

October 17, 2014



HPAC News

What a party! **Thank You** to everyone who participated in and volunteered for last night's Welcome Back Pizza Party and Cupcake Walk. Over 570 pieces of pizza were served and enough cupcakes were won that the cupcake walk raised almost \$600!



Please remember that next Friday, October 24 is a Province-wide Non-Instructional Day - so no school. Please check the Calendar on the [HPAC website](#) for other upcoming dates.

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Terry Fox Run Recap

Highlands Terry Fox run on October 10th was a great success. We are proud to report that the school raised almost \$850 in donations this year. The weather ALMOST held out and all of the students were in fine form.

A big thanks to the wonderful teachers and parent volunteers who supported this tremendous cause and fun event. In addition we would like to recognize **Save-on-Foods** for once again generously donating the finish line oranges.

Our Year of Kindness Kicks Off!

"Club G": Compassion in Action on Our School Playground...We're on YouTube!

We all understand that bullying is not cool. But what is the opposite? How do kids learn empathy and caring?

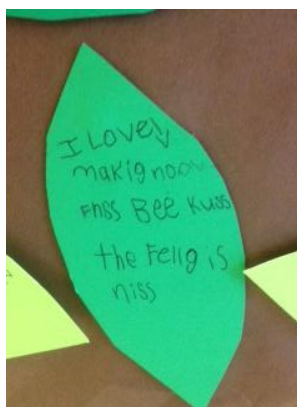
Maybe you've heard people talking about a video of Highlands kids on YouTube that's been seen by over 2,000 people in less than a week! Maybe you didn't get a chance to see the story of "Club G" at yesterday's Welcome Back Pizza Party when we launched our "Year of Kindness". And maybe you did, and you'd like to help us spread the word by sharing this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFwuMHnR9BU>

It's the story of a recess and noon-time social group organized in 2011 by then-Grade 4 students for their classmate, Ges ("Jess"). It was created for him but it quickly became about everyone involved. The video tells the compelling story of what our kids learned about themselves and how it changed us all - adults and kids.

Please watch it, "like it", share it. And ask those you share it with to do the same. The video's producers want to launch a thousand Club G's, because it's not only good for the child who needs it, it's good for all of us. And for resources on creating a Club G: www.seedsociety.ca.

Tree of Kindness

Please be sure to check out our Tree of Kindness in the front foyer of the school. After the lunch hour viewings of the Club G video, we asked the students to write on a leaf what they are thankful for at Highlands or an act of kindness that they experienced at school. The adults at the school have added their thoughts on red apples. Some amazing thoughts are on those leaves.



("I love making new friends because the feeling is nice")

MJM Family Photos - Next Week!

Don't forget to sign up to have your family portraits taken with MJM Studios. Photo shoots are being held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 5pm - 9pm

Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 5pm - 9pm

Thursday, Oct. 23 from 5pm - 9pm

If you haven't participated before, this is a quick and painless photo session that results in fantastic portraits. Sittings are only 10 minutes and 100% of the \$20 sitting fee goes directly to our school. Each family has an opportunity to have several different photographs taken, and will receive one complimentary 8 X 10 portrait of their choice. Additional photos, holiday cards, etc. will be available for purchase. **Correction:** Proofs and final photos will be mailed to your home address.

** For those who have worked with MJM before, please be advised that the ordering process has been simplified. Ordering can be done **online, in paper form, or by calling MJM directly.**

To book your 10 minute time slot visit (MJM Studios link) and pay online via Paypal.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful school fundraiser! Please contact Marnie Premont (marnie@premont.com) if you have any questions.

HPAC Budget Meeting Tuesday, November 4

Do you have an idea for a new event or activity this year? We would like to hear from you.

To assist with Proposals for events or items that require HPAC funds, we have a new form. If your event or item has a budget attached to it, the form will need to be submitted by **Monday, October 20th** so that it can be reviewed in time for the HPAC Budget meeting on November 4th. The form is available [here](#) and is now also linked to the [HPAC home page](#).

11th Annual Highlands Kids Club Haunted House

Olaf's Series of Unfortunate Events

When: Saturday, October 25th 2014

Where: The portable on Highlands School grounds

Entry Times: 11am - 1pm and 2pm-5pm

Tickets: Available by time slot (please purchase ahead by dropping by in person or by calling **604-985-6958**)

Price: Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) \$10.00
Single Ticket \$4.00

Glow Bracelets: Starting next week, students can bring loonies to school if they'd like to buy glow bracelets in the weeks leading up to Halloween. All proceeds go to Highlands Kids Club.

Purdy's Chocolates - Grade 7 Fundraiser

Coming soon! Watch your child's backpack in the next week for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Strachan Hartley Legacy Run (5 or 10 km)

This Sunday: October 19 9:15 am
Handsworth Secondary School

Enjoy the 5km Fun Run with friends and family, or train to beat them on the 10km course that includes the 1.7km Mosquito Creek climb. Children, strollers and dogs are welcome! There is also a **free kids race** for children 8 years old and under.

The course runs through our neighbourhood, maybe even right past your front door!

For more information: <http://www.shlf.ca/run>

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC) Meeting

www.northvanpac.org

Wednesday, October 22 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Educations Services Centre, Mountainside Room (5th floor)
2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

Growing Ab Fab Teens

Community Information Night - Promoting Positive Mental Health Among Young People
Tuesday, October 28 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Avenue
[Information Poster](#)

