



HPAC News

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We wish you and your family a very festive and happy holiday!

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Become a Holiday Elf!

'Bring on the Books' - 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.

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.

Please place your books in the boxes located at the front of the school.

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.

Saleema Noon: Sex Talk, No Sweat

A Workshop for Parents

January 13 7:00 pm Highlands Library

Not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about sex, but all parents can learn to be comfortable.

During this open and informational session, parents will come to terms with sexual health, and understand how it fits into the lives of their children at this stage of life. Attendees will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the questions children ask.

The workshop is light-hearted, but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good sexual decisions for a lifetime.

The sessions for students will follow on January 14 and 15.

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.
