

SD #38 HOWARD DEBECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## Help Fund the Replacement of our Playground Equipment

Dear DeBeck Families,

The DeBeck Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to thank all the parents and guardians who contribute their time to volunteer in and around the school to help build and promote the DeBeck community. We also acknowledge all our parents for their generous donations and participation in PAC fundraisers which has raised funds to support the students and teachers of DeBeck. Most recently, the PAC has been able to fund:

- whiteboard library tables that can convert into a standing whiteboard
- a refreshed sandbox at the back of the school
- an outdoor learning space at the front of the school currently in construction
- 6 additional iPads, completing a class set.

This year, the **PAC would like to kickstart a Direct Drive fundraiser for a brand-new playground.** DeBeck's main playground is approximately 20 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. In 2018, the BC Government introduced the Playground Equipment Program which greatly assists with fundraising the huge costs for new playgrounds, (typically starting at \$100,000 for a bare bones playground) based on age and need. Over the summer, we were ranked fourth on the Richmond School District's priority list to replace playgrounds. Provided this provincial program remains funded, DeBeck is projected to receive \$90,000 towards a new playground in 2021.

Examples of new school playgrounds that benefitted from this program can be seen at Grauer Elementary - 4440 Blundell Rd. (total cost: \$200,000) and Kidd Elementary - 10851 Shell Rd. (total cost: \$110,000), both of which received \$90,000 funding from the program to offset costs.

The DeBeck PAC has set a **goal to raise \$50,000 over the next 2 years** to be used with the Playground Equipment Program funding to construct a playground that will serve the DeBeck community for many years to come. To start this fundraising goal, the **PAC would like to ask for your generosity to support the Direct Drive fundraiser**, an easy and meaningful way to contribute to the school as we understand not everyone has time to volunteer due to demands of work, after-school activities and other commitments. 100% of your donation will go towards supporting your child(ren) at DeBeck.

We greatly appreciate any amount you can contribute. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible to receive a charitable donation tax receipt. To get a tax receipt for the 2019 tax year, please submit your donation and the completed form by **Friday, December 20, 2019 (last day of school).**

If you have any questions, please email us at [debeckpac@gmail.com](mailto:debeckpac@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and generosity!

Sincerely,  
Theresa Wong, PAC Chair

**OPTION 1: Tax Receipt Requested**

- Please complete the attached school district's General Donation Form to receive your tax receipt. (Please complete in English and PRINT in capital letters)
  - A minimum donation of \$20 is required
  - Please make your cheque payable to **Richmond School District SD 38**
  - Donor name on the cheque must match name on the General Donation Form
  - Return form and contribution to the front office in a SEALED envelope**
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**OPTION 2: No Tax Receipt Required**

- Please complete the below Howard DeBeck PAC Contribution Form
- Cheque payable to **HOWARD DEBECK PAC**. Cash donations are also acceptable
- Return form and contribution to the front office in a SEALED envelope**

**HOWARD DEBECK PAC Contribution Form**

Complete in English and PRINT in all capital letters

Donor Name: (If donating by cheque, donor name must match name on cheque)

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Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation amount** (please circle):

\$50            \$100            \$200            \$250            \$500            Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_