



HPAC News

*April 25,
2014*

It's Ecofest today! If you ordered plants, please remember to pick them up at **3:00 pm today** at the front of the school. There will be a few plants for sale at the same time.

Also, please remember that next **Wednesday, April 30** students will be **dismissed at 2:00 pm** for staff collaboration.

It's another newsletter full of information for you, here goes...

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Help Us Update Highlands Logo

One Survey Deadline: Friday, May 2

One week left to vote! We'd like to invite you to vote on a new Logo for Highlands School! (The current logo is at the top of this newsletter and the on HPAC web site home page.)

We realize a few of the parents at Highlands are graphic designers and we weighed the options of having a competition, but as "every one is a winner", we might have fifteen winning logos.

Actually, we had a time constraint and we just went for it.

This way you can blame it all on us, and know that you could have designed something far superior, and that we all could have weighed the options for months, or even had an arm wrestling competition over it, but time was not on our side.

The grade sevens want a new banner for Swanguard, and the thought of putting our current logo up there sent us into a tizzy of action.

We have found a few logos which could work. Not everyone will love them, but we will be able to READ them, which is a good start. Have your kids choose for your family! That way you still might get to have an arm wrestling competition!

There are two options (see below) to choose from and the survey (using Survey Monkey) takes seconds to complete.

Please vote no later than **Friday, May 2.**

Ready...set....VOTE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VPDL9NV>

LOGO #1:



LOGO #2:



Thanks everyone, we appreciate your input on this.
- HPAC Executive

Grade 7 Car Wash

Saturday, May 3 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Highlands School

Help the Grade 7s raise money for their Legacy Gift to Highlands School (the above mentioned new banner for the school) by bringing your vehicle for a wash. Save those muddy cars and trucks for **Saturday, May 3!**

Prices: \$ 7 for a car
\$10 for a SUV

If you would like to schedule a particular time (to try and avoid longer waits), you can pre-buy a ticket from a Grade 7 student in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy or Paul at neharrison@shaw.ca.

Highlands Spring Fair

Saturday, May 10 12:00 - 4:00 pm

(Raffle basket contributions due TODAY: Friday, April 25)

Highlands annual Spring Fair is right around the corner. Students, parents and members of the community are invited to join us for an afternoon jam-packed with fun!

Highlights of the day include a Velcro Wall, Bouncy Castles, Carnival Games, CD Creations, Ponies, The Edge Climbing Wall, Hair & Nail Salons... and tons more. Loads of food will be available so please bring your appetite.

The Basket Raffle is an exciting component of the fair. As per the recent emails sent out by class reps, we are in the process of creating unique gift baskets to raffle off. Every classroom has been assigned a theme with a list of **suggested** items that parents can donate. The due date for basket contributions is TODAY: Friday, April 25th.

If you can VOLUNTEER for an hour or two on May 10th please email danacave@gmail.com.

Watch backpacks early next week for pre-ticket sales.

HPAC Social Committee - Call for Volunteers

Highlands PAC is putting together a Social Committee in addition to the Fundraising Team. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and make a difference: a perfect fit for new parents to the school.

The Social Committee will be in charge of events like the "welcome back coffee", movie nights, bingo nights, and any other fun events you come up with! This isn't a huge commitment, and there are only as many meetings as you decide to have. Our goal is to have one parent representative from each grade.

The Fundraising Team will still organize the big events like the Welcome Back BBQ, the Parent Social, and Spring Fair. (Those are the biggies, so you are off the hook there!)

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please email Jennifer van Eijnsbergen at jennifervan@me.com.

The Lowdown on the Country Hoedown

The April 11th Father Daughter Productions Hoedown Dance was a great success! Thank you to all of the 240 plus who attended and congratulations to Ashley Smith and her dad, winners of this year's coveted "Highlands Best Dancers Award".

The dance started with a western line-dancing demo and then went into a full on dance fest led by the great dual DJ team Jordan and David. In the words of our experienced DJs, "The Highland's Father Daughter Dance is among the best in spirit and participation he's ever seen."

A very big thank you to all of our sponsors, with special thanks to Nikki and Chris Brown for their generous contributions that included this year's door prize: a weekend in Whistler. With the ticket sales and raffle draws, we raised just over \$2,000 for HPAC!

Finally, a huge thank you to the amazing organizing team: Carrie Cybak, Tiffany Erdman, Angie Foulds, Jacqui Lilley, Anita Tannis, Jodie Tiekler and Meghan Menning for all of their passion and effort in bringing the dance together.

Best regards,
Jeff Erdman, FDD Chair

Parent Course: Behaviour Management That Really Works

Tuesday, April 29 - Tuesday, May 27 (5 sessions)

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Highlands Kids Club, 3150 Colwood Avenue

This course is a great tool for parents and staff of elementary school aged children having behavioral issues and challenges.

For more information and to register go to: <http://www.highlandskidsclub.ca/#!/parent-course/c18c5>

Reminder:

Birthday Books at Edgemont Kidsbooks

Rather than baking up a storm to mark your child's birthday, please consider donating a book to Highlands Library that you can purchase at Edgemont Kidsbooks. Kidsbooks has a Library Wish List that:

- was created by Highlands Librarian Ms. McGee,
- includes fiction and non-fiction for all grade levels, and
- lists books at various price points.

Make sure you mention that the book is for Highlands to receive a **10% discount**. Once purchased, the student can share the book with their teacher/classroom and then give the book directly to Ms. McGee. She will have recognition labels for students to complete and put in their donated book.

Visit the HPAC Website

The HPAC website (hpac.wildapricot.org) is the place to find the latest updates and news on HPAC events and business. Please visit us regularly!
