

MINNEWASTA PAC OCTOBER BULLETIN



PAC Meetings

The Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm in the school Music Room. Everyone in the Minnewasta family is welcome to attend all PAC meetings, and we hope to see you when it works for you to come out! There is no obligation to do anything other than show up and enjoy some refreshments; however, we do hope everyone feels welcome to join in the conversation. Please note: we don't presently provide child care, but we are gauging interest as we move forward. **We hope you can make it out!**

Upcoming 2018 Meetings:

Tuesday October 9th at 7pm; Tuesday November 13th at 7pm; Tuesday December 11th at 7pm.



Family Movie Night

The PAC is pleased to present another Family Movie Night!

Join us **Friday November 9th at 7pm** in the Minnewasta School Gymnasium for a FREE screening of a family movie, which your child is choosing by vote this week! (*To be announced next week.*)

Popcorn and juice will be provided for all students and their siblings, and this year we will have a concession with extra treats for all ages! Doors will open at 6:30pm, and every child attending **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children are encouraged to bring a stuffy, blanket, and/or pillow to make for a comfortable evening. We hope to see you all there!



Hot Lunches

Hot Lunches will be held on the third Monday of each month, with exceptions of February and May long weekends, when they will be held the Tuesday following, and June for the family lunch.

Upcoming Hot Lunches: Monday October 15th; Monday November 19th; Monday December 17th.

Meet Your 2018-19 PAC Executive



Shayne Thomson
President

As a resident of Morden since 2010, I am very excited to be a part of the Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council. I am the proud father of Brielle and Kyra Thomson and the husband of Grade 4 teacher, Rhonda Thomson. I am encouraged by where Minnewasta has come and am looking forward to working with the rest of the PAC committee as well as the school staff to ensure a positive learning environment is being achieved.

My goal as PAC president is to work towards the betterment of the school and listen to the needs of those individuals that are responsible for providing education to our children.

Lastly, I wish everyone an enjoyable school year.



Carla Olusola
Vice President

In 2013 I moved to Morden from Winnipeg with my 3 kids - Gabriel, Josie-Grace and Micah. My first year in Morden was spent working as a nurse in a Kindergarten classroom. It was eye opening as I experienced first-hand the challenges and demands that are placed on teachers. At that point I began to support my children's classroom teachers in small ways while balancing the demands of raising my children and establishing my nursing career in a new community. Now that my children are all in school, 2 at Minnewasta and one at EMMS, I thought it was time to take on a new challenge with the Minnewasta PAC, in order to support the teachers and school in a more dynamic way. I look forward to the adventures ahead in this school year!!



Krista Walters
Secretary

My involvement with the PAC grew out of an interest in getting more involved with my family's school and meeting other families in the community. I am mom to Rosalie, in Grade 2, and toddler Linden, who I stay home with while I plug away at a degree in Canadian food and nutrition history. My husband, Carl, teaches Grade 3 at the school. I'm excited to be PAC's Secretary for a second year, and to get the experience of working with a new committee. It is my hope with each year to see more families feel welcome at PAC meetings, and to continue working on creating a space where everyone feels heard and valued. I hope to meet more of you this year, as we work together to keep building strong and inclusive relationships between Minnewasta students, staff, and families.



April Harms
Treasurer

This year I felt it was the right time for me to get involved with the Minnewasta PAC as all 3 of my children are now attending school here. I have a daughter (Rylee) in G. 3, a son (Grady) in Gr. 2, and another son (Jory) in Kindergarten. I am married to Curtis Harms who teaches Gr. 7 at Plum Coulee School. In addition to being a mom and wife, I am also a Speech-Language Pathologist at Garden Valley School Division. I thoroughly enjoy my role as a clinician within the school system and I am really looking forward to becoming more involved on the parent side of things at Minnewasta. This year I am hopeful that we as a PAC can continue to foster and strengthen a positive relationship with the school staff and to continue to support them in their roles in any way we are able. I am really looking forward to getting to know more of the Minnewasta families and hearing all of your suggestions on how we can best proceed throughout the year.