SEPTEMBER
PAC Newsletter

WELCOME BACK:

The Minnekhada PAC would like to welcome all of our returning families and extend a special welcome to those who are new to our school community! We hope everyone had a fun, relaxing summer and is feeling refreshed and ready for a fantastic new school year. We're looking forward to another year filled with opportunities to bring our families and school community together. Throughout the year, the PAC will be working alongside the school to support our students, organize fun events and activities, and help make the middle school experience as memorable as possible.

The PAC is a great way to stay connected with what's happening at Minnekhada, meet other parents, share your ideas, and have a voice in our school community. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer or can only help out once in a while, every bit of support makes a difference!

We're excited for all the great things ahead and can't wait to see what this school year brings.

Here's to a happy, successful, and fun-filled 2026-2027 school year!

Welcome back, Mustangs!

The Minnekhada Middle School PAC invites you to our

PAC MEETING

Let your voice be heard!

Join us for our first PAC meeting of the school year! Meet other parents, learn more about what PAC does, hear what we have planned for the year, and share your ideas. Your voice and involvement help make a difference in our school community, and we'd love to see you there!



SEPT 28

7:00-8:30pm

Online via Teams. Watch your email for a link sent out by Ms. Reid.

Meetings will take place on the third Monday of the month.
subject to change, but notice will be given

MEET THE MINNEKHADA PAC

ANITA WILSON - PRESIDENT



Hello, everyone! I'm Anita, our current PAC President, and I've been involved with PAC for over 10 years now. I've served in many different roles on various committees along the way, including several years as PAC President at both the elementary and middle school levels. I'm a solo parent of two boys, currently in Grades 8 and 10, and I've lived in Port Coquitlam since my own elementary school days (waaay back when)! I've always had strong ties to our community on a personal level, and I'm also the founder of Coast Therapy, a business I started here in the Tri-Cities almost 30 years ago. Between family, business, schools, sports and activities, staying connected to the community, and the families and people around me has always been important to me. What I value most about being involved in PAC is having a front-row seat to what is happening in our kids' school and having a voice at the table. I'm looking forward to meeting more MMS parents and families, and to one more great year at Minnekhada!

KRISTA STUSIAK - VICE PRESIDENT

I am your 2026-2027 Minnekhada PAC Vice-Chair. I have been a Minnekhada parent for the last 2 years and served as PAC Secretary last year. I am looking forward to serving the Minnekhada community in this new role. I have two kids at Minnekhada (Logan, grade 8 and Amelia, grade 7) and my favourite fundraiser is the Purdy's fundraiser - a great excuse to order good chocolate. You can contact me through the Minnekhada PAC email or by coming to a meeting to get involved!

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LEE-ANNE THERON - SECRETARY

Hi! I'm Lee-Anne, and I'm the Secretary for the PAC this year. My daughter is in Grade 6, and this is our first year at the school. I own a local video, animation and design agency and also serve as a Girl Guides leader. I love being involved in our community, and when I'm not working or volunteering, you'll usually find me dancing, biking, camping or hanging out with my family and our two cats. I'm looking forward to being part of the school community!

KATARINA HALASZOVA - TREASURER



Hi all, my name is Kat and I am the treasurer on PAC. I work in higher education and student supports. In my spare time, if we are not out in the nature with our dogs, you will find me on Canva, designing curriculum and educational resources.



DIANA DI FABIO - DPAC REPRESENTATIVE

Hi everyone! I'm Diana, a mom of three, with my oldest daughter starting Grade 6 this year, so it's definitely a year of firsts for me! I'm excited to learn what this whole middle school parenting thing is about, and as your DPAC Rep, I'm looking forward to getting to know more about our community, figuring out how I can best support it, and how we can continue building on what's already been created here at Minnekhada! Wishing everyone an exciting year ahead!

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BREANNA COOK - FUNDRAISING



I'm Breanna and I've been the fundraising chair for 3 years now.

I have 1 child at Minnekhada (Gabe grade 8) and 2 kids at Blakeburn (Gavin grade 5 & Gio grade 3) and when I'm not shuttling them to sports I am selling River & Yacht cruises or travelling.

If you see me around the school please say hi!



LUISA MARTIN - HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR

I'm Luisa and the Hot Lunch Coordinator. You can find me in the Collab Space on Hot Lunch Days or in the Office prepping for Hot Lunch.

I am a Mom to 2 amazing boys! Adriano is in Grade 8 this yr & Seba has just started Grade 6 at Minnekhada.

Hope to see many of you around school or at PAC Events!

CORINNE VANDEN HOVEN - COMMUNICATIONS/SOCIAL MEDIA

I'm Corinne and I'm excited to be returning for my second year as the Communications Coordinator. I love being involved in our school community and helping keep families informed about everything happening at Minnekhada.
Outside of PAC, I'm a pediatric nurse at BC Children's Hospital, where I've been fortunate to work for over 20 years. I'm a busy mom to five very active kids–Tristan (17), Sydney (15), Griffin (13), Archer (8), and Phoenix (5), so life at our house is definitely never boring!
I also love travelling, baking, scrapbooking, and volunteering at my kids' sports and activities whenever I can.
I'm looking forward to another great year!



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KRIS VELJACIC - MEMBER AT LARGE

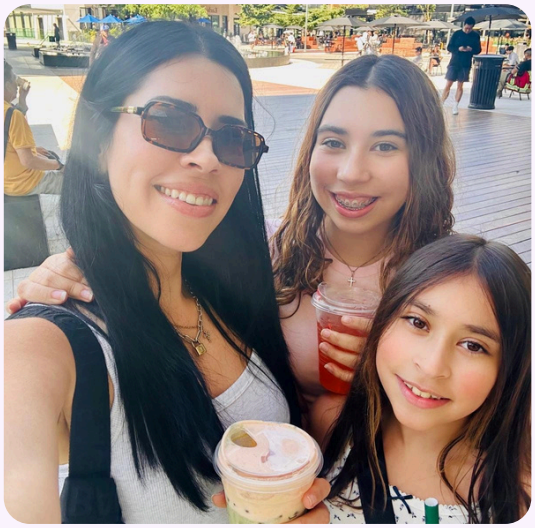
This is my 4th year with a student at Minnekhada, my son is in Gr. 7 on the Cougars team. Last year I started helping on hot lunch Wednesdays when my shift work schedule as an RT allowed.

This year I will continue my involvement with PAC as a Member at Large.

MARTHA FENOTTI - MEMBER AT LARGE

Hi everyone! I'm a mom of two daughters–one currently in Grade 8 at Minnekhada, with my younger daughter starting at the school next year. This is my first year as a Member at Large on the PAC, and I'm really excited to be part of the team!

One of the things I love most about being involved with the PAC is getting to volunteer for Hot Lunch and all the other fun and exciting events that happen throughout the school year. It's such a great way to be involved in the school community, meet other families, and help make these experiences special for the kids. I'm looking forward to a great year with everyone!



HOW TO CONTACT THE PAC

To ensure PAC messages reach all families, our main form of communication will be updates and notices via the Principal's and School's email.

We also have a more informal private PAC Facebook Page that we encourage you to join!

And if you ever need to reach us, you can email us!

@MinnekhadaPac

MinnekhadaPAC@gmail.com

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HOT LUNCH

OCTOBER 14

Domino's Pizza
Cassandra Cake Co

OCTOBER 21

Subway
TCBY

OCTOBER 28

Doughnut Love
Halloween Treat Day

NOVEMBER 18

Quesada
TCBY

NOVEMBER 25

Red Robin

DECEMBER 9

Freshii

DECEMBER 16

Little Caesers
Cassandra Cake Co



Ordering will take place on Munchalunch.
New families can set up their account here:
https://munchalunch.com/register
Returning families can update their account here:
https://munchalunch.com/login

Ordering opens: SEPTEMBER 21
Ordering Closes: OCTOBER 7 (for Oct 14 & 21 lunch dates)
& OCTOBER 14 for the rest of the term.

Be sure to place your child's orders before the deadline so they don't miss out on their favourite hot lunches.

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Ongoing Fundraisers

Cob's Bread

Location:
105-2020 Oxford Connector,
Port Coquitlam

How to Contribute:
Just mention Minnekhada Middle School at checkout and Cobs Bread Oxford Market will donate 5% of your purchase to the school.

PoCo Return-It Account

Location:
2577 Kingsway Avenue, Port Coquitlam

Account Number:
604 942 0261

How to Contribute:
Collect your containers in clear plastic bags, no need to sort them! Then head to the Express kiosk and use the account number above to print a label for each bag and place them in the bin.

Thank you for supporting the PAC fundraisers.