



Santa Pancake Breakfast & Winter Market

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 8AM TO 12PM

Get ready to jingle all the way because this amazing bash is back in action! Join us to kick off the festive season with a delicious spread of pancakes, sausages, coffee, and hot chocolate that'll warm your soul. But wait, that's not all! Dive into arts & crafts, mingle with your community, and explore a winter market that's perfect for kickstarting your Christmas shopping. And guess who's on the guest list? The one and only **SANTA!**

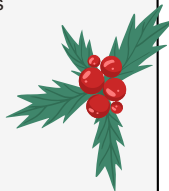
Curious as to what to expect on this big day? Have a peek at [last year's video](#) on the event. Stay tuned for ticket details.

We need your help!

As you can imagine, events like this require a sleigh full of resources and friendly faces. If you can help in any way with any of the goodies below, please give us a shout!

Winter Table Centrepieces

It's time to raid your backyards, dust off those old Christmas decorations, and go on a treasure hunt in your house! We need some items to whip up some table centerpieces. We'll need **pinecones, branches with greenery, ribbons, baskets, and more.** Our master plan? Create amazing centrepieces to adore at the event then sell them off after to boost up the PAC funds!



Item Donations

We are also on the lookout for donations from some generous local businesses, corporations, or even kind-hearted individuals for the following items enough for approximately 250-300 people:

- continental breakfast items for our volunteers
- candy canes
- mini marshmallows
- individual hot chocolate and tea packets
- coffee and small coffee cups, milk and cream
- plastic cutlery and napkins
- mandarin oranges

If we don't snag enough donations, we'll just dip into the PAC funds, so charm those grocery store or coffee shop managers, or make use of that Costco-sized napkin stash you've been storing! Every little contribution counts!



Volunteers

But wait, there's more! We're also rolling out the red carpet for a bunch of volunteer roles, and they'll be up for grabs soon (stay tuned). Here's a sneak peek of the positions we'll need filled:

- Kitchen wizards (pancake batter mixers, pancake flippers, sausage sizzlers, you name it!)
- Decorators
- Arts and crafts gurus
- Set-up and clean-up champs
- And a whole lot more!

A huge thank you in advance for your kindness and support! Let's spread some holiday cheer together!

Reminders at-a-glance

Next PAC Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
check-in at 6:15pm for childminding;
meeting starts at 6:30pm
Porter Street Library
Virtual option provided!

Friday, Nov. 1 - Hot Lunch - Loz Takos

***Thursday, Nov. 7** - Fruit & Veggie Day

Monday, Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - no school

Friday, Nov. 15 - Hot Lunch - **Little Caesars** (order by Nov. 5)

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Fruit & Veggie Day

Friday, Nov. 29 - Hot Lunch - **Loz Takos** (order by Nov. 19)

Sunday, Dec. 1 - Santa's Pancake Breakfast & Winter Market - 8am - 12pm

Friday, Dec. 6 - Krispy Kreme donut sale

***Thursday, Dec. 12** - Fruit & Veggie Day

Friday, Dec. 13 - Last Hot Lunch of 2024 - **Red Robin** (order by Dec. 3)

Wednesday, Dec. 18 and **Thursday, Dec. 19** - Christmas Concerts

Friday, Dec. 20 - Last day of school before Winter Vacation

**Date is subject to change due to availability*

See full [school calendar](#) for additional upcoming events.

Showcase yourself at our Winter Market

We are looking for vendors for the winter market! If you or someone you know have a small business and are interested in purchasing a table, please complete this form linked [here](#).

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

RESERVE YOUR TABLE @ PORTER SCHOOL WINTER MARKETPLACE
December 1
8 AM - Noon

Cost per vendor table ** \$35 **
Youth vendors ** \$25 **

Information & Applications:
pjbartel646@gmail.com

Proceeds go to Porter Street School PAC

PAC Family Donation Program

The PAC raises funds annually through SchoolCash Online to support school activities for children, such as classroom enhancements and cultural events. Donations of any amount are welcome, with 100% going directly to the school. Donations of \$25 or more will receive an income tax receipt.

Important note: participation in the Family Donation Program is not mandatory for students to access activities.

For questions, contact pspac.chair@gmail.com or pspac.treasurer@gmail.com. We have set a target date for donations to be received on or before November 6, 2024.

To donate, please log-on to your [SchoolCash Online](#) account. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Thankful

It's only been 2 months since school started, and we're already swimming in a sea of gratitude 😊 Check out these delightful memories of pure fun we've created together so far!

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, Oct. 4, students, teachers, parents, and volunteers united for The Terry Fox Run. Although the day began with heavy rain, it cleared up just in time! We extend our gratitude to everyone who took part in this significant event. Thanks to your efforts, we successfully raised over **\$3,400!** Congratulations to all! Be sure to watch [Mr. Jiwa's video](#) for a recap of the run.



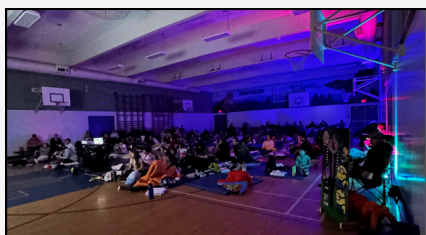
Porter Street Pop-up Pumpkin Patch

On the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 16, students and families were in for a delightful surprise! The incredible staff at Porter Street transformed into pumpkin wizards and whipped up a pop-up pumpkin patch! Our custodian rounded up a whopping 350 pumpkins, and the staff arrived bright and early to set the scene. Each class took a magical journey through the patch, where every kiddo snagged their very own pumpkin to take home. The air was buzzing with giggles and grins! Huge high-fives to the fantastic staff who made this enchanting day a reality, and to the awesome families who joined the fun. We're beyond grateful to be part of this amazing school and community!

Don't miss [Mr. Jiwa's video](#) or swing by this [Facebook post](#) to catch all the pumpkin-filled magic!



PJ Movie Night



We kicked off the school year with a bang at our first big bash, PJ Movie Night! Families cozied up to enjoy the newly released Despicable Me 4, while bonding and chilling on a rainy Friday night. A massive shout-out to our Events extraordinaire, Kathleen, the PAC Execs, the super parent volunteers, and Mr. Jiwa for orchestrating this fabulous soirée and paying attention to all the little details. A huge thank you to everyone who joined the fun and turned this night into an epic success!

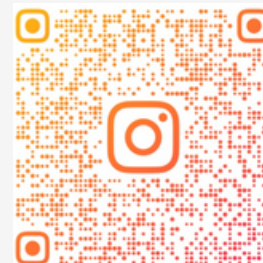
Engage and Connect with us!

We believe it's important for you to stay in the know, so in addition to this newsletter, we have multiple ways for you to stay on top of upcoming events and reminders.



Whatsapp

- Attend [PAC Meetings](#)
- **Subscribe to the [Calendar](#)** on École Porter Street website
- Visit the **Porter Street PAC website:** <https://www.pspac.com>
- Email us at pspac.communication@gmail.com
- Join the [PAC Action WhatsApp Group Chat](#)
- Follow us on **Instagram:** [porterstreet.pac](https://www.instagram.com/porterstreet.pac)



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What's Happening?

After School Programs available

We have a variety of after school programs available on-site at Porter Street! Currently, we have **Chess, Archery, and Musical Theatre**. Please see recent emails from Mr. Jiwa for more details.

Fruit & Veggie Program

This free-to-children program where one of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh, local BC foods such as fruits, vegetables and some dairy products to our students during class time. Check the [school calendar](#) for delivery dates.

Grab and Go Breakfast available every day

Thanks to funding provided by Porter Street and efforts of our wonderful counsellor, Grab and Go Breakfast is available every day from 8:30am to 8:50am at door 2 - (North undercover) and everyone is welcome to grab a healthy breakfast to-go.

KM Club

KM Club runs every Wednesday from 2:53pm to 3:45pm (North Undercover). Join us for this fun, optional drop-in running/walking club.

Counseling Corner

Our school counselor, Harriette Chang, works at Porter Street Elementary School on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and her primary goal is to support the academic and social/emotional needs of our students and to set them up for success. Please reach out to her if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic, social/emotional or nutritional needs at hchang@sd43.bc.ca or at 604.936.4296 (Porter Street phone number). Harriette also writes a column every couple weeks which focuses on social, emotional and nutritional related topics. Links to these columns can be found [here](#).

Hot Lunch



Ordering is done on [MunchaLunch](#) and must be submitted no less than 10 days prior to the hot lunch date (see upcoming order deadlines above). You can also place all your orders at once right into December!

Visit the [Hot Lunch Program page](#) for more information and detailed instructions including a demo video on how to place an order.

We are always looking for extra help! Volunteers can just show up and meet in the PAC room at 11:15am on hot lunch days. Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary. For Hot Lunch questions please email:

PorterStreetLunch@gmail.com.

Bonus: Hot lunch service is a fundraising activity for the PAC. Thanks for your support!

Fundraising Spotlight - Tru Earth 20/20 Event

Until Nov. 10, not only will 20% of sales go towards our PAC, but you can also save 20% off your order! Visit our [fundraising link here](#) and be sure to enter **Save20** at checkout to get in on this discount!



Volunteer with us!

We are always in need of volunteers, whether it's to coordinate hot lunches, set up and take down of equipment during events, or to coordinate some fundraising. Time commitment can be as much or as little as your schedule allows. **Without parent volunteers to help run events or programs, they cannot take place.**

Please reach out if you can help!

Ongoing (and almost effortless) Fundraisers

We rely on fundraising activities to be able to pay for things like equipment, sports jerseys, school upgrades, community & cultural events, and more.

In addition to fundraising events, we have [ongoing fundraisers throughout the year](#).

