



HPAC News

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Congratulations to all the students and teachers at Highlands for putting on such a fun and festive concert last night! What a great way to kick off the season.

A few quick updates...

The **Poinsettia Sales** raised **\$740** for our school! Thanks for your support. Hopefully the plants are adding holiday cheer to your home.

Gingerbread Decorating Event: Thanks to your participation, over **\$950** was raised for Highlands in addition to ending the week on a festive (sugar) high!

Today is the last day to provide your feedback into the **School Safety Survey**. Please ensure your input is included: <http://www2.cnv.org/schoolsafetyreview/>

Are you referencing "Highlands Elementary School" when you make purchases at Edgemont **Cobs Breads**? Remember **5%** of your purchases go directly to HPAC - very easy, but you need to let them know when you pay! :)

Become a Holiday Elf!

Bring on the Books Strategy- HPAC Books for the Library Strategy

How can your child become a Holiday Elf?

As a gift to the school, Highlands students/families are encouraged to become Holiday Elves by forgoing a gift for themselves and instead purchasing a book off the Library Wish List located at Edgemont Kidsbooks. This Wish List was created by Highlands Librarian Ms. McGee, includes fiction and non-fiction for all grade levels, and lists books at various price points.

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Once purchased, the students can then give the book directly to Ms. McGee. She will have labels for students to put in the book. The children will be able to "visit" their book when they and their peers are in the library. This is a great way to encourage giving to others!

With each book purchased off the list, Highlands library will receive a 15% credit at Edgemont Kidsbooks (and another 15% off future books purchased by Highlands library). In the long run, this will provide greater discounts for our library.

Post-Christmas Book Drive and Sale

Do you have any quality used children's and young adult books that you no longer want? Please hold onto them until **after** the Christmas break. HPAC will collect these books at the school January 6 - 17. The books must be in excellent condition and no older than 2008. All picture books must be hard-covered.

Once collected, volunteers will sort through the books. Those books suitable for the library will be catalogued and added to the library collection. The others will be sold by HPAC as a fundraiser with the intention of all profits directed back to the library.

Highlands Kids Club Winter Break

If you need to get some last minute Christmas gifts or hit the sales without kids in tow, consider the Highlands Kids Club 'drop in' facility.

They will be open December 30 - 31 and January 2 - 3 and have an exciting programme of events to keep the children entertained. (Kids Club will be closed December 23 - 27 and January 1.)

For further details, please contact Elsie Webb, Head Supervisor/Director at 604-985-6958.

Scholastic Book Fair Thanks

Last week's Scholastic Book Fair was a big success! All funds raised will go to our school library.

Thank you to those participating in the Wish List program for the classrooms and the library (another big success!), and an extra **big thanks** to the following list of volunteers who helped make the book fair possible:

Allison Adshade
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Meredith Kennedy
Sheida Mortensen
Lori Rutherford
Jane Schunke
Tracey Thompson
Eva Veraghtert
Jennifer Williams

Tree Chipping and Returnables Collection

Sunday, January 5 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Montroyal Elementary School - 5310 Sonora Drive, North Vancouver

Don't know what you will do with your tree and returnable bottles once the holidays are over? Our neighbour, Montroyal Elementary School, has organized tree chipping and the collection of returnables (bottles, cans and tetra paks) for the community on **January 5**.

Chipping will be by donation with proceeds going toward the Montroyal Grade 7 year end activities. Bartlett Tree Experts are making this service possible.

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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!