

# Willows PAC Newsletter

## Upcoming!

**This week, Oct 16-19,**  
Fall GoByBike Week!

**Wed, Oct 18, 7 p.m.**  
PAC Meeting (in library)

**Thur, Oct 19, 8 a.m.**  
Bike Trains!

**Fri, Oct 20**  
No School (PD day)

**Thur, Oct 26**  
PAC Fun Lunch!

**Fri, Oct 27**  
Halloween Dance!

## Help Wanted!

[Willows Halloween Dance Sign Up Link](#)

[PAC Fun Lunch Volunteers Sign Up](#)

Contact:  
[willowsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:willowsvolunteers@gmail.com)

**PAC Exec Members at Large:** Join our team! Please contact [willowspac@gmail.com](mailto:willowspac@gmail.com) for more details.

After the blur of September we are solidly into the school year and the Fall. In this second edition of our newsletter we would like to take the opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have been making that blur more fun and fulfilling for our school community! And you will find details on our first PAC meeting and dance here.

We would also like to welcome Michele Asada to our PAC exec team as our enthusiastic Volunteer and Class Rep Coordinator! Thank you for your generous commitment! She has also stepped in to help coordinate many of the moving parts of the Halloween Dance set-up. You can reach her at [willowsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:willowsvolunteers@gmail.com) with any volunteer or class rep questions.

Our PAC Exec team is running quite lean and we are still actively looking for volunteers who can help us throughout the year to help us with our services, for example:

*Member at large - part of PAC Exec:*

**Inclusiveness Rep:** Review PAC initiatives with an inclusiveness point of view. Help families with finding school and PAC resources. Create a welcome package for new families who join us during the year.

**Policy Advisor Rep:** Review PAC bylaws and other official documentation and make recommendations for improvements. Assist with other formalities of running the PAC. Past experience is very valuable!

*Contributing roles not part of the PAC Exec:*

**VCPAC Rep:** Attend VCPAC meetings (online or in person) and report back to the PAC Exec/PAC.

**Communications/Social Media Assistance:** Help with website updates and posting/monitoring social media.

**Meeting Technician:** A dedicated tech savvy person to support future hybrid meetings.

**Event coordinators:** For small and larger upcoming events, it is key to have one or two people responsible for coordinating the details.

If you can help, let us know at [willowspac@gmail.com](mailto:willowspac@gmail.com).

Thank you and Happy Fall!

*Janine and Ken, Willows PAC Co-Chairs 2023-2024*

## **PAC Meeting Wed. Oct. 18th, 7 p.m. School Library**

You are invited to attend our first PAC meeting of the year which will be in-person. We are considering offering a hybrid option for future meetings once we have a volunteer to run the tech side of things.

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
- Verification of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from last meeting
- Introductions (PAC Exec/School Admin)
- School Leadership Update (Brenna/Carey)
- Presentation on **Combined Classes\*** (Brenna)
- Co-Chair report (Ken/Janine)
- Treasurer report and proposed budget (Trevor)
- Class Rep Update and Upcoming Events (Michele A)
- New Business
- Motion to adjourn

### **\*Combined Classes**

Each year at Willows several of our classes are combined classes (two grades in one classroom). During this PAC meeting, staff will share information about how we organize our classes, how we place students in classes and teaching and learning in combined classes. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

## **BOO BASH (FALL DANCE 2023)!**

Get ready to "boo"gie!!!

Please come dance and socialize with us on October 27, 2023 in one of two dance sessions (5-6:30 and 6:30-8 pm) in our school gymnasium (this is necessary to ensure the gym capacity is not exceeded). All students and families are invited. You will receive a sign-up link soon!

It will be a Halloween themed dance so feel free to wear your (kid friendly) costumes or spirit wear (orange and black)! Please no weapons and remember cultures are not costumes. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at this event.

Entrance will be by cash donation this year. There will be a donation box at the entrance of the dance. Concession tickets \$1.00/ticket will also be available for purchase (for snacks but please bring your own water bottle.). Please remember to bring cash!

We are still in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering! Here is the signup genius link:  
[Willows Halloween Dance Sign Up Link](#)



**New Family Coffee** Wed. Sept 20: **THANK YOU** to all of the new families and kindergarten, K-1 parents/guardians that could attend our first PAC event of the year and start to build community. **THANKS** to Lisa Murphy, Michele Asada, Monica Gil and PAC exec members for running this!

**Meet the Teacher** Thur. Sept 21:

**THANKS** to all of the enthusiastic families that came to meet their new teachers and all of the staff who welcomed us. **THANKS** to all of the PAC members who pitched in to the set-up and running of the PAC cookie station! And a **HEARTFELT THANKS** goes to the Oak Bay High musicians that added a jazzy dimension to this fun evening:

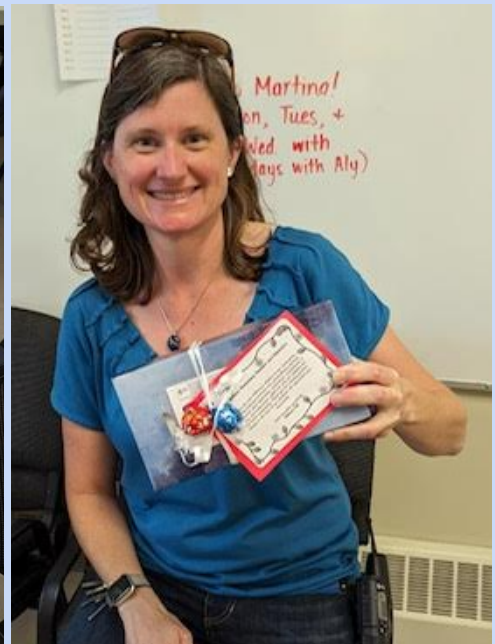
**Jazz Trio: Weff Jeaver Tribute Band.**

They are grade 10 students and have been playing together since grade 9. (left to right) Aiden Fitzgerald on bass, Martin Major-Lamb on trombone, and Marcus Stevenson on piano.



Teaching staff were honoured on **World Teacher's Day** October 5, 2023 with a heartfelt note of thanks, chocolates and a tissue box for the upcoming cold and flu season.

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**



**Stay Tuned: PAC Contribution Drive:** We are working out the details and you should hear from us within the next couple of weeks.

**Where did our PAC logo go?:** Willows PAC needs to develop their own logo - if you have any ideas please let us know!