



NRP PAC NEWSLETTER

PAC CHAIR MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer filled with sun and family fun.

Hard to believe the school year is beginning again.

On behalf of all the PAC Executives I welcome all those new families to NRP as well as those families returning.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new principal Ian Cannon who is joining our V.P. Teena Smith.

We also will see a few changes as you likely know. We are now a K-7 (still over 700 kids!), are down to 1 consistent start and end time throughout the grades, and our kids will be starting the reverse lunch system.

For those a little leery of the reverse lunch I can assure you, having had NRP try it prior to moving into our new facility, that it is fantastic. Kids will likely eat more and just be more settled for the afternoon.

We are looking forward to continued engagement by all parents at NRP.



Important Dates:

Tue. Sept. 3 : First Day of School 9:00-10:00am

: Welcome Back Coffee for Parents 8:30-10:00am

Fri. Sept. 6: NRP PAC Lunch Program opens for Ordering

Fri. Sept. 13: Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL

Mon. Sept. 16: First Day of Lunch Delivery

Wed. Sept. 18: PAC Meeting - 6:30-7:30pm NRP Learning Commons

Wed. Oct. 2: PAC AGM - 6:30-7:30pm NRP Learning Commons

Mon. Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

Please remember the proper communication pathway for any concerns about your child.

Always start with the teacher. If the issue or question is not resolved then you may book an appointment to speak with Teena, V.P.

You can always reach out to me and I can help provide guidance, advice or support.

Thank you

Jody Yau, PAC Chair

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PAC WEBSITE

<http://nrppac.wordpress.com>

Fri. Oct. 25: Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL

Mon. Oct. 28: PAC hosts Staff Appreciation Lunch



School Parking: A few things to know before driving:

There are limited parking stalls for parents in the visitor parking lot. While all families are encouraged to walk to school we understand that that is simply not possible for all.

1. Very important to note that in the **Visitor parking lot cars must BACK IN**. Although it may seem odd, it is designed this way so, as you drive out, you have clear visibility if all little bodies that may be around.
2. If you are parking, please make sure you go to the office and sign in with your license plate number.
3. If you are **picking up or dropping off in front of the main doors** please know that you may not park and get out of the vehicle. This area is a drop off zone only. Also please be courteous and ensure you move up so you do not block traffic behind you.
4. You will see several parking spots in the Visitor Lot with this sign. **Please DO NOT PARK IN OR BLOCK these spots** unless you have authorization to be there. We have a few families in the school who require access to these spots.



5. Most importantly, please **WATCH YOUR SPEED!** There will be 700+ kids ranging in age from 5-13 in and around the school. We must always remember that their safety is the priority.



Walk or Roll to School:

Ideally, since we all live in such an amazing small community, we would like to see kids walking to and from school. The community has a Walk n Roll Program (see the PACkage that we will send home the first week of school for more details).

1. For those sending their kids to school on bikes please remember it is the law **in BC that everyone must wear a helmet!**
2. Once on school property please be sure to dismount and walk the bike. This is to prevent any accidents.
3. There are several **places to park** and lock your bikes at school. There is one area to the west of the main school doors. That one is generally for kids in the lower grades (k-3). For those in Grade 4-7 please use the racks closer to the staff parking lot. This will ensure enough room for everyone!



Crude almonds



Walnuts



Cashews



Almonds



Hazelnuts



Pecans



Pine nuts



Pistachios



Peanuts

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Nut Aware School:

At NRP there are a number of children with life threatening allergies. The most common are Peanuts and Tree Nuts. We ask that **ABSOLUTELY NO NUTS** be brought into the school or onto school grounds. This includes peanut butter, other nut butters, Nutella, or any dairy products made from nuts like Cashew milk.

The PAC lunch program only uses caterers that provide nut free foods so anything ordered through there will be safe for all children with nut allergies.

Again this is about keeping all of our children safe at school.



What is PAC and how can YOU Participate?

PAC, or Parent Advisory Council, is comprised of each and every parent at NRP. The PAC Executives are parents that you vote in at our PAC AGM who take on specific roles for the school year.

PAC Executive roles include:

- PAC Chair
- PAC Co-Chair
- Secretary
- General Treasurer
- Lunch Treasurer
- Lunch Chair
- Events Chair
- Volunteer Chair
- Parent Education Chair
- Members at Large

We welcome anyone to put their name forward for any of these roles. If you are curious to learn how the PAC Executives work and what we do but are perhaps a bit intimidated by the larger roles, we hope that you will consider joining the Executives as a Member at Large. This gives you the chance to join our PAC Executive meetings, help when you can and to learn the ins and outs of the jobs we do.



Communication:

Communication is a priority for PAC and the school. The best way to ensure you receive important information and updates is to **Download the NRP App**.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sia.nrps&hl=en_CA

This is where you can find information, the school calendar, contact information for your child's teacher, and the Absence Form which you need to fill out if your child will not be at school. You can also find a Counselling Request form. This can be used by you or your child to privately communicate to the school counsellor if any help is needed. *The NRP App will also be the communication tool used by the school in case of any emergency!*

Along with the NRP App which PAC is able to use sometimes, we suggest that parents sign up to receive notifications from PAC. This can be done by Following our PAC Website:

<https://nrppac.wordpress.com>

You can also find parent resources, PAC meeting minutes, and the PAC Lunch Program link to MunchaLunch



NRP PAC Lunch Program:

One part of the PAC is to help raise funds for items the school needs but is not covered by the government. Examples are computers, gym equipment, sports equipment for outside recess and lunch play, and musical instruments.

NRP PAC has been running an optional lunch program for the past number of years, The caterers are vetted through the PAC Executives as well as VSB to ensure they meet all the necessary health and safety guidelines. Our philosophy is to attempt to offer a wide range of foods that are as healthy as we can get. Obviously nothing beats homemade food but we hope for those parents who do not have time to prepare lunches that this is a good option.

We also strive to keep costs as low as possible. NRP PAC makes approximately 10% on each item which, over the school year adds up. On average PAC raises \$20,000 per year just off of our lunch program. All that money goes back to our kids.

Stay tuned for more information on when the lunch website will open for placing orders. **We are aiming for ordering to start Friday September 6th with the first day of delivery being Monday September 16th,**