

April 17, 2015



## HPAC News

### ***BREAKING NEWS: The Highlands Natural Playground Playground Project has been approved!***

We are so excited to share the news that the School District has approved our Natural Playground design, and in record time!! They seem very supportive of the project and have given us the go ahead to proceed!

So the next steps are to put together an amazing HPAC Executive team at our May 12th HPAC meeting to ensure this project gets built next year! We need your help to make this project happen Highlands!

A special thank you to Todd Henderson, Jackie Hoffer, Chris O'Donohue and the rest of our Natural Playground Committee for all of their hard work!

Here are a few images of the playground (click links to see full size images):

#### **1. "The Grove" - Outdoor Learning & Play Area** [\(link to Grove autocad\)](#)



#### **2. "The Grove" - 3D birdseye view** [\(link to Grove 3D birdseye\)](#)



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**3. "The Grove" - teaching shelter**  
([link to Grove teaching shelter](#))



**4. "The River's Edge" - Active Learning & Play Area**  
([link to Rivers Edge autocad](#))



**5. "The River's Edge" - detail shot**  
([link to Rivers Edge 3D](#))



Huge **kudos** and **thanks** to **Tracey Lebedovich** for spearheading the natural playground idea and successfully guiding it through the approval process!

Now, onto the rest of this week's news...

*If you would like to include any information in the weekly HPAC News, please forward your submission to [kirstiepirie@yahoo.com](mailto:kirstiepirie@yahoo.com) by Wednesday afternoon.*

## Highlands PAC Executive Opportunities

Have you heard? ... We are still looking for **two volunteers** to take on the roles of **Co-Chair** ([President](#) and [Vice President](#) job descriptions) and **Co-Fundraising Coordinator** ([Fundraising Coordinator](#) job description) with the HPAC Executive.

The Highlands Parent Advisory Council is made up of all parents of children who attend Highlands Elementary School. And the Executive are elected each year to represent all parents and to take on a leadership role at the school.

The HPAC elections will take place at the AGM on Tuesday, May 12. That's three weeks and three days from today to find volunteers to fill these roles.

As highlighted previously, if you want a rewarding position that helps make our community a better place and keeps a very large amount of hard earned money in the HPAC coffers to benefit our kids, please come talk to us. The school and our kids need you.

If you are interested or have any questions about any of these roles, please contact Dana at [danacave@gmail.com](mailto:danacave@gmail.com) or Brandy at [brandyhughes@gmail.com](mailto:brandyhughes@gmail.com).

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## **What If Your Relationships Were Better?**

### **HPAC Parent Education Seminar**

***NEXT WEEK:*** Wednesday, April 22 7:00 - 8:30pm

Highlands Library

Originally Jacquie Stebbings used her coaching skills to help her staff and her clients create better work/life balance — today she wants to help people discover what it takes to positively transform their relationships. Always interested in people and how they relate, Jacquie continues to enhance her ability to support others through her on-going study into what is at the heart of relationships that work.

Jacquie is a parent with daughters at Ross Road (grades 1 and 3) and a grade 5 son at Kenneth Gordon. She is a Certified Personal Life Coach committed to helping people make lasting changes in their communications and in their relationships. Jacquie began her coaching career in 2003 while also operating a brain injury rehabilitation company she established in 1996.

Please register by **April 21** on Eventbrite with the following link:

<https://eventbrite.com/event/16321317500/> .

Seminar is by donation. All monies collected at the door will be used towards new library books.

## **Talent Show**

**Tuesday, May 5 7:00 pm**

***Tickets on Sale: Monday, April 20***

Talent Show auditions are underway and we are super excited about all the amazing student talent that will be showcased this year!

Talent Show tickets will be going on sale **Monday April 20th** - keep an eye out for posters at the school and a handout that will be coming home. There will be a limited number of tickets available so be sure to buy them early! \$5 for adults and \$3 for

students.

***Talent Show Program Art Competition:***

Calling all artists! The Talent Show Committee is seeking submissions for **student art** for the cover of the Talent Show Program.

Submissions should conform to the following requirements:

- portrait style on 8.5" x 5.5" paper
- appropriate for elementary school audience
- include: Highlands Elementary Talent Show, 7pm May 5, 2015

The deadline for submission to the office is **Tuesday, April 21**. One lucky artist will have their art chosen for the cover.

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**Spring Plant Sale**

***Order deadline: Wednesday, April 29***

***Plant pick up: Saturday, May 9 12:00 - 4:00 pm***

Premium hanging flower and strawberry baskets, mixed patio planters, and assorted herb and tomato packs... order forms were sent home in backpacks earlier this week.

These plants are a great way to brighten up your patio, kick start your garden, or give a "thank you" to mom or someone special. These products are beautiful and the quality is outstanding. Order now and receive yours just in time for Mother's Day (May 10)!

Orders can be made using the [attached order form](#) or online here: <http://highlandselementary.plants4nonprofit.com>

**Highlands 3rd Annual Spring Fair**

**Saturday, May 9th**

**12:00 - 4:00 pm**

Don't miss out on Highlands Spring Fair! This community event is fun for all ages so invite your family and friends! The excitement includes 15 Carnival Games, 2 Bouncy Castles, Velcro and Climbing Walls, Ponies, Dunk Tank, a Selfie-Booth, Entrepreneur Fair, BBQ + Concession... plus much much more!

***Basket Raffles Themes:***

Div 1 Movies and Music

Div 2 Spa Slumber Party

Div 3 Gardening Fun

Div 4 Outdoor Enthusiast

Div 5 Beach Picnic

Div 6 Family Game Night

Div 7 Sunday Brunch

Div 8 Craft Beer

Div 9 Wine Lovers

Div 10 Italian Kitchen

Div 11 Building Toys

Div 12 Outdoor Fun

Div 13 Crafty Kids

Div 14 Kids in the Kitchen

Div 15 Weekend BBQ

Div 16 Asian Cuisine

Div 17 Barbies and Dolls

Grade 7's – Italian Kitchen (x2)

Pre-ticket sales will begin next week. Please watch backpacks for details!

### **Volunteers Needed**

Parents or kids interested in volunteering for a fun and easy one-hour shift at the fair should email [danacave@gmail.com](mailto:danacave@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your support of Highlands Elementary!

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Businesses looking to contribute to the event should email [marnie@premont.com](mailto:marnie@premont.com). Recognition will be prominent at the fair and on the HPAC website.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated, however, we are looking for sponsorship of the following specific events:

- \$100 for the Kiddie High Striker
- \$200 for the Candy Wheel
- \$250 for each Bouncy Castle (we will have 2 on site)
- \$350 for the Selfie Booth
- \$500 for the Edge Climbing Wall (running 1-3)
- \$700 for the Ponies (running 1:30-3:30)

### **Entrepreneur Fair**

There is already great excitement brewing with regards to the Entrepreneur Fair at the Spring Fair! Application forms were handed out last week and additional copies are on the HPAC board. Interested students need to submit their application form into the HPAC box by **May 1**.

Any questions please contact Dana Cave at [danacave@gmail.com](mailto:danacave@gmail.com). A copy of the information sheet/application is attached [here](#).

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## **Walk and Wheels Halfway Mark**

### **Thursdays: April 2 - May 7**

Three down and three more Thursdays to go! Walk and Wheels was held yesterday with students and parents choosing to leave the car at home and walk, bike or scooter to school.

Tokens are handed out to Walk and Wheels participants at the front of the school, then

students place the tokens in the class division boxes for counting. The always popular **Golden Sneaker Trophies** are awarded to both the Primary and Intermediate classes with the most participation each week!

*Congratulations to Divisions 8 (Mitchell/Parker) and 12 (Patterson) for being awarded the Golden Sneaker yesterday!*

## **In the Community...**

### **BeTheChange@North Shore - Pre-Teen Conference**

(For youth in grades 6 and 7)

Saturday, April 25 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

[Information Poster](#)

[www.connectforkids.ca](http://www.connectforkids.ca)

### **Save the Date - Cheakamus Centre (Outdoor School) Open House**

Sunday, May 3

Open House provides a great opportunity for parents to see first-hand what Cheakamus Centre is all about - and also have a fun, family day in nature. For further information, please see the poster on the NVPAC [blog](#).

### **Unwrapping Bubble Wrapped Kids: The Power of PLAY**

Monday, May 4 7:00 pm (\$5)

Centennial Theatre

Learn more about the importance of play, especially risky play, to children's growth and development. Parents and anyone concerned about the need for quality play for children and youth will find this event interesting and informative. After the keynote presentation a panel will discuss 'risky play' and potential steps to enhance play opportunities for all children. A question and answer session will wrap up the evening.

Registration is required:

<https://econnect.northvanrec.com/ereg/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?aid=3892>