



HPAC News

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This is one of our longer messages. Don't let that deter you, however, please keep reading!

Also, remember to check the HPAC web site for helpful information. The [home page](#) and [Calendar](#) are updated regularly with events. And if you can't find a previous HPAC e-newsletter, click on the [HPAC News Archive](#) section for past copies.

Best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving weekend!

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Highlands Directory Now Online

The Directory is now complete and online! Thank you to everyone who went online to update your profile and opt Yes or No to being included. Over 75% of Highlands students are included in this version of the Directory.

To view the electronic document, please...

- 1) Log into the web site,
- 2) Select the 'For Highlands Family Only' option on the left side list, and
- 3) Click on 'Highlands School Directory'.

An updated version of the Directory will be available in early 2014. 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. For more information, please contact kirstiepirie@yahoo.com.

A special thanks to Christina Carrick, Verna O'Neill and Tracy Chung for your help with formatting the document!

Student Safety - Call for Volunteers

To ensure the safety of our children, we desperately need parents to supervise morning drop-offs in the round-about. If you can spare 20 minutes once or twice a month (8:30 - 8:50 am) please email Marnie at marnie@premont.com. Thank you in advance!

October HPAC Budget Meeting

Tuesday, October 22 7:00 pm

The next HPAC meeting will focus on the budget for the upcoming year. There are already lots of exciting items on the draft, but if you have any ideas please email danacave@gmail.com with a description and funds required. Please forward your request by **Friday, October 18**.

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting. It's your chance to have your say for how the HPAC funds will be spent.

Walk and Wheels is Back!

Yesterday welcomed the return of our ever popular Walk and Wheels season! Every Thursday until November 28 (a total of eight weeks), students and parents choose to leave the car at home and walk, bike or scooter to school.

Those who live a little too far away can park a few blocks from the school and join the fun anyway. Exercise, fresh air, community spirit and concern for the environment are a few of the many reasons we love to Walk and Wheel to school.

Tokens are handed out to Walk and Wheels participants at the front of the school. Students then place the tokens in the division boxes for counting. And if that isn't enough incentive, the famous Golden Sneaker Trophies are awarded to both the Primary and Intermediate classes with the most participation each week!

But let's not stop at Thursdays...make every day a Walk and Wheel day.
Go Highlands!

Covered Play Area Updates

New Families:

Many Highlands parents have been trying to get the North Vancouver School District to reinstate covered areas (areas for students to take cover from the rain) at Highlands and other North Vancouver schools that no longer have them. For years, we have worked toward this, even creating a blog to record and communicate through the process. For more information,

including to whom you can write about your concerns, visit <http://coverourkids.blogspot.ca/> .

All Families:

While we have not received any commitment from the North Vancouver School Board (NVSB), we have raised awareness of all factors surrounding the issue, which will hopefully positively affect future school builds and renovations. The NVSB have stated that they will look into the precipitation statistics more and that they may consider covered areas in future builds.

However, there has still been no commitment to fund covered areas for the schools that no longer have them (like Highlands).

We encourage everyone to continue to email the School District & Board (email addresses on the above blog) with your concerns. Since North Vancouver's precipitation levels are so high, the need for covered areas at the schools will not go away. There are other schools trying to get covered areas as well. Your letters help to keep this issue alive and under consideration. For now, the HPAC and Highlands Kid's Club are looking into a potential retractable awning for the Kid's Club portable. We will also be looking into a second one for the school portable if we can obtain permission from the NVSB. More information to follow later.

MJM Family Photos

If you had photos taken with MJM, you will have received an email message directly from them with your proofs attached. Don't forget that Sunday, October 13 is the deadline to receive your free 8 X 10.

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!
