRACLEBEACHPAC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MIRACLEBEACHPAC@GMAIL.COM), ASK MR DARNEL, VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

## Upcoming Sports

### Cross Country is starting – See Mr. Biegler for details

Thank you for supporting your child with their cross-country running events. Meets will be held each Wednesday for the next 5 weeks:

Start time 3:15 end time by 4:15, grades 3-7.

Sept. 28	Cumberland Community School
Oct. 5	Valley View Elementry
Oct. 12	Huband Elementary
Oct. 19	Coeur de l'île
Oct. 26	Brooklyn Elementary

Students will be leaving from Miracle Beach at 2:30,

It is important that you are there to pick your child up at 4:00

PARENTS MUST HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK COMPLETE TO DRIVE OTHER STUDENTS. This would be mandatory for all parents driving students.

## Music

### Tour de Rock School Song – Practice!!

The Tour de Rock visit is quickly approaching! We've started working on a short cheer/song that the entire school will sing for the team. We are singing just the chorus part of the song "Get Back Up Again" from Trolls. The second time through we are changing some of the words (highlighted below) since we are singing it as an encouragement for the team! There are also a couple of links to YouTube videos for those who would like to practice at home.

Grade 7: Who are We?

School: Miracle Beach

Hey!

I'm not giving up today! There's nothing getting in my way!

And if you knock knock me over, I will get back up again! Oh!

If something goes a little wrong, well you can go ahead and bring it on!

Cause if you knock knock me over, I will get back up again!

Oh oh, oh oh oh oh, oh Get back up again, oh, oh oh oh oh oh ...

Grade 7: Who are **YOU**?

School: **Tour de Rock!**

Hey!

**YOU'RE** not giving up today! There's nothing getting in **YOUR** way!

And if **THEY** knock knock **YOU** over, **YOU** will get back up again! Oh!

If something goes a little wrong, well you can go ahead and bring it on!

Cause if **THEY** knock knock **YOU** over, **YOU** will get back up again!

Oh oh, oh oh oh oh, oh Get back up again, oh, oh oh oh oh oh ...

**YOU WILL, GET BACK UP AGAIN!**

[Trolls Clip of song](#) around 1:16

[Get Back Up Again - Karaoke](#) around 1:16

## Community Activities

Below are a few community activities or programs happening that families may be interested in. This information will also be posted on our school website.



**PARENT AND PEANUT**

**At the Black Creek Community Association**

Drop-in with your little one(s) for a **free** and friendly morning of connecting with other families!

- Playtime for your baby and/or tot
- A chance to chat with others and learn about community resources
- Once a month mobile library and children's story time (VIRL)

Supported by:



**Thursday mornings**  
**9:30am-noon**  
**Fall Session:**  
Sep. 15--Dec. 15

For more information, email:  
[comoxvalley.connections@gmail.com](mailto:comoxvalley.connections@gmail.com)





### LACROSSE

Wed Sept 28-Oct 19  
4:45-5:45pm  
\$32/4 Sessions  
[Register Here \(10772\)](#)



**REGISTER  
NOW!**

### FLOOR RINGETTE

Wed Oct 26-Nov 16  
4:45-5:45pm  
\$32/4 Sessions  
[Register Here \(10773\)](#)

### SMASH BALL

Wed Nov 23-Dec 14  
4:45-5:45pm  
\$32/4 Sessions  
"Intro to Volleyball"  
[Register Here \(10774\)](#)

## INTRO TO SPORT (FALL)

Have you ever wanted to try a new sport?  
This is your chance! The PLAY Comox Valley group is partnering with the City of Courtenay and professional coaches in the community for this exciting program for kids ages 8-10.

**PLAY**  
Comox Valley



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**COURTENAY**  
Recreation

For More Information:  
[www.courtenay.ca/rec](http://www.courtenay.ca/rec) | 250-338-5371

### Field to Fork Challenge

Attention BC young cooks! Enter the 2nd annual [Field to Fork Challenge](#) now! Submit BC grown recipes and cooking videos for a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$6,400!



### Miracle Beach Kids' Club

An after-school program right here at Miracle Beach school. Kids can choose from a number of activities, including table games, arts and crafts, or just hanging out with their friends. We also have the use of the school gym, when it's not being used by school or other user groups. We are advocates of outdoor active play, so weather permitting, we spend time daily on the school playground, field or wooded areas adjacent to the school.

We have room for 20 kids per afternoon. Daily fee: \$20 per space

Our hours are from 2:30 to 6:00 pm every day school is in session. Registration is free and there is no obligation to use our service unless you need it. Children on subsidy are welcome.

For more information or to request registration forms: call/text : (250)334-6360 OR email: [mbkidsclub@gmail.com](mailto:mbkidsclub@gmail.com)





## Informational items

Information highlighted this week is **NEW**:

- **Water Bottles** - We currently do not have water fountains and are asking all families to remember to send their children with a water bottle. We do have water bottle filling stations available.
- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** – Pack Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, starting October 5th. All parents are welcome to attend. More information will be available in future newsletters.
- **Criminal Record Check** – As per School District Policy 6031MR2 all volunteers will be asked to complete a Criminal Record Check before they are able to drive, volunteer in the classroom or participate in field trips. If you are thinking about volunteering at the school, please take the time to complete the Criminal Record Check process early in the school year. A letter will be sent home in the first week of school with more details.
- **School Supplies** - For the 2022-23 school year Miracle Beach will be providing basic school supplies to students in kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.
  - Kindergarten to grade 7 the fee will be \$40
  - The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer
  - Fees are due no later than September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thank you to those families who have already paid.
    - Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to [miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca) . When using this option in the comments section please make sure you use the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Zale Darnel**

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary

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