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# THE P A P O B U Z Z



## Welcome to the **PYTHAGORAS ACADEMY PARENT ORGANISATION (PAPO)** 2021-22 School Year

### To our Prestigious PAPO Community,

Welcome back and we look forward to another exciting and great year at Pythagoras Academy. The PAPO Executives are looking forward to seeing you all on our **FIRST PAPO meeting on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2021** via zoom, details to be sent on email and class WeChat soon.

What an excellent way to kickstart our 2021 school year, in just over 2 days, the Fall "Still Awesome" Uniform Sales helped PAPO raise over \$2200 - THANK YOU to our generous PA Parents for your support, contribution and help. Special thanks to all our wonderful parent volunteers. All funds raised are dedicated to enhance on our children's education at Pythagoras Academy.

### PAPO EXECUTIVE 2021-2022:

We would like to take this chance to welcome and meet all new and returning families to our Pythagoras Academy Community and to share our experiences, insights and thoughts.



### Introducing the PAPO Executive members for this year:

#### Co-Chairs:

Jeff De Guzman (G6, G4 & K)

Mackie Mack (JK2 & G3)

#### Vice Chair:

Branny Bian (G3 & G5)

#### Treasurer:

Jessee Liu (G3)

#### Secretary:

Elyza De Guzman (G6, G4 & K)

#### Assistant Secretary:

Carol Liu (G4)

#### Past Chair Advisors:

Ellie Cheng and Ella Chen

## PAPO 2020-21 FUNDRAISER:

Thank you for all parent participation and never-ending support for all these years. Even with the challenge of the pandemic, PA parents are a great example of making it possible – PAPO have proved that by working together as a community, we can make it happen. In November 2020, we completed our first ShopFunds Giftcard Fundraiser with over \$2000 raised. Then together with Mrs. Lois Powell, we were able to collect 806 books in total during the PAPO Book Drive. With over \$1300 of proceeds from the “Still Awesome Uniform Fundraising Sale” and over \$20,000 from the “2021 PAPO Online Auction”, we have wrapped up a truly meaningful year from all the wonderful and generous support from our **Pythagoras Academy Parent Community!**

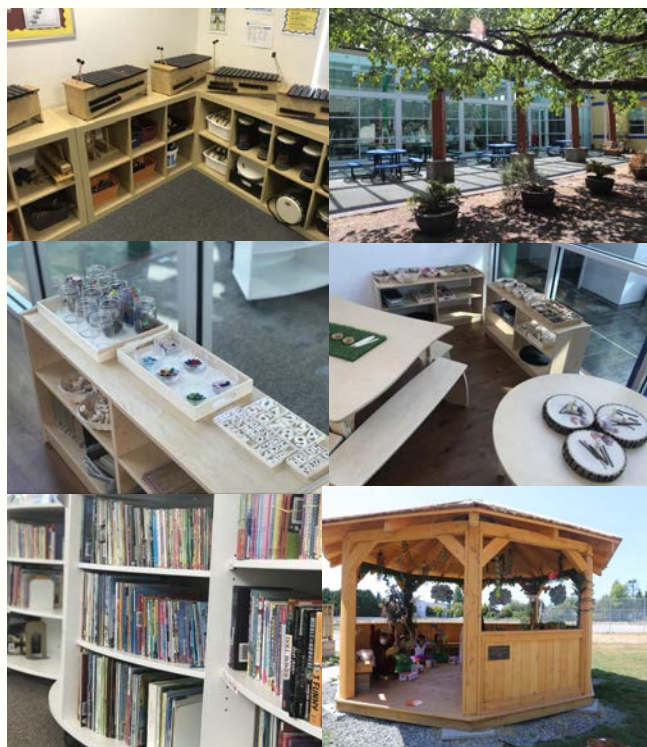


## PAST EVENTS & GALA PROCEEDS:

The resources and funds raised over the years have funded many enrichment resources and all funds raised will continue to be dedicated to the PAPO fund for future academic projects. Below are two of our latest projects funded by PAPO.

Story Studio & School Library - The bright Story Studio was launched in September 2020. This is adjacent to our school library which is filled with hundreds of diverse genres added every year by PAPO. Check out the PA Facebook or WeChat for a virtual tour.

Outdoor Classrooms – The November 2019 Gala Dinner funded our outdoor classroom which was launched in Spring 2021, a custom-built cedar gazebo classroom, complemented with five round-picnic tables designed to nurture our children’s learning outdoors.



## TEACHER'S REQUESTS & APPRECIATION:

The PAPO executive has always valued our educators and have provided them with resources they need to enhance our children's education. Teachers and staff of Pythagoras Academy were presented with termly gifts and goodies, to show them our Parent's appreciation for all their hard work. PAPO has continually supported teachers' requests for numerous resources with the proceeds from our fundraising events such as:

### Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Various teaching materials in languages and arts were added to the classes to spark their imagination, along with the Emilia Reggio materials implemented in 2021.

### Elementary

Three MakerBot 3D printers have been donated by PAPO along with two thermal cameras and two HD projectors for the Music and Dance studios. Garage band equipment for the Music studio was selected as well as a Richeson baby press package for the Art studio. Just for last year, a budget of \$2000 to purchase non-fiction books for the school library was approved and \$600 was given at the start of the 2020-21 school year for each class to purchase books for the PAPO classroom library. Special books were also purchased for the SUCCESS Centre.

## OUR OBJECTIVES:

The PAPO Executive organizes PAPO activities and events and encourage parent involvement in school, supporting programs that promote parent involvement. We aim to promote cooperation between the home and school in providing support for the education of our children. We always appreciate feedback, suggestions and mostly help from PARENTS.

To all interested parents, volunteers are always appreciated - being involved truly supports your children's love for learning. Please contact us at [papo.executive@pythagorasacademy.ca](mailto:papo.executive@pythagorasacademy.ca).

Thank you for your continued support of our community. We wish you a wonderful journey at Pythagoras Academy.

Warm regards,  
PAPO Executive

