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First PAC meeting Oct. 23

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NEW PAC MEETING DATE: OCT. 16

Update on school construction

We wanted parents to have a chance to find out about the progress and schedule of the school construction project and have invited staff from [Bouygues Building Canada](#), the contract-design team, to speak to parents at our first PAC meeting. (Meeting date was changed to accommodate school schedules.)

We will also be getting an update from principal Ellen Roberts and completing our PAC executive elections. We have a slate coming forward from the spring, when we didn't have a quorum to have an election.

The slate is:

Chair: Shelley Nicholl

Vice-chair: Lesley Douglas

Treasurer: Maria Rezvanova

Secretary: Martina Mitterer

Member at large: Veronica Pacheco-Sanfuentes

We would like to welcome new parents to join our team. If you are interested in being a member-at-large, sharing a position, or running for a position, please join us at our

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meeting. You can also contact Chair Shelley Nicholl at kitspac@hotmail.com.

We are also looking for parents to sign up to volunteer for events at the schools as well as a parent to update our website.

Please join us.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Staff Room, Third Floor
7:30 to 9 pm
Social 7-7:30 pm
(yes, we have refreshments!)

PLEASE DONATE TO KITS NOW

Make our school great!

Each year, we ask parents to please make a donation to the school to help with items such as sports uniforms and equipment, extra supplies for the classrooms and help for students in extra curricular activities and clubs.



There's no fundraising involved. No chocolates or coupon books to sell. Just give cash and you're done.

Our suggested donation is \$25 per student, but you are welcome to donate any amount you wish. Tax receipts go to donations of \$20 or more.

Please go to the [Kits website](#) to make your donation online.

Donations can also be made to the school. Please make cheques payable to Kits PAC and drop at the office or bring to a PAC meeting.

Thank you so much for your support!

TWIN BRO NOV. 6 at 7 pm

Find out about scholarship possibilities

Kits PAC welcomes Twin Bro, a dynamic duo who will guide students and parents through the mysterious world of scholarship applications.

It's free to attend (sponsored by your PAC), but you may want to buy a workbook. This is a great opportunity for all high school students and parents, especially those in Gr. 12.

See Twinbro.com for information about the program.

The event starts at 7 pm in the auditorium. Refreshments by cash donation (bring your loonies).

Please join us!

PARENT AFTER-GRAD MEETING OCT. 26

Organizational meeting to form After-Grad committee

Be part of the tradition. Interested parents of graduating students are invited to come to an organizational meeting for after-grad, the celebration that is organized by parents and follows the grad dinner.

The meeting takes place at 7 pm in the school staff room (third floor) on Thursday, Oct. 26.

JAPAN TRIP 2015

Sign up now for trip of a lifetime

Kitsilano is planning a trip to Japan again this March. This trip is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend time immersed in a different culture guided by a teacher, experience life with a family and attend school in Japan.

Guided by Kits teachers, using a variety of transport, the trip includes interaction with Japanese students and host families, a balance of city and rural sights, the cultural capital of Kyoto, the tame Deer of ancient Nara, and ultra modern Osaka.

As this is not a package tour, the group can explore at a leisurely pace, including riding rental bikes through Bamboo groves and large temple complexes at the outskirts of Kyoto. We will also visit the city of Osaka, which is ultra-modern and is a great place for both shopping

and checking out the youth counter-culture. The itinerary of the trip is flexible and will be adjusted to match the interests of the group. We are currently working on including Hiroshima in our trip.

We have a partner school for homestay and exchange activities, so students have a chance to get a hands-on experience of Japan, and host the Japanese students the following year. For those students unable to host a Japanese student here, there will be alternate arrangements available.

As students are given some unsupervised free time, students should be at least 15 at time of travel, but need no knowledge of Japanese. We will have a number of orientation classes prior to departure, will give information on where to take language classes, as well as a list of books and movies that will make the experience even better.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,300, which covers all transportation, accommodation, entrance fees, insurance and most meals. Students will want to bring some spending money, but should not expect to have too much time for shopping!

Sign up now to reserve a spot - there will be a maximum of 20 students able to participate. There will be parent information session after Parent Walkabout, but we are collecting names of interested parents now, so we can get some of the early details worked out.

For more details, contact: Mr. Mehl at Rmehl@vsb.bc.ca or 604-713-8965.

Contact us at: kitspac@hotmail.com

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