



# Cove Cliff PAC Newsletter

## June 2010



Dear Parents,

Wow! Only one more week to go and another school year is finished. Summertime is really here.

Congratulations to all our Grade 7 students (and parents of course)! We wish you all the best in your high school years and hope that you'll be able to look back fondly on your years at Cove Cliff Elementary.

As parents, most of us will have something that we remember from our Elementary School years. Teachers often form a big part of our memories and I know, that over the years, both "Mrs. Gillespie" and "Mrs. Agostini" have created many of them. We have been lucky to have had such a great teacher and librarian at our school. Although most of us would not want them to retire, I know that their legacy will be great. We really wish them all the best in their retirements and I'm sure that they will miss Cove Cliff as well. We are also bidding farewell to Miss Duncan as she moves to another position and leaves Cove Cliff. All the best to you in your future! Thanks also to all the other teachers and staff, for making this another great year at Cove Cliff. I hope you all enjoy your summer!

Many thanks to all the parent volunteers that helped throughout the past year: in the classrooms, on field trips, on food days, at kayaking, at the Spring Fair, on the playground committees, and on the PAC executive, etc. You really do help to make Cove Cliff an awesome place for our kids!

Before I sign off, I wanted to do one more "plug" for our volunteer positions that are posted in this newsletter. Please have a look to see if there is anything that you might be interested in. Many of the positions could be shared with another parent as well. Just something to think about!

I wish everyone a great sunny summer with lots of playtime and hopefully creating some great memories!

*Henk den Breejen*  
Cove Cliff PAC Chair

### Positions Up For Grabs:

- Volunteer Coordinator**
- Secretary**
- Donation Campaign Coordinator**
- Co-Treasurer's)**
- Spring Fair Coordination Team**  
**(Three or Four)**
- Seycove Auction Acquisitions Team**  
**Members (Six)**

**Itty bitty commitment, big huge impact!!!**

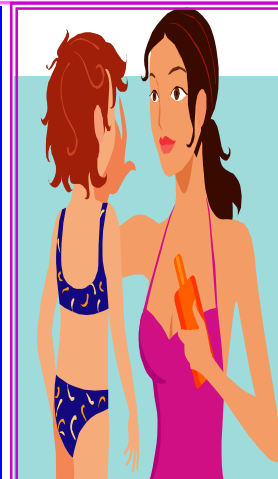
### Spring Fair Thank You's!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the **volunteers, firefighters,** and **Trivoli Caterers** for making the Spring Fair another great success despite the weather.



Best Wishes For  
the Future!!!

**Mrs. Agostini**  
**Miss Duncan**  
**Mrs. Gillespie**



### "Food Day Volunteers"

A great big thank you to the food day organizers; Gail Kitt (Subway days), Clare McGivern (Pizza days), Erian Baxter & Nicole Ninow (Magic Lunch Box days). The kids & the PAC have all benefited from your hard work this year. Thanks also to all the volunteers who put in countless hours helping out to ensure that our kids have hot lunches available to them. We couldn't do it without you!

*Carol Food Co-ordinator*

## Minutes of June 7th, 2010 PAC Meeting

**In Attendance:** Rob Newell, Moya Swift, Donna Hemerik, Cathy Blaney, Lori Ireland, Jenny Cleary, Chantal Jacobs, Magal Caron, Leif Bergen, Glenn Archibald, Patty Archibald, Jen Overend, Jessica Jobst-Smith, Chanin Leoni, Wayne Mitchell, Henk den Breejen, Gail Kitt

Meeting Started at 7:03 p.m.

### Principal's Report:

**Thank you to the PAC for all the volunteer's.** Efforts are appreciated for all the work done, for example the Spring Fair. What a fun event for the new Cove Cliff families to attend.

### Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- June 8th at 7:00 p.m. Public Education and Programs Meeting - LMCC
- June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Public Board Meeting - School Board Office

### Spring Fair Report:

**Thanks to all the fantastic volunteers** that, despite the rain, made the fair so much fun for the kids! All expenses were covered as the goal of the fair is to break even. Cake decorating and Raffle winners were listed and are on the PAC website if anyone wants to check it out.

### Financial Update:

Lori mentioned the **school administration did a great job of budget management** therefore the PAC spent less than expected. Fundraising this year raised slightly more than expected, so we are in good shape with a positive budget for next year.

### Playground Update:

- Bill Fisher from the district has been consulted and an **alternate area for seating** will be found that will not affect the neighbours negatively. **New equipment is being ordered.** The **"Cheese Block" will be removed** by the district sooner than expected due to its deteriorating state. The Playground Committee requested additional funding for replacement equipment like the overhead piece called the **"Ring Maze"**.
- A Motion was put forward by Jen Overend for an additional \$7,000 from the PAC to cover this large\* piece of equipment. (\*to fit the largest one possible as proposed by Jen and Lori)
- Motion seconded by Moya Swift -Motion carried (all in favour)

### PAC Positions Available:

**Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, Spring Fair Committee** of 3 or 4 people, **Co- Treasurer's), Donation Campaign Coordinator** are the positions still remaining. As well, 6 **Seycove Auction** (our biggest source of PAC funding) **Acquisitions team members** are required.

### New Business:

- Henk mentioned a "Thank You" received from out going secretary for plant received from the PAC.
- Summer camps available:** "Tech Camps" [www.internalDrive.com](http://www.internalDrive.com)  
"Summer Enrichment Camps" West Van School District
- Comments from the playground ballets were circulated.
- NVSD44 has the schools **"Writing Festival"** up on their website. Chanin explained what a success it has been and will try it again next year.
- **Extended Remembrance Day weekend** and **two week spring break** on the calendar for next school year. School hours will not change, warning bells will be eliminated instead.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



## Raise the Roof!



### All Ages Family Night Fundraiser for the DCP PP

Saturday, June 26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm Cove Cliff Gymnasium

Live music, dancing, games, dinner, silent auction and lots of fun!

**Kids, bring your parents** to this fun-filled family evening featuring the music of Zimbabwe and the live band Kwayedza Marimba! **Tickets** will be available at **Kuddel Muddel** in the Cove. They will also be available from preschool families or by contacting [heatherlawrence2@me.com](mailto:heatherlawrence2@me.com) or [mcsparkie15@yahoo.ca](mailto:mcsparkie15@yahoo.ca). Dinner tickets need to be purchased in advance. **Silent Auction:** We welcome any donations. Please contact Kathleen at [kathleenboylan@shaw.ca](mailto:kathleenboylan@shaw.ca).

The Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool has been holding classes in a portable behind Cove Cliff school since a vandalism incident in the fall flooded the preschool and made it uninhabitable. As the repair work began, significant damage was found to one of the buildings (unrelated to the flood). The costs to rebuild the school will be upwards of \$70,000. We are hoping to be back in the preschool by the fall.

We are so grateful for the heart-felt welcome and enormous support that we have received from Cove Cliff school and the community this year. The Family Night on June 26<sup>th</sup> will be in part a celebration and thank you as well as a fundraiser. Dig out your dancing shoes. Everyone is welcome!

## Intermediate Playground Update

We are currently in the process of ordering a "double disc swing", 2 "skate rides" and an overhead "ring maze" that will be installed within the existing intermediate playground "border".

Additional play features will be installed over the next year including a licorice forest, a labyrinth, concrete stepping stones and more seating.

To complement these changes there will be a pathway amendment behind the spinner, and the addition of grasses and native plantings which foster creative play in themselves and help to integrate play structures into the natural environment.

Projects which will involve student participation over the next year will be painting a mural on the portable wall, student artwork affixed to the perimeter chain link fence and tank enclosure fence and an artist-led, student-involved mosaic dry creek-bed.

The proposed amphitheatre in the grassy area will NOT be installed, alternative seating will be created in a different area.

Pictures and information about the philosophy behind this integrated playground approach will be available on the PAC website [www.covecliffpac.com](http://www.covecliffpac.com) over the summer. Check it out!

