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HPAC News

Tomorrow - Saturday, November 15 - is municipal election day. Don't forget to vote tomorrow for municipal representatives and school trustees!

In advance of tomorrow's election, read the School Trustee Candidates' responses to questions posed by NVPAC: <http://www.northvanpac.org/>

It's another full newsletter to share with you! Here we go...

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World Kindness Day

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." (Aesop)

Yesterday morning, with colourful balloons attached and the sun shining, student leaders and parents distributed kindness fortunes to mark World Kindness Day. We encourage you to ask your child(ren) how they used their fortune.



Purdy's Chocolate Orders: New Order Deadline

Deadline Extended: Monday, November 17 midnight

Order Pick up: Thursday, November 27

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS TO ORDER! Avoid line ups at the mall and help support Highlands Grade 7s. Purchase your holiday chocolate gifts at retail prices and Highlands Grade 7s makes **25%** profit on all purchases!

To order online:

1. Go to www.purdysgpp.com
2. Click "Register" or "Login"
3. Join our group by typing in: 11523 ('Highlands Elementary School')

Spread the chocolate love: invite your friends and family to join our group and shop online!

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer (jenniferrwilliams@telus.net).

Highlands Natural Playground

We are excited to announce that during our budget meeting HPAC members voted in favour of providing some funding for the design and planning of a natural playground at Highlands. This is the first step towards "Greening our Gravel!" with an interactive and fun outdoor learning and play environment - made with only natural elements.

We are meeting with the school district to learn about the process and then we'll be able to begin the design/planning stage. We look forward to gathering great ideas from students, parents and teachers.

We'll also be looking for a few dedicated parents, teachers and students to join our Natural Playground Committee. Thanks to those who have already offered their help!

And if there are any Highlands parents who happen to be Landscape Architects/Designers and/or Landscapers interested in donating their time and talents in a collaborative way, please contact tracey@gloriousday.com.

Stay tuned for more!

Highlands Spirit Wear

Order Deadline: Wednesday, November 26

Are you starting to think about holidays gifts? What student wouldn't love to show their school spirit? Highlands PAC is pleased to offer school t-shirts and hoodies with our new school logo!

Please check your child's backpack for the order form or [click here](#). To ensure delivery in time for the holidays, we have a tight deadline: return your orders and payment by **Wednesday, November 26!**

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, December 1 - Thursday, December 4

PARENTS' EVENING

In addition to our regular sales hours before school, at lunch, and after school, this year we will also be holding a special **Parents' Evening** on **Tuesday, December 2**, tandem with the HPAC meeting. On that evening we will be open for sales 6:00-7:00pm, then pause for the HPAC meeting, and then reopen for further sales until 9:00pm. We are hoping this will give parents the opportunity to shop for their children, their teachers and each other for Christmas. We will have beverages, snacks and plenty of room to socialize!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We will need lots of volunteers to make the book fair happen. Every shift requires at least 4 workers, so the more people we have the fewer shifts everyone needs to do. We will need volunteers for the following times. Please email Christina Carrick (christina@carrick-lee.net) with your preferred time slots.

Monday, December 1:

12:15-12:55 (sales to intermediates only)
3:00-3:45

Tuesday, December 2:

8:20-9:10
12:15-12:55 (sales to primaries only)
3:00-3:45
6:00-7:00 (first half of Parents' Evening)
8:00-9:00 (second half of Parents' Evening)

Wednesday, December 3:

8:20-9:10
12:15-12:55 (intermediates)
3:00-3:45

Thursday, December 4:

8:20-9:10
12:15-12:55 (primaries)
3:00-3:45

Classroom Christmas Hampers

On **Monday, November 17**, your child's classroom will begin collecting needed items for Family Services of the North Shore. Watch for a message from your class representative outlining specific classroom themes and descriptions.

Poinsettias

Order Deadline: Thursday, November 27

Pick up: Friday, December 5

Poinsettias are back in time for the holidays! Choose from red or white 6.5" premium poinsettias for \$12 each. Perfect for holiday decorating or gift giving, these are truly beautiful plants and the quality is outstanding.

NEW: Option to pay online with PayPal!

Click link to order: <http://highlands.plants4nonprofit.com>

Gingerbread House Decorating Event

Friday, December 5 3:00 pm

Highlands Gym

This year we will be decorating gingerbread houses. Each kit costs \$10 and includes all the supplies needed to build a fantastic house. Place your order online via the HPAC web site and put payment (cash or cheque made out to HPAC) into the HPAC box outside the office.

Orders and payment due: Friday, November 28

Parent Social - Save the Date!

Friday, January 30

Please put January 30th in your calendars for this year's Parent Social event, which will take place at Pier 7 Restaurant near Lonsdale Quay. More details to follow.

Lay-By Afternoon Changes Now in Effect

As reported over the last few weeks, the lay-by will now be closed in the afternoon. We appreciate your support and understanding as we move to provide a safer environment for everyone at Highlands.