

# NEWSLETTER

Cheam PAC  
Spring Edition  
March 2018

Hello from the Cheam Elementary PAC! We hope that everyone is enjoying the spring season. All of us on PAC have been busy behind the scenes and wanted to take a minute to let you know about a few things that are happening.

## CHEAM SIGN PAINTING NIGHT

We are excited to announce our first ever paint night with Trademarks Designs! Bring your friends and join us for a fun evening of snacks and painting.

- ◆ Date: Monday, April 30th
- ◆ Time: 6:30pm
- ◆ Location: Cheam School Gym
- ◆ Price: \$45 / Ticket

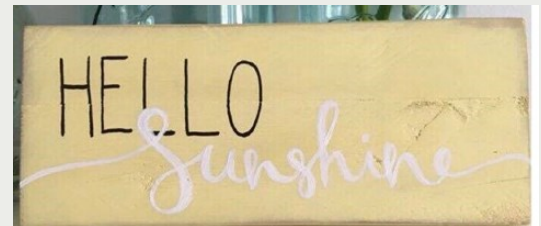
The signs are approximately 10"x 20" and you will get to choose one of the three designs when you purchase your tickets.

Payment can be made through [hotlunhes.net](http://hotlunhes.net) or cheque payable to Cheam Elementary PAC

DEADLINE APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>

Order forms went out this past week. Come enjoy some refreshments, socialize and go home with a great piece of art work. All are welcomed, so spread the word to family and friends.

## Sign Samples



## CHARLOTTE'S WEB

May 7<sup>th</sup> will be our spring production of Charlottes Web (location: TBA). Mrs. Zacharia and students have been hard at work remembering their lines and getting costumes together. If you can help out in anyway please email [jennifer\\_zacharias@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jennifer_zacharias@sd33.bc.ca)

## **YEARBOOK**

The Yearbook Committee would love to receive more pictures, art and poetry for Cheam's 2017/18 yearbook.

Here are some theme ideas :

March: Mythical Creatures and Monsters

April: Mother Earth, the natural beauty of our planet / Planet Earth

May: Sunshine and Flowers

June: Favorite Sports / Cheam Spirit

Send your pictures, art and poetry to [cheamsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:cheamsyearbook@gmail.com)

## **HOT LUNCH**

The Hot lunch committee is always looking for available parents to help hand out hot lunches. It's usually a pretty quick time commitment, (approximately 15 - 20 minutes) and the kids love seeing you. Also only five more hot lunch days including sports day

## **MILK PROGRAM**

Just a reminder we have one more milk program rotation starting after Easter.

## **NEW AV SYSTEM**

Our new AV system was installed in the gym this February and was up and running for our movie night of Charlotte's Web. It was great not to worry about cords as tripping hazards and to enjoy a sound system that everyone could hear. We had a great turn out and thanks to all the volunteers who put it all together.

## **PARKING LOT**

As you may have noticed our parking lot hasn't had the updates that are needed and it's now been slated for summer renovations. So please remember how hectic our parking lot can be at times, and be considerate to others. Please do not park in front of the last portables for these spots are reserved for the daycare vans to do their pick ups. Give yourself some extra time and a reminder to keep an eye open for traffic cones. The cones are there to provide adequate space for our buses to exit the parking lot. Also a reminder that we have two double wide handicap parking spots marked out near the entrance (across from staff parking). Even if you're only parking for a minute, you should NOT be using these stalls unless you have a valid pass.

## **SCHOOL MAINTENANCE**

The School district maintenance crew was out to look at the hot water problem in Monsieur Barrows and Madame Gibbs classrooms. Unfortunately it looks like a bigger job than they thought and it will be added to the summer renovation schedule.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO SESSION**

The second part of the information series held at Rosedale Traditional Community School is Wednesday April 11 @ 7 - 8 pm for parents of grade 5/6 please bring your children at this time to check out the school.

## KEEPING INFORMED

Have you joined our Facebook Page? If not, please do so as we update it often. Its a great way to connect with other Cheam parents.

Also the PAC sends out weekly emails regarding Cheam Elementary (events/info). If you haven't been receiving them, please email [cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

## CONCLUSION

We're always working to support the academic program by creating a fun, safe and friendly school environment. Our role is to advise and collaborate with the school administration about school issues that affect your child and family. Please feel free to contact us anytime with questions, concerns and or feedback about volunteering, or school-related PAC issues.

## Meet your PAC...part 2

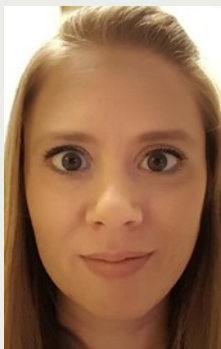
### DPAC Rep: Jamie Benton



With a grade 3 daughter and a son in kindergarten French Immersion I started coming to PAC meetings nearly 3 years ago. Always happy to add suggestions I found myself nominated and accepting the position as Chair/President for the 2016/17 school year. This year, with Jared safely at the helm I swapped roles with him to become the DPAC representative for École Cheam Elementary PAC. In this position I get to see the workings of the wider Chilliwack School District, SD33, and question/advise the School Board of Trustees and

staff of any matter related to public education in Chilliwack. If you ever have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at [Jamiebenton@gmail.com](mailto:Jamiebenton@gmail.com) or contact anyone through the Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council FB page

### Hot Lunch: Kara Humphries



My name is Kara and I have a daughter in grade 5 and a son in grade 2. This is only our second year at Cheam Elementary, and we have loved it since day one! I love having an active role in our school and am so grateful that my job, as an X-ray Technologist, allows that flexibility. My sister, Tanesha, and I have been organizing the Hot Lunch and Milk Programs since September.

### **Special Events: Natalie Worrall**



Natalie is mom to two Cheam students: Isabella, Gr. 4 French Immersion and Giulia, English K. Don't ask her why her kids are in two different programs! Nat works at Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning; she is passionate about getting people outside and exploring nature! Natalie's main goal in life is to feed people...she loves to cook and plan parties!!!! Nat hopes to help make Cheam be the very best school it can be...and really believes she can convince any kid to love school! This is her 5th year working on the Special Events team. When not working or volunteering at Cheam, you'll find her fishing one of Chilliwack's rivers, trying to catch that night's dinner!

### **Special Events: Tamara Holdal**



With a daughter in grade 2, another daughter in kindergarten and a son set to start at Cheam Elementary in the fall, I became interested in volunteering with the PAC. This year, I've been involved in the Special Events Committee (running the popcorn maker is a large departure from my work in a men's prison). The highlight by far has been the opportunity to see how excited the kids get when special events occur. Excited and LOUD! I look forward to continued work with the committee and the PAC in months and years to come

### **Special Events: Tai Weatherhead**



I am a returning parent to Cheam! My ten year old daughter was in the first early French Immersion class here. It was fantastic and we both loved the school! She will be starting late French Immersion at Vedder Middle school next year. My six year old son is now happily a part of the early French Immersion program here! I have my law degree but work hard as a stay at home mom :) I like to be involved in my children's education and help out as much as I can

Hope you enjoy these fun and busy months ahead!