

Hello Robert Andrews School Parents,

My name is Kathy Walkow Speiss and I am the PAC Chairperson for this 2014-2015 school year. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets once a month to discuss ways in which we can support our school community. I invite all parents to attend PAC meetings. Our next meeting is on November 6 at 6:00.

At the last PAC meeting, it was decided that our fundraising efforts this year would go towards supporting three important events. Twice during this school year, we will be treating the student body to a *surprise* treat day. In the past, chocolate milk, cinnamon buns, popcorn and slushie drinks were some of the treats that the students have enjoyed. In the spring, we would like to show the staff of Robert Andrews School our appreciation for their hard work and dedication by hosting a Staff Appreciation week. Finally, in June, we have pledged to donate \$1,000 to the Grade 8 graduating class to help offset the cost of their farewell celebrations. The balance remaining from last year's PAC committee is \$149.07. In order to raise the money that is needed to carry out PAC's three events, we need the help and support of every Robert Andrews School family.

Our first fundraising venture will be the ***Farm to School*** program. Not only is this fundraiser a healthy choice, it offers a 50% profit! For every \$10 bundle sold, \$5 comes back to us. For every \$20 vegetable bundle sold, we keep \$10. Now this is a fundraiser that is worth getting excited about! The ***Farm to School*** fundraiser will run from October 15 to October 27.

Our second fundraiser comes just in time for the holiday season. We will be offering gift cards for multiple Manitoba merchants. Parents may purchase pre-paid gift cards from a number of popular businesses including gasoline stations, grocery stores, home improvement and department stores, sporting goods, specialty items and restaurants. Whether you are shopping for your child's teacher, soccer coach, swimming instructor or that hard to buy for family member, gift cards are always the correct size and perfect colour. More information about this fantastic fundraiser will be distributed in the near future.

Once your holiday gift card shopping is complete, you may need wrapping paper, ribbon and bows to put the final touch on your thoughtful gift. Check out the school website for information on shopping for wrapping items from the comfort of your own home as well as supporting your child's school at the same time.

I thank you for considering to support PAC's fundraising endeavours. Hank Rosso said that "Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving". If we all work together as a school community, we can teach our children, through example, about the powerful impact that fundraising can have.

Sincerely,

Kathy