**Welcome back!**

The Bert Ambrose Parent Advisory Council would like to welcome all of the students, parents and staff back to another fun filled year at Ambrose! We have collectively decided to try some different things this year and look forward to sharing them with you. As some of you know, we had our 2016/17 election night on September 13th, we would like to introduce your new PAC executive:

President - Corrie Bennie

Vice President – Teresa Brown

Secretary – Sonia Wheat

Treasurer - Michelle Stigners

Other helping members are:

Yearbook Coordinator – Tanya Hart

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Kelly Herriot and Sandy McDonald

Campbell’s Soup Label Collector - Shannon Stewart and Carrie Eldridge

Thanks to all these ladies!

If anyone else is interested in helping out in some other area’s, please email bertambrosepac@gmail.com

**What Is PAC?**

The School Act gives parents the right through PAC’s to assume an advisory role in every school in British Columbia. PAC is the voice of parents in their school and may advise the school board, principal and staff of issues they deem necessary.

All parents of every child in Bert Ambrose are members of our PAC and are encouraged to attend our meetings. They are typically held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Babysitting is provided and our goal is to keep the meetings to 1 hour.

**What does PAC do?**

The purpose of PAC can be:

 To provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the school

 To give input into school-based decisions

 To participate in goal setting

 To unify efforts of the school community towards the goal of quality of education

 To monitor & review school rules and conduct, Safety programs, learning materials, equipment and the building

 To educate parents

**What can you expect from PAC this year**?

This year we are changing some things up! We reviewed and changed our Constitution and Bylaws so you can expect another AGM in the Spring as we felt that is when it makes the most sense for our school. We have decided to cut back on the number of fundraisers we do. We have no Huge ticket items that we are currently wanting to purchase and with the economy being a little slow we felt it was better to cut back.

You can expect to see our Purdy’s Christmas campaign out the week of October 24, to be returned by November 3rd. The Christmas Campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Purdy’s has a great financial return and we northern people love our chocolate!

If there where any fundraisers in the past that you would love to see happen again this year, please contact any of the above members, email the PAC directly at [bertambrosepac@gmail.com](mailto:bertambrosepac@gmail.com) or come to our meetings, they are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Babysitting is always provided.

Please check out our PAC bulletin board for any updates, the meeting agendas and previous minutes. This is also posted on the website.

**Hot Lunch Program 2016-17**

The Bert Ambrose Hot Lunch Program will be on Wednesdays once again this year. Placing student orders, making payments and parent volunteering are all done online at https://ambrose.hotlunches.net. Thank you in advance for helping out with the lunch program as it is very popular with the Ambrose students. The response to online ordering and payment has been very positive. If you are having any difficulties with the online ordering system, we can be reached by email at ambrosehotlunch@gmail.com. We hope that all orders will eventually be placed and paid for online. If you do prefer to pay by cheque, please remember that cheques for hot lunch are made out to Bert Ambrose APPLE Group.

**Campbell Soup labels**

We are saddened to announce that the Campbell Soup label program is winding down and will be finished by January 1st 2017! Thank you to all the families that have been collecting and bringing in Campbell Soup labels over the years. The school uses these labels to purchase extra sports equipment for each classroom. Remember to check the poster opposite the office to see what you can bring in. It is not just soup labels but also Gold Fish crackers, V8 juices, Prego sauce, etc. The poster shows an example of what we need to send in. Take a minute to check it out and if you have any please bring them in by October 15th so we can submit our last order. Any questions just email Shannon Stewart at dsstew71@gmail.com. Thanks for your support with this program.

**Yearbook Update**

We’ve already started working on the 2016/2017 Bert Ambrose yearbook!  But we need your help.  Everyone who is willing to take photos throughout the year, please share with us!  If you have not done so already, download the Replayit app on your smartphone, or go to [replayit.com](http://replayit.com/" \t "_blank) on your computer.  Once you have registered, find our school in the list and start uploading.  It’s so easy!  All we ask is that you please go through your photos and only upload quality photos (not blurry, out of focus or the back of kids’ heads).  Also, try to tag the photos so we know who the kids are.  The greater photos we get, the better the book will be!  Also, if any parents want to volunteer as photographers for different events and field trips, please contact tanyalhart@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 11th at 6:30pm in the Ambrose Library. Babysitting will be provided.

Sincerely,

Bert Ambrose Parent Advisory Council bertambrosepac@gmail.com