

A message from your friendly PAC...

Welcome back everyone!

We hope everyone was able to have a safe, and happy summer. This year is looking a lot more 'normal' already! While it is not without lingering challenges, Riverdale Ravens are still showing how it's done, with perseverance, hard work, and understanding. Way to go Ravens!



Introduction:

Welcome to your friendly PAC's newsletter! We the PAC would like to say hello again to our returning community, and "Welcome!" to all new students, teachers, parents, and new community members!

What, or who, is the PAC, you ask? We are a team of dedicated volunteers, parents mostly, and our job is to collaborate with the awesome staff at Riverdale to ensure the best school experience possible for all in the Raven's nest. In order to accomplish this, we have regular meetings with our community, and the school leadership team, we organize fundraisers to raise money for 'extras', and appreciation events to build awareness of all the great things the staff at Riverdale do.

This year, we have positions that still need filling. Our **Sunshine Coordinator** helps with organizing small tokens of appreciation to volunteers, and community members who have helped us out in some way. It's a most rewarding position!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with **Fundraising!** Our team works together to make all our events and direct sale fundraisers a success!

Our Grant Coordinator Nicole is looking for help applying for **Grants** and our Hot Lunch Coordinator Tracey is looking for someone to manage our online Hot Lunch Ordering System **Munch A Lunch**. This would involve entering menus and payments once Hot Lunch has started up again this year.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to share the joy with, so if you're interested in being involved, please feel free to email us at any time, at riverdale.pac@hotmail.com or find us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Riverdale.PAC/>.

Fundraising:

Our favorite types of fundraisers are the ones that get our community together for fun social activities. We are still brainstorming great ways to do that, and we are optimistic that we will be able to do more of those this year. In the meantime, we will be running some direct-sales fundraisers. Please support us as much as you can!

Keep your eyes peeled for our first fundraiser, Spirit Wear sales, coming up very soon!

Playground Update:

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE NEW PLAYGROUND COMING IN THE SUMMER!

Right now, we have around \$50,000.00 to put towards it, and we have high hopes for some grants to come through in the next few months. We will be running as many fundraisers as we can, right up to the final moments!

Once we know how much we will be able to spend, we will be working closely with the playground vendors to put together a great new design (likely over the winter).
Let us know your great ideas!

Ongoing:

We still have an account set up at the Return It! Depot on 108A by the school. **Return refund amounts are CHANGING in October!** Be sure to bring in your refundable empties in a clear plastic bag, **BOTTLES MUST BE RINSED, AND HAVE THEIR LIDS ON.**

When you arrive, enter the school's phone number at the kiosk (604-588-5978) and print off a sticker for your bag. Attach the sticker and leave the bag. The depot will sort your empties and add the total to the PAC Playground Donations account. All funds raised will go towards the playground. Come in anytime with your empties (but before the rates change if you want your donation to really pop!!)

Upcoming events:

Our first general meeting of the school year will be held online on **Monday the 20th of September, at 6:30 pm.** Please see our Facebook page (noted below) or watch SchoolLink for more details. Everyone is welcome!

Remember, if you have any questions about what your PAC does, you can email us at any time at riverdale.pac@hotmail.com or find us on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Riverdale.PAC/>.

