

# GHMS PAC 2017/18

## Spring Break Business

At our last PAC meeting it really became apparent that we are looking to the end of the school year, right around the corner! Grade 6 and Grade 8 transfer processes are well underway and we are looking ahead to 2018/19.

*We have 3 urgent needs:*

First, the 2018/19 hot lunch program is at risk if we do not find an administrative champion to help. If you have a few minutes a week to work on the computer and can come to the school from 11:30 – 12:30 on Thursdays then the program will be secure. This is our major fundraiser – it covers all classroom support, field trips, exploratories, and library funds.

Second, our 2018/19 PAC needs volunteer leads. Most of our current positions are filled with parents whose students are in Grade 8. The vacant positions are Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large. This year we have streamlined most of the roles and we invite you to sincerely consider taking one on. The PAC meets 6 times a year and everyone is welcome. Our main mission is to support students and teachers in creating the most memorable learning experience in these exciting and formative middle school years.

Last but not least, this year we decided to forgo the on-going fundraisers (i.e., coupon books, plant sales, bingo, silent auction, etc.) as a sort of ‘reward’ to the parents and guardians of the school. In hindsight this made life a LOT easier however it left us about \$2000 short for next year’s budget. SO ... we invite you to consider all the time, money, effort, and heartache you were saved and think about making a small donation as a token of appreciation. Tax receipts will be issued for any amount over \$20. Thank you in advance & here’s the link:  
<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true>

**Next PAC meetings: school library, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

- **April 18: regular meeting**
  - **May 16: AGM to elect new members**
- Everyone welcome!**



***Did you know your Grocery Shopping is a source of income for our school?*** Please make sure to use your GHMS Thrifty Foods Smile Card and your Fairway Market card at any location! Both cards are active 365 days a year! **These stores donate 5%** of what you are spending back to the school. *Need a card? We always have extras in the office – please ask and you shall receive ☺*



Our #1 fundraiser – **HOT LUNCH** has been serving pizza, Subway, sushi, Mucho Burrito & Noodle Box!! As always, more hands make for lighter work, so please let us know if you can help.

Ordering is available on-line

<https://gordonhead.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

## HOUSE KEEPING

- ❖ If your student is involved in school sports the Lower Island Sports Association is a valuable resource  
<https://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools/> and click on the Middle School link. Everything is here: game locations, upcoming sport schedules, team rankings, etc.
- ❖ Reading the *Daily Announcements* will ensure you are always in the loop on day-to-day happenings at GHMS. Make it a part of your daily routine <https://gordonhead.sd61.bc.ca/>
- ❖ The Grade 8 Celebration is coming up. Each year the PAC hosts a BBQ and dance for our graduating students. We need Grade 8 parents support to make it happen. Right now we are asking a parent (or 2) to step forward and coordinate the event – please email the PAC [ghmspac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmspac@gmail.com) if you want more information. Lots of support is available.