



HPAC News

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THANK YOU for your donations to the classroom Christmas Hampers. On Monday, parent volunteers delivered 15 full boxes of items to the Family Services of North Shore. The staff were thrilled to receive so many items and expressed their gratitude for Highlands families' generosity.

If you ordered **poinsettias**, please remember to pick them up after school today in the front hall.

The **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating** will begin shortly after the last bell today. If you placed an order, please come to gym to begin the decorating!

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UPDATE: Bring on the Books Strategy aka HPAC Books for the Library Strategy

Thank you to everyone who bought books off the Library Book Wish List at this week's Scholastic Book Fair! These will help improve the book supply in Highlands library. The next book fair will be held in the spring.

There are two other ways for Highlands' families to help increase the number of books in our library. We welcome you to assist in either or both of the following ways:

1) KIDSBOOKS – HOLIDAY ELVES REVISED

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!

Discount Update: Rather than provide a 10% discount to parents 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.

2) POST-CHRISTMAS BOOK DRIVE & SALE

We ask all Highlands families to go through your collection of books at home. If 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.

Christmas Concert Tickets: Online Exchange

We understand that some families missed out on purchasing tickets to this year's Christmas concert. If you are looking for tickets, please use the link below and add your contact information to the Google document.

Parents who have extra tickets or who bought tickets and are unable to attend, please view the document and contact the families looking for tickets.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvAjb8sVZCLRdDFIbWRWZ1cxNDNDc2U2LXNNQ2Nkdmc&usp=sharing>

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.

Parent Education Opportunity

Encouraging a Love of Reading in Children

Wednesday, December 11 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Grand Boulevard Parent Participation Preschool - 520 E 20th Street, North Vancouver

Dr. Christianne Hayward will be speaking about book suggestions and strategies for inspiring a love of reading in children. Please review her attached biography and website to learn more about her: www.christiannehayward.com

For more information about the session or to buy tickets (\$10 per person), please contact Maria King: maria.mersina.king@gmail.com.

RSVP to Maria by **Monday, December 9**.

School Safety Review - Transportation Conditions around Schools

Deadline to complete Survey: Friday, December 13

As parents or guardians of children at Highlands, you have an opinion about transportation conditions and safety around our school. The City and District of North Vancouver and the North Vancouver School District are asking for your input.

Please complete the survey at <http://www2.cnv.org/schoolsafetyreview/> by **Friday, December 13**. (It takes less than five minutes to complete.)

All respondents who provide their contact information will be entered into a draw to **win one of two prize packages** of cycling accessories.

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!
