

Welcome to Armstrong Elementary School PAC!

Do you know what 'PAC' is?

PAC is a Parent Advisory Council forum within each school to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. The School Act gives parents the right, through PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents.

Who is the Parent Advisory Council at AES? – It is You!

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate as a member of the PAC. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff respecting any matter brought by you relating to the school and the education of the students. YOUR voices are a tremendous value to our school. You can offer a wealth of ideas and support in how our school is run!

When does PAC meet? And who can attend?

The Parent Advisory Council meets in the library at 6pm on the second Wednesday of every month. The meetings last approximately one hour to an hour and a half.

Pac meetings provide opportunities for Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins (you get the picture) to learn more about their school by asking questions and bringing ideas. We discuss issues of importance and funding activities to enhance our student's education. Our PAC meetings are friendly and open to discussion. As well as our monthly agenda items, we hear an overview report of the month from Ms. Brown our Principal and a month's review from the perspective of a teacher. PAC meetings are a good way to keep in touch with current events and build your knowledge of the education your student is receiving here at AES.

Please bring your voice to the meeting!

One of the many complaints we hear are that parents do not feel like they are heard. This is because many concerns and suggestions are not brought forward in a proper way. PAC elected officers cannot add to the agenda an area of discussion if we only hear half of the conversation in the playground or read a rant on social media. You do not have to attend EVERY Meeting but it is a great benefit to all of the students and our council to have input from a range of voices. We want to know what is and what isn't working. Elected officers are not the voice –you are!

Cannot attend a meeting? – Not a problem! You can contact PAC in various ways. Email brickschoolpac@gmail.com You can message a PAC officer through Facebook [AES Parent Advisory Council](#) or you can call the school (250-546-8778) and ask for a PAC member to contact you. We also have a suggestion box located on our PAC board, please don't hesitate to leave your ideas in there too!

Volunteering Opportunities

We strive to represent the diversity within our school and through fundraising provide students with 'In the Moment Activities' that enhance the education of all students. We cannot rely on the elected officers to do this alone. Volunteering is the lifeblood of our PAC we rely on and require your help in being present at events, social activities, and fundraising help. We have Seasonal and Annual fundraisers that go fully towards supporting our 'In the Moment' theme.

I want to volunteer but I don't have time to take on a big project.

Not a problem at all! Many hands make light work. The first step is to reach out and let us know that you want to be involved. Any Volunteer assistance is appreciated. It is all vital to achieving the goals of PAC and the school community. There are many ways to volunteer whether you have an hour a month or an hour a day or you only have a onetime opportunity. There are also many activities that can be done away from the school that would be of great benefit to our programs and events. Don't worry! By signing up you won't be giving up every ounce of your spare time!

Where do I find more information about PAC?

Our PAC information board which is updated monthly is located by main entrance on the immediate right. Here you will find a monthly calendar, volunteer opportunities and up to date PAC activities. Each month PAC will also send out a newsletter which will arrive by email, this will also give you up to date PAC information, upcoming dates and a quick run down from the previous meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our PAC meetings!

This years Elected PAC officers:

President -Tennile Lachmuth
Vice President – Stephanie Halifax
Treasurer – Nola Lynch
Secretary – Kristin Markley
Fundraising Co-coordinator - Katy Zucker
Member at Large – Viv Crow