

ÉCOLE HARRISON PAC

Monthly Newsletter



This Month in PAC!

Welcome Back, Harrison Families!

It's hard to believe another school year is already underway! We hope everyone had a great summer and that students and families are settling back into the routines of school, activities, and everything that comes with September.

After a busy and successful year, PAC is excited to get started again! Thanks to the incredible support of our Harrison families, we raised **\$7,020.85 last year** through our fundraisers. We are so grateful to everyone who ordered, donated, volunteered, attended an event, or helped us out along the way. It all adds up!

Last year, we made the decision to **aim big** with our fundraising and focus on improvements to our schoolyard. Our goal is to raise funds for **new swings and additional outdoor equipment**, including a gaga ball area and potentially other additions that will give our students more ways to enjoy their time outside. We know this is a big goal, but after seeing what our school community accomplished last year, we're excited to keep building on that momentum!

Of course, PAC is about much more than fundraising. It's also an opportunity for parents and caregivers to have a voice, learn more about what is happening at the school, help plan events and activities, and connect with other families in our school community.

Whether you came to every meeting last year, helped out when you could, or have **never attended a PAC meeting before**, we would love to have you join us this year. There is no commitment required to come to a meeting, and you don't need to hold a position or volunteer for everything to be part of PAC. **New faces, new voices and new ideas are always welcome!**

We're looking forward to another great year and can't wait to see what we can accomplish together!

Where Do PAC Funds Go?

We were recently asked a great question: **Where does the money raised through PAC fundraisers go?** We've been working to be more transparent by including the purpose of our fundraisers on the information we send home, but we thought it would be helpful to share some of the other things PAC helps fund throughout the year.

PAC funds help support:

- **Field trips and French cultural activities**
- **Grade 8 graduation celebrations**
- **Kindergarten T-shirts**
- **Family events and activities**
- **Staff Appreciation Week**
- **Childcare at PAC meetings** – we have two babysitters available at each meeting and pay each babysitter \$20
- **Playground and outdoor improvements**

In addition to these annual expenses, we are currently saving toward our larger playground and outdoor equipment goal.

We hope this gives families a better idea of where the money raised through PAC goes and some of the ways those funds are put back into our school community.

Teacher Wish Lists

We asked the teachers to compile a wish list of items they may want for their classroom. If you are looking for ideas or want to bless a teacher with something off their list, scan the QR code to bring you to the links for each wish list.



We Are on Facebook and Instagram

Use these QR codes to bring you right to our page and give us a follow to stay up-to-date



mabel's labels

Did you know we have an ongoing open fundraiser with Mabel's Labels?

You can purchase from them at any time and we earn a little bit - without costing you any extra! Over the summer we made \$160 from this open fundraiser.



If you use the QR Code it will bring you directly to the "Support a Fundraiser" section, search for École Harrison Parent Council, shop, check out and we earn money with no additional cost to you!



Meet Your 2026-2027 PAC

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Please reach out to any of us if there is any concerns you want the Parent Advisory to be aware of or if we can help in any way.

Also, please consider joining us either in person or virtually for our monthly PAC meetings. The next meeting date is
Wednesday, September 23rd at 6 pm.