

November 7, 2014



HPAC News

If you were not able to attend the November 4 HPAC meeting, please refer to the **draft minutes** and the **approved budget document** for more information on the upcoming year. (The draft minutes and the budget document are also available on the HPAC website.) There are some exciting new and continuing events / items that you may want to become more involved with!

Remember that there's no school on Monday or Tuesday.

Now onto this week's news ...

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Lay-By Afternoon Changes

Effective: Wednesday, November 12

As was reported in last week's HPAC News, the School Newsletter, and at Tuesday's HPAC meeting, safety continues to be a concern in the lay-by during afternoon pick-up. After discussion and careful consideration between the HPAC and school administration, the decision has been made to **close the lay-by in the afternoons beginning Wednesday, November 12.**

We appreciate your support and understanding as we move to provide a safer environment for everyone at Highlands.

What Will Your Kindness Fortune Be?

World Day of Kindness: Thursday, November 13 (at drop off)

What will your Kindness Fortune be on November 13th, World Day of Kindness?

On the morning of November 13, during drop off, the Highlands Kindness Bunch will be outside the

school handing out Kindness Fortunes. We encourage your children - and you! - to draw a Kindness Fortune and then act on or share this fortune as often as possible all day long!

Cover Our Kids Committee - Candidate Responses

<http://coverourkids.blogspot.ca>

With municipal elections (including school board trustee elections) coming up on Saturday, November 15th, the Cover Our Kids Committee has had questions from both parents asking how candidates feel about the covered area issue and from candidates asking how they can best communicate their views regarding covered areas.

For those who are interested, North Vancouver School Board Trustee candidates have been invited to answer the following question (to share with the public on the blog <http://coverourkids.blogspot.ca/>): "If elected, would you advocated for the North Vancouver School District to build covered areas in North Vancouver elementary schools? Why? Or why not?" Responses are posted continually as they are received.

Holiday Items are coming...

Purdy's Chocolate Orders / Grade 7 Fundraiser

Order Deadline: Friday, November 14 (One week today!)

Order Pick up: Thursday, November 27

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)
4. Remember to include your child's class, division and your email address.
5. Invite your friends and family to join our group and Shop Online.

Have a sweet shopping experience! Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer (jenniferwilliams@telus.net).

Classroom Christmas Hampers

Beginning **November 17**, your child's classroom will begin collecting needed items for Family Services of the North Shore. Watch next week for specific classroom details regarding 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. Please order by November 27. Plants will be ready for pick up from the school on December 5.

NEW: Option to pay online with PayPal!

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

Gingerbread Decorating Event - Save the Date

Friday, December 5 (afterschool). More details will be available soon.

Santa's Workshop Market Reminder

Friday, December 12

We hope you have been looking around your homes and setting aside "good-as-new" items for our Santa's Workshop Market on Friday, December 12th. Gifts for guys – brothers, dads, and grandpas – are always in high demand, so keep an eye out in your home for things that might be appropriate. We hope to have enough merchandise to allow all of our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students to shop for their families. All items will be priced at \$3.00 or less.

Here are some suggestions: books, toys, jewellery, bath products, scarves, games, vases, dishes, ornaments, DVD's, candles. For now, please just set things aside at home until the week of the event. **We will start collecting items at school on Monday, December 8th.**

Thank you for your support!

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 in the private dining area of Pier 7 Restaurant near Lonsdale Quay. This will be a fun night out with ***no fundraising required!*** More details coming soon.

HPAC Directory Now Online

The Directory is now complete and online! Over 75% of Highlands students are included in this version of the Directory and it can be used for planning play dates, birthday parties, etc. 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'.

Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) Update

North Shore Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) is dedicated to establishing safe routes to school, active transportation initiatives, and sustainable transportation infrastructure.

Highlands parents have been a key part of establishing SRA and working to make students' trips to and from school a safer experience.

See what your SRA representatives are up to:

<https://www.facebook.com/northshoresra>

<https://twitter.com/NorthShoreSRA>

Municipal Election - Saturday, November 15

A listing of all upcoming "meet the candidates" times:

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5990&c=764>

General voting and candidates info: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=764>