

Henry Hudson Newsletter - January 2025

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year on behalf of the PAC Executive team. We hope everyone had a restful holiday break and a great start to 2025. Here are the latest updates on what's happening in the Henry Hudson community.

PAC Communications

Moving forward, the PAC will be sending out a monthly newsletter on the Monday following each monthly PAC meeting. This timing will ensure we can provide you with the latest information stemming from meeting discussions. It will also complement the timing of the Henry Hudson admin team's monthly newsletter which is sent at the beginning of each month.

PAC Executive Team

The PAC Executive team has a new member! Somy Hosseinzadeh attended the last District PAC meeting (DPAC), and has kindly volunteered to serve as our DPAC representative. She was voted in and confirmed at last week's PAC meeting. Welcome Somy.

Fundraising

The PAC is pleased to share that - not including November and December direct donations - a total of approximately **\$192,000** has been raised so far. This is a result of a significant anonymous donation received late last year, along with many generous donations made by Henry Hudson families this fall. A big thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising work to date.

We are currently reconciling donations raised through the Winter Fair and online auction and will provide an update on that in the next newsletter. A big focus starting this month will be our corporate fundraising program. The fundraising team is also working on a number of grants that have opened up in January.

Two fundraising templates can now be found on the PAC website. All parents are encouraged to share these widely to get the word out.

- The first is an email template for potential [Corporate Donors](#)
- The second is a more general letter template which can be used for any [Community donor](#) engagement.

Anyone with questions on the templates, or who may have a strong potential lead on a Corporate donor is welcome to reach out to any PAC Executive member or send an email to HUDSONPAC@gmail.com for additional support from the PAC fundraising team.

For families starting to think about plans for March Break, [Pedalheads](#) is providing the PAC a promotion code that can be used during sign up for their spring break camps. Details will be posted on the [PAC website](#) in the next few days.

Project update

The demolition of the old school and the building of the new school extension are coming along well and are on schedule.

Initial proposed designs for the new playground area were shared at last week's PAC meeting. As a next step, an updated proposal is being developed by Habitat Systems to be shared with students, parents and staff.

Plans for the playground will include ideas on how to incorporate pieces from the old playground which were salvageable. The playground is being designed to allow for extensions and additional structures as more funds are raised. The design is intended to create space between the play areas and potentially include natural play elements on the southwest corner of the property.

Upcoming PAC calendar events

Lots of great events and opportunities are being planned for the coming months. More details will be shared as they become available.

PAC Events (dates to be confirmed)

- Trivia night - Round two (TBC - February 21st)
- Dance party
- End of year BBQ & Summer Hang
- End of year auction

Next PAC meeting

Next month's PAC meeting will be taking place on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm in the Library. Sonja will be presenting on. Child minding will be available.

Other free family activities & workshops

- [Raincity Basketball Skills Sessions \(6-8yrs\)](#) at the Roundhouse Community Centre at the Roundhouse Community Centre
- [Raincity Basketball Skills Sessions \(9-13yrs\)](#)
- [Generation Health Community](#) interactive lifestyle program presented by YMCA

That's it for now, have a great month

PAC Executive team