



## HPAC News

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It seems cliché to say but how can it be December next week already? If you need a reminder about what's happening next month, click on the [HPAC Calendar](#) on the HPAC web site.

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Here's what we'd like to share with you this week...

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## **Bring on the Books!**

**aka HPAC Books for the Library Strategy**

Working with Highlands' administration and library staff, Highlands PAC has begun an initiative to help increase the number of books in our library. For its size, Highlands has an extremely small supply of library books, especially of the most popular series. The three main components of this **Bring on the Books Strategy** are listed below. We welcome all Highland families to assist in supplementing the school's library collection in any or all of the following ways:

### **1) SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (December 2 – 5)**

When you walk through next week's Scholastic Book Fair, please look for or ask a volunteer for the 'Library Book Wish List' created by Highlands Librarian Ms. McGee. If you or your child see a book on the list that you like, please consider buying it for the library. This list will be in addition to the Division Wish Lists created by each teacher for their particular classroom.

## **2) KIDSBOOKS – HOLIDAY ELVES**

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. Labels will be at Kidsbooks for students to put in the book and on which to write their name. Once purchased, the students can then give the book directly to Ms. McGee. 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!

As you may already know, Edgemont Kidsbooks provides a 10% discount for any books purchased for Highlands School. They also offer a wider range of titles and publishers than Scholastics.

## **3) 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.

## **Scholastic Books Fair - Volunteers Needed**

**Next Week: Monday, December 2 - Thursday, December 5**

We are still looking for volunteers for next week's Scholastic Book Fair. We are currently short of volunteers for the **3:00 - 3:45 shift on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.** If you are able to help out on any of these days, please contact Christina Carrick at [ccarrick@telus.net](mailto:ccarrick@telus.net).

Click [here](#) for Book Fair times.

## **November 25 HPAC Meeting - Draft Minutes**

If you missed this week's HPAC Meeting, please find the draft minutes available on the [HPAC web site](#) for your reference.

# Reminders:

## **Edgemont Village Refresh - Online Feedback**

Provide your feedback at [www.identity.dnv.org](http://www.identity.dnv.org) by **Friday, November 29** (TODAY!) on the draft Design Guidelines and Plan for Edgemont Village.

## **Classroom Christmas Hampers**

Help fill the hampers in your child's classroom. The [suggested list](#) of items for each class are only suggestions, please donate what you can! All donations are due **Monday, December 2 at 9:00am.**

## **Purdy's Chocolates**

An easy way to bring chocolate goodness to the holidays and help raise money for the Grade 7s. Order online

at: <https://www.purdysgpp.com/JoinAGroup.aspx?c=11523>.

Orders due **Wednesday, December 4.**

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## **Visit the HPAC Website**

The HPAC website ([hpac.wildapricot.org](http://hpac.wildapricot.org)) is the place to find the latest updates and news on HPAC events and business. Please visit us regularly!

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