

# Henry Hudson PAC Fundraising – Direct Donation Appeal

October 2016

Dear Hudson Parents,

The PAC raises funds in order to enhance our children's educational experience beyond what is made possible by public funding – in the recent past PAC funds have gone towards playground equipment, computers, field trips, school supplies, textbooks, special speakers, dance instruction, gymnastics, athletic gear and more. Our Hot Lunch Fundraiser provides most of the income we need to meet our budget goals while providing a much needed service, but in order to get all the way there we need to do some additional fundraising.

In order to meet our 2016-2017 school year budget (which can be viewed on the PAC website, [www.hudsonpac.ca](http://www.hudsonpac.ca)) we would like to raise \$10,000 through one direct donation appeal now, and not take up your time and energy with a variety of product fundraisers (chocolates, plant sales, Entertainment Books, etc.) throughout the year\*. So we are asking you to please consider a donation of **\$50 per Hudson student** in your household. Any amount is of course welcome, and a tax receipt from the Vancouver School Board will be issued for any donation of \$10 or more.

PAC budget priorities are set each year in consultation with school administration, staff and parents. The \$5,981 raised in last year's direct donation appeal helped purchase a set of 30 laptops which have been heavily used; we are committed to providing a second set early this coming year so that there is a set on each floor of the school. In order to do this without reducing other budgeted items we need to reach our fundraising target!

Based on this year's budget, 38% of your donation will go towards resource and classroom materials and field trips for each class, 23% towards activities for the whole school such as dance and athletic programs, 10% towards support for educational trips and off campus outings for senior students, and 17% towards technology upgrades. The remaining 12% of your donation will support a variety of activities throughout the year such as the Winter and Spring Fairs, Sports Day, guest speakers, school athletic teams, the grade 7 leaving ceremony, pumpkin carving, etc.

To donate, please fill out the attached form and return it with your donation to your child's teacher or to the school office. Donations may also be made through electronic transfer – if you choose this method please follow the instructions on the form.

**Providing the contact information requested on the form or with an e-transfer will make it possible for the Vancouver School Board to prepare a tax receipt.**

Please be sure to make your donation by **November 30**.

The PAC executive thanks you for your support!

\*Please be aware, however, that other fundraisers not related to the PAC will occur during the school year, such as Grade 7 Grad, ChildRun, Terry Fox Run, etc.

## Hudson PAC Direct Donation Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount donated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of donation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Suggested amount is **\$50** per child; any amount is good, and **any amount over \$10 is tax receiptable.**
- Donations by cash or cheque are both fine; please make cheques out to the **Hudson PAC**
- Please put your donation and this form in a sealed envelope marked "PAC Fundraising" and bring it to your child's teacher or the school office
- Please make your donation by **November 30**

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If making a donation by e-transfer, please:

- When you add a recipient, make it "Hudson PAC" with the email [HudsonPAC@gmail.com](mailto:HudsonPAC@gmail.com)
- Make sure to send transfers by email and not mobile phone.
- Set up the Security question as follows: What school does your child go to? Answer: Hudson
- When you send the payment, please make sure to put "Direct Donation" and your name in the Message area, e.g. Direct Donation by Dawn Joe
- Please send a follow-up email immediately after making the transfer to Dana Thordarson, PAC co-treasurer, at [dana.thordarson@hotmail.com](mailto:dana.thordarson@hotmail.com) with your name, street address, city, province, postal code, phone number, amount donated and date of donation (i.e. all the information requested on the form above). **Providing this information will make it possible for the VSB to issue a tax receipt**, and for Dana to contact you should any question arise.

Many parents feel that government funding should cover some of what PACs fundraise for; your PAC executive always encourages people to express their opinions by letter or email to their local MLA and the BC Minister of Education ([educ.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:educ.minister@gov.bc.ca)).