

# NORMA ROSE POINT PAC NEWSLETTER



## PAC Chair Message

As we near the end of the year it is usually a time to give thanks.

I want to thank all the parents who are so eager to participate and be a part of their child's education.

Thank you also to all the members of the PAC Executive. I seem to get all the kudos for being part of the PAC but believe me, there are a lot of amazing, hard working parents who do all the work. Thanks to them we have money organized to pay for items the kids use at school, the lunch program, the Parent Conversation Groups, PAC events etc.

I also want to thank, on behalf of all the parents, all the incredible staff at NRP. I think it is safe to say our children are among the most fortunate in the city to have so many staff members so dedicated to education.

On behalf of the PAC Executive I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday season and the very best of 2017!

Jody, PAC Chair of NRP



## Important Dates:

**Thursday Dec. 1:** Kindergarten Vision Screening

**Friday Dec. 2:** Family Reading/Parent Coffee 8:15-8:55am

PAC Morning Tea 8:55-10:00am

**Monday Dec. 5:** ProD Day: No School

**Tuesday Dec. 6:** Kindergarten Hearing Test

**PAC Meeting 6:30-7:00pm followed by**

**Parent Education Speaker "Understanding  
Resistance in Children/Adolescent's"  
7:00-8:30pm**

**Friday Dec. 9:** Family Reading in Learning Commons 8:15-8:55

**Tuesday Dec. 13:** Parent Hosted Potluck for Staff

Middle School Winter concert: 6:30pm

**Friday Dec. 16:** Last Day of School before Winter Break

**Tuesday January 3, 2017:** School back

**Tuesday Jan. 10:** PAC Meeting 6:30-7:30

## Parent Education Night:

We are so excited to have booked Dr. Deborah MacNamara to

## PAC Website:

Our PAC website is not just for lunch ordering. We keep it updated with Important information as well as past PAC Meeting minutes and past Newsletters.

You can also access the Calendar of Events. We have included PAC events as well as School Events so you can stay informed

come speak to parents about Understanding Resistance in Children and/or Adolescent's: "You're Not the Boss of Me"

Here is a description of what will be discussed: "Children are naturally inclined to resist and oppose when feeling pressed upon or controlled. Although the reaction is quite normal and even healthy in certain circumstances, its manifestations and impact can be highly disruptive and disturbing, making life difficult for parents and teachers. Counter-will can take many forms from negativism to noncompliance depending upon the age and personality of the child or teen. We will discuss the meaning of this deep- rooted instinct as well as the dynamics that control its existence and expression."

PAC will be providing free Babysitting for any parent wanting to attend the evening and needing to bring their kids. We hope that you will join us for what is bound to be an incredibly informative evening.



## Potluck for Staff:

On December 13, the parents of NRP will be bringing food for the entire Staff of the school. This is a great way for us all to show our appreciation for everything they do each and every day at the school.

What do we need from you?? Not much. Just your cooking skills. We would like to ask anyone interested to bring in a dish of your choice. It is a great time to share a bit of your culture or just your favourite recipe!

All you need to do is go to:

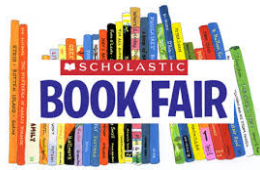
<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=SDFL1252>

and sign up. If you can leave your email address I will send everyone a reminder email the week prior to the event.

We have had a great response from parents so far but would love as many parents as possible to sign up.

All you need to do is drop off your dish of food to the school no

later than 11:30 on December 13th (you can drop it off earlier in the day if needed).



## Book Fair:

### Hours of Book Fair Sales:

December 13: 8:30-9:00 / 3:00pm-3:30pm / 5:45-6:15pm

December 14: 8:30-9:00 / 3:00pm-3:30pm

December 15: 8:30-9:00 / 3:00-3:30pm

If you are able to help with set up/ opening/ cash sales/ cash counting/ and closing. We need two parents per session.

Please use the link below for online volunteer sign up, parents are also welcome to come into the learning commons to sign up.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpYVfi\\_oL34hAjjAM9\\_RzmkJUN1JFTU45WTdJTkURVBOQUxDV1g5TUVOMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpYVfi_oL34hAjjAM9_RzmkJUN1JFTU45WTdJTkURVBOQUxDV1g5TUVOMC4u)

## Volunteers of the Month!

### Library Volunteers



The PAC would like to first acknowledge the school's amazing Librarians: Adrienne and Wendy. They have created an incredibly welcoming space where all children and parents are always welcome.

It is not an easy feat to run a library in a school the size of Norma Rose Point. We are incredibly lucky that a small group of parents have dedicated themselves to help out on a regular basis. We would like to highlight the parents who work so hard.

I had asked each of the following amazing parents to write a little summary for me but they all were resistant to patting themselves on the back for the volunteer work they do each week. I, however,

am not shy about giving them kudos for the time they put into the library so here is my mini bio of each!

**Krystal Kirchen:** This is Krystal's 3rd year volunteering at the NRP library. Krystal has 2 kids at NRP. One is in Grade 1 and the other is in Grade 4. This is Krystal's 5th year being involved at the school. Her son, along with Julie's son were with the school when it was in the portables by Queen Elizabeth and called Acadia Road School. We are really lucky to have parents who are continuous volunteers.

**Julie Wang:** Along with being the PAC Communication Chair and running the Parent Conversation group at the school, we are very fortunate to have Julie helping out in the library. Julie has 2 children at NRP. One is in Kindergarten and one is in grade 3.

**Kimmy Mcdiarmid:** this is Kimmy's second year volunteering in the library. Her son is currently in Grade 1

**Roya Bardshiry:** Roya is new this year to NRP and has just recently started volunteering at the library but she has a background as a librarian from her original country of origin. We are very lucky to have her helping

If you have some time and would like to help out in the library, you are always welcome and appreciated. Wendy and Adrienne are happy if you pop in anytime you have a free moment and simply ask what you can do. They will be happy to find a task for you that works with you availability.

## After School Programs:

### **Vancouver Chess Club:**

Fridays from 3-4:30pm

January 6-March 10

Link: <http://vanchess.ca/locations/set/id/25/target/%252Fgroups>

Email: [info@vanchess.ca](mailto:info@vanchess.ca). Phone: 604-568-3283

Come jump into the intricate world of chess. Each session will be full of chess puzzles, supervised games and game analysis. This comprehensive and progressive program allows students to learn how to play chess in the optimal manner by gradually increasing complexity. Classes will follow the six-level academic chess program of the Vancouver Chess School.

**Pear Tree:**

Kindergarten- Grade 4: MakerSpace Enrichment Class

Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30

Dates: January 17th- March 7th

Cost: \$200/8 weeks

MakerSpace is a movement that pushes for creativity, innovation, problem solving and hands-on learning. Students will be designers and inventors, working with materials such as conductive thread, LED lights, copper tape, batteries, small motors and even conductive Playdough! Students are taught to use materials and equipment safely, and will thoroughly enjoy this hands-on hour and a half!

To register: please contact Paul at [paul@pear-tree.ca](mailto:paul@pear-tree.ca).

**Young Rembrandts:**

Drawing Classes for kids in Grade 1-6

Thursdays: 3:05-4:14 p.m.

Dates: Winter - January 19-March 9

Spring - April 13-June 1

Cost: \$128 per session or \$20 less if registering for both

Registration: <http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver>