



HPAC News

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Thanks to all the parents who attended the Saleema Noon sexual health education parent information session on January 13 - the library was full. Parents were relieved to hear statistics that prove sexual education *actually* delays exploration. It seems the more children know, the less they feel the need to find out the old fashioned way. Whew!

When you're shopping at Cobs Breads in the Edgemont Village, don't forget to mention 'Highlands Elementary' before you pay your purchase - 5% will go to our school!

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Friday Food Days

Order Deadline: Friday, January 17 (No exceptions)

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER

Don't miss your chance to NOT make lunch on Fridays for the rest of the school year! Today is the last day. No late orders will be accepted.

All the information you need is found on the [Friday Food Day](#) tab on the HPAC web site. Click on the "MunchaLunch" icon to place your order.

Please contact the Food Days Coordinator (lunchmum@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Did we mention that today is the last day to order?

Support Safe Routes Advocates

Public Presentation to the District of North Vancouver

Monday, January 20 7:00 pm (5 minutes presentation)

Are you concerned with the safe travel of your children to school?

Representatives from the Handsworth family of schools have collaborated to form the **SRA: Safe Routes Advocates**. On Monday, we are presenting as a delegation to the District of North Vancouver (DNV) for the benefit of all our schools.

The SRA have been working for months on a report that will help **create safer routes for children/families to travel to their respective school**, and are committed to continuing this work on your child's behalf.

Please support us on **Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm** at the DNV Municipal Hall (355 West Queens Road). We need the DNV to see that parents care, that they need this. Bring the kids, this issue affects them the most! It is a 5 minute presentation.

The SRA Delegation will making three distinct asks to the DNV:

1. That the DNV Council pass a motion to direct DNV staff to review our 'Report for Safer Route Recommendations'. We request that each school be given a formal opportunity to review our findings before the end of February 2014, with a regular chance to speak to the issues at hand, for example, at a quarterly meeting.
2. That the DNV Council follow through on implementing the DNV Bicycle Master Plan (with safe bike routes for all our schools).
3. That a 'Safe Routes to School' Pilot be focused on Highlands Elementary by placing a crossing guard at the corner of Colwood Drive and Queens Road. Highlands Elementary would embrace such a pilot and we feel that (due to its proximity to Edgemont Village and William Griffin Recreation Centre) it could have extended community impacts.

Your support could mean the difference - we need to be heard. Please plan to attend.

Kids2Kids is Back

Donation Drop off Details: Tuesday sand Thursdays (until June)

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

2644 Woodbine Drive , North Vancouver

A message from one of the Kid2Kids Coordinators (and a Highlands' parent)...

Dear Highlands Parents,

Thanks to your generosity, we managed to distribute much needed articles to children in the Downtown Eastside Community so far, and we're counting on your support to continue bringing smiles and hope to many underprivileged families in our community this winter.

From now until June, every **Tuesday and Thursday**, between **8:00 am and 8:00 pm**, I'll be accepting donations of gently used clothes, shoes, toys, books and school supplies on the doorstep of my house (**2644 Woodbine Drive**). I'll be organizing and sorting all the items, and setting up the Kids 'Shop' at Admiral Seymour Elementary School to distribute the clothes at no cost directly to kids

and families who need it the most.

If you too want to make a difference for these children, please bring your donations to my house next time your children go through a growth spurt. The most needed items are: **shoes, socks, pants, sweaters, warm jackets and rain gear**, sizes **5 - 12**.

Please no money, but if you do want to help even more, spread the word, and forward this letter to your friends and family. We're doing this for the kids and, together, I know we can make a difference in their lives!

Click [here](#) to read a letter from Admiral Seymour Elementary's Principal.

Thank you for your generous support.

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Birthday Books - Kidsbooks

To further build the Library's collection of books, Highlands students and families are encouraged to purchase books for the school at the time of their child's birthday.

Edgemont Kidsbooks will continue to have a Highlands Library Wish List available. 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.

Make sure you mention the book is for Highlands to receive a **10%** discount.

Once purchased, the students 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.

By the way, Kidsbooks's Annual Sale is on now until Sunday, January 19. Click here for more information: <http://www.kidsbooks.ca/default.aspx>

Next HPAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Highlands Library

As always, complementary childcare and refreshments will be provided. An agenda will be available next week.

Upcoming Community Events:

Edgemont Village Refresh: Phase 4 Community Workshops

[Tuesday, January 21 6:00 - 9:00 pm](#) OR

[Saturday, February 1 10:00 am - 1:00 pm](#) Highlands United Church - Upstairs

Whether you've participated in the past or this is your first time to learn about the Edgemont Village Refresh Process, plan to attend one of the above workshops.

Following public feedback from the Public Open Houses in November, a refreshed Plan and Design Guidelines for Edgemont Village will be presented at the Community Workshops.

The fourth and final phase of the public process to refresh the local plan for Edgemont Village will include design guidelines for the form and character of buildings and public realm improvements in the Village, in addition to policies regarding housing and transportation.

Come out to one of the Workshops to review and discuss the Plan/Guidelines with your neighbours, District staff and, consultants.

To help with planning, please pre-register by emailing identity@dnv.org indicating which date you will attend.

Opportunities to provide feedback online will also be provided.

More information about the process is available at: <http://www.identity.dnv.org/>

Parent Information Session: You're Not the Boss of Me

Wednesday, January 22 7:00 pm

Cleveland Elementary School

Hearing "no" from our children can be difficult, even for the most loving and dedicated parents. In this fourth session of the parent information series with Colleen Drobot, learn how to understand resistance and cultivate cooperation in our children.

For more information and to register, go to the [HPAC web site](#).

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!
