

December 5, 2014



## HPAC News

A VERY BIG Thank You to all of the students and their families as well as the teachers for giving so generously to the Christmas Bureau this holiday season. We delivered approximately 15 boxes of gifts as well as an envelope filled with gift cards and bus passes. It was incredibly exciting to be able to deliver so many fabulous items!

Thank you to the classroom coordinators/ decorators, Club G and the class reps for helping get the word out. Those who were able to help drive the donations to the Christmas Bureau were able to see the Toy Shop getting set up by their many volunteers. They heard and saw how appreciated all the donations were. The fabulous toys, teen gifts and hamper items for those struggling this year were received with open arms.

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### December 5 Reminders

**Poinsettia** - Pick up your orders today in the front hall after 3:00 pm.

**Gingerbread House Decorating** - Begins today at 3:00pm in the gym. There will be a limited number of house kits for sale (\$12/kit).

### December 2 HPAC Meeting

The meeting minutes provide a summary of the discussion and decisions at HPAC meetings. For your information, the draft minutes from Tuesday's HPAC meeting are now available on the HPAC web site. Take a look and see what happened at the meeting!

### SRA (Safe Routes Advocates) Ministry of Transportation Safety Survey

Survey Open until: December 12

As discussed at this week's HPAC meeting ... many Highlands' parents have expressed concerns about the safety of our students as they travel to and from school; we have a

chance to speak for young families through Ministry of Transportation Survey. The BC government is in the midst of writing their 10 year Transportation Plan and are looking for your feedback.

<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/transportationplan/>

Consider using the comment section of the survey to ask that money be allocated to improving the safety around our schools, by providing crosswalks, sidewalks, sidewalk letdowns at intersections, traffic calming, more signage, better lighting on roads and in all traffic planning to consider road access for all ages and all abilities. Here is a short list:

1. BC needs a provincial active transportation plan (as NS, ON, QC have): a provincial walking, cycling, and rolling strategy.
2. BC needs to fund and dedicate human resources to implement the provincial strategy.
3. Pedestrians-first approach (active transportation and safe routes) should be the top priority.

**Your voice can only be heard if you use it, and here is our "once every decade" chance. The survey closes December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## **A New Community Partner: BC Playthings!**

### **Christmas Shopping Night: Tuesday, December 9 5:00 - 9:00 pm**

Join us on Tuesday, December 9 (5-9pm) and **10%** of all sales go to Highlands Elementary School.

Beverages, treats, in-store credit specials and complimentary gift-wrapping, stocking stuffers and don't forget to invite the grandparents.

## **Santa's Workshop Market Next Week - Call for Donations!**

**Items Collected: Monday, December 8 - Thursday, December 11**

**Market Date: Friday, December 12**

Call for donations! Collection of like-new items for our Santa's Workshop Market will take place between Monday, December 8 - Thursday, December 11. Deposit your donations in the boxes outside the gym. Suggestions include books, toys, jewelry, bath products, housewares, kitchen items, ornaments and DVDs. Gifts for brothers, dads and grandpas are always in high demand.

Send your kids to school on Friday, December 12, with money in small denomination and a bag labeled with their name to carry their gifts home. All Highlands students will have an opportunity to partake this year and 100% of proceeds will be donated to charity in the spirit of holiday giving.

## Kidsbooks - Holiday Elves

### *How can your child become a Holiday Elf?*

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

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

Highlands library will receive a credit at Kidsbooks for 15% of all books purchased off the list, (in addition to the 15% discount already provided to the Highlands library and staff).

## Food Days Ordering is Open Again...

### Order Deadline: Friday, December 19

This year we have moved to three Food Days ordering periods and ordering for the second period starts today Friday, December 5.

A couple of things to remember:

- All orders must be received by Friday, December 19 at midnight.
- Payment will only be received via Paypal.
- There are **no refunds or changes** after Friday, December 19, 2014.
- If you are away during a Food Day, please consider it a donation to the HPAC.
- Click [here](#) to complete your order.

## Labels Labels

Help save your student's clothes from the Lost and Found piles (remember that all unclaimed items will be given to a local charity after December 11) and raise funds for HPAC.

Also, with approximately 150 Spirit Wear t-shirts and hoodies arriving before the holidays, it will be hard to keep track of individual items without names attached.

HPAC receives **10%** percent of all sales.

To order, go to: <https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/13895-highlands-elementary>

# Highlands Kids Club Winter Break Program

highlandskidsclub.ca

Monday, December 29 (7am - 6pm): Snow Flake Science

Tuesday, December 30 (7am - 6pm): PJ & Movie Day

Wednesday, December 31 (7am - 6pm): Mad Hatters Tea Party

Thursday, January 1: Closed

Friday, January 2 (7am - 6pm): Make your own Pizza

For more information, please contact Elsie Webb at 604-985-6958.

## In the Community...

### Grosvenor Edgemont Information Centre:

Learn more about the Grosvenor's proposed development at the northwest gateway to Edgemont Village ([www.grosvenoredgemont.com](http://www.grosvenoredgemont.com)).

The Grosvenor Edgemont Information Centre at 3044 Edgemont Boulevard will be open to the community from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates:

Saturday, December 6th

Saturday, December 13th

Saturday, December 20th

If you cannot attend on any of these dates, you can also call 604-699-0036 to set up an appointment to speak with a member of the team.