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HPAC News

Well, routine has returned. Hope 2015 is off to a good start for you and your family!

This is one of the shortest HPAC News this year, so we'll keep it quick and wish you a good weekend...

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Highlands Parents' Night Out - Tickets Now Available **Friday, January 30 7:00 pm**

Book your tickets now for the Highlands Parents' Night Out on Friday, January 30, at Pier 7 Restaurant + Bar overlooking the beautiful lights of downtown Vancouver.

Ticket price includes delicious Pier 7 canapés, a glass of wine or beer, music by Absolute DJ, and some fabulous door prizes. And this is a non-fundraising event which means you can leave your chequebook and toonies at home.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/highlands-parents-night-out-tickets-14674133729>. Quantities are limited so get yours before they're gone!

We are looking for a few great adult-focused door prizes. If you have anything you can contribute, please contact Brandy at brandyhughes@gmail.com

Lay-by Thanks and Reminders

Thank you Highlands' parents, for obeying the new traffic rules after school. You're helping make it a safer place for students and their families.

We'd also like to point out that there are many open parking spots available on Queens Road and Highland Boulevard, both one block away. By parking there you also avoid the gridlock after school, saving you extra minutes as you try to escape/get to hockey/drama/early astronauts practice. Also, by obeying the rules, you are modelling for your kids good lessons in life, like "this is an annoying rule, but one I have to follow anyway."

Highlands Natural Playground Committee Important Design & Input Meeting: Thursday, January 15

We will be hosting an important design & planning input meeting for all Natural Playground Committee members next Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm at the Highlands school library.

Why should I attend the meeting?

Because this is the meeting where you get to voice your opinions and ideas about the design of the natural playground.

It is time to ask your kids, talk to other parents and gather important feedback, ideas, wishes, concerns and share them with our team before design begins. Input time is now!

What's going to happen at the meeting?

Tracey will forward a meeting agenda next week to committee members but essentially we'll be doing a design brainstorm session and will review schedules, budgets, scope... all the good stuff.

How do I join the Committee?

If you would like to attend the meeting and be part of our playground working committee, please contact tracey@gloriousday.com to RSVP.

What if I have an idea but don't want to join the Committee?

If you can't make the meeting or don't want to be actively involved but still have an idea you'd like to share about the natural playground, please email [Tracey](mailto:Tracey@gloriousday.com) your thoughts by Wednesday, January 14th.

What the heck is a natural playground?

Please contact tracey@gloriousday.com and I'll give you the lowdown if you have missed

past communication and want more information.

Here's a hint:

<http://www.pinterest.com/tjhooker2000/outdoor-natural-playground/>

Social Media Awareness Presentation - Jesse Miller **Wednesday, January 28 7:00 pm Centennial Theatre**

Jesse Miller is an international public speaker and keynote speaker on the topic of Social Media Awareness. Don't miss this presentation if you have want to learn more about social media - he is a dynamic presenter.

See the [attached poster](#) for details and how to book your FREE tickets. Please note you MUST have a ticket to attend. Children 10 and over are welcome.

Highlands Directory

Looking for contact information for your child's classmate or friend? Over 75% of Highlands students are included in the current version of the Directory. To view the electronic document, please...

- 1) Log into the [HPAC website](#),
- 2) Select the 'For Highlands Family Only' option on the left side list, and
- 3) Click on 'Highlands School Directory'.

If your family is not listed and you would like to be included in the next version, please log into the HPAC web site to update your information and opt Yes.