



# HPAC News

Welcome to one of the busiest times of the year for parents! We appreciate your patience and assistance as we work towards putting the regular HPAC wheels in motion with the adjusted start to the year. We hope you and your children are getting settled into the routines for the new school year.

Speaking of supporting the start of the year, we'd like to send a special **Thank You** to Highlands teachers and administration for organizing and participating in last night's Meet the Teacher night. It's a valuable event to learn more and help support our children.

As you'll see by the length of this message, we have LOTS of information to share with you this week. So without further ado...

## This issue:

- HPAC Meeting
- Friday Food Orders
- i Walk and Wheel
- Terry Fox Run
- HPAC Directory
- SRA Update
- Highlands Pizza Party
- Marketplace

## Highlands PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 7 7:00 - 8:00 pm Highlands Library

All Highlands' families are welcome and **encouraged** to attend. As always, refreshments will be provided, in addition to free childminding.

### *DRAFT AGENDA:*

1. Welcome and Executive Introductions
2. Election of DPAC Representative - Jason Krupa nominated
3. Administration Greeting and Updates  
(Todd Henderson and Blair Martin)
4. General Updates
  - Welcome Back Pizza Party & Cupcake Walk: October 16
  - Terry Fox Run: October 10
  - MJM Photo
    - Family Photos: Oct 21, 22, 23 5-9pm
    - School Photos: October 27
  - Scholastic Book Fair: December 1-4

- Walk and Wheel / WOW Program
- Green Team Update
- Ecofest/Bike Week Update
- Cobs Bread
- Mabels Labels

#### 5. Volunteer Opportunities

- Lay-By
- WOW Program
- Christmas Market
- Food Days Recycling

#### 6. Budget Update (Eric Stodt)

#### 7. Fundraising

- Cheque Drive
- New Ideas and Process

#### 8. Social Emotional Learning & Kindness Presentation Melody Schalm & Carmen Farrell

#### 9. Next HPAC Meeting November 4, 2014: Budget Meeting

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## **Last Day for Friday Food Day Orders: TODAY!**

**Today, October 3** (at midnight), is the last day to order your children's Friday lunches for the first part of the school year. To order, go to the [Friday Food Days page](#) on the HPAC web site.

A couple of things to remember:

- All orders must be received by Friday, Oct. 3 at midnight.
- Payment will only be received via Paypal.
- There are **no refunds or changes** after Friday, Oct. 3. If you are away during a Food Day, please consider your payment a donation to the HPAC.

Questions or Concerns - You can contact the Food Days Coordinator at [lunchmum@gmail.com](mailto:lunchmum@gmail.com).

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## **i Walk and Wheel**

Monday, October 6 - Friday, October 10

Our school will be one of over 150 schools across the province taking part in a week long provincial Healthy Schools BC initiative to promote the many benefits of walking and wheeling to school. iWalk encourages students,

parents, staff, and community members to celebrate the many benefits of walking to school, such as:

- Celebrating active transportation and encouraging daily physical activity.
- Promoting opportunities to practice safe walking and biking skills and identifying safe routes to school.
- Enhancing the connection between students, parents, schools, and communities in a fun and interactive way.
- Reducing school traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

On **Wednesday, October 8**, we will be serving complimentary hot chocolate to our walk and wheelers at the front of the school so please bring your own mug that morning. No mug, no hot chocolate!



## Terry Fox Run

Friday, October 10 2:15 pm

Highlands students will participate in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 10th at 2:15 pm. This is always a wonderful event for the entire school.

If you/your family would like to make a donation, Grade 7 students will be going to the classes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings next week to collect donations. Alternatively donations can be made directly at the office.

## HPAC Directory and Database

Deadline: October 10

REMINDER: A notice (on blue paper) went home with all students this week about the Highlands School Directory created by the HPAC. Please log in to [hpac.wildapricot.org](http://hpac.wildapricot.org), edit your profile details and select either Yes or No to the publication of contact information in the Directory.

Your contact information will only be included if you select 'Yes'. Please update this information no later than **Friday, October 10**. If you have any questions or difficulties, please email [HPAC@wildapricot.org](mailto:HPAC@wildapricot.org).

## North Shore Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) Update

Twitter: @NorthShoreSRA

Facebook: facebook.com/northshoresra

The North Shore Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) is a parent volunteer organization dedicated to establishing safe routes to school, active transportation initiatives, and sustainable transportation infrastructure. The SRA have worked closely with the DNV (District of North Vancouver) asking them to help implement some of the larger concerns affecting each school. Much was accomplished over the summer:

- Safe crossing for pedestrians at Highland and Tudor - new zebra Crosswalk markings
- New zebra Crosswalk markings at Queens and Thorncliffe.
- New zebra Crosswalk markings at Eldon/Bracknell
- New pedestrian landing at Ridgewood and Paisley/Sunset.
- Bike lane extended south to Ridgewood on Capilano Road.
- Curb let downs on the West Bracknell/Eldon crossing (almost done)
- All the crosswalks in the area were repainted
- Painted lines on the road from along Ruby from Eldon Park to Sunset
- School Crossing signs at various locations, including Lions Ave, where the curbs were also repainted

All of the shortlisted "asks" from the SRA were completed, largely in part to the efforts of Mike Frisk and his team. (High five, Mike!)



All of the improvements will help our community at large. In the future, the SRA will report back on safety issues in our area.

Last but not least, the City of North Vancouver and the School District led a school travel study that many of you participated in. The results can be found here: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5061>

## Highlands Welcome Back Pizza Party & Cupcake Walk

Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Highlands School

### Save the Date!

HPAC invites all Highlands Families to join us for a fun evening celebrating the long awaited start of the school year. **DJJ's Pizza & Pasta** will be providing gourmet pizza for the event. Look for a order form and further details in backpacks next week.

## Marketplace

Did you know that Highlands has partnered with businesses that many of you already use? HPAC is pleased to be fundraising partners with the following...

***Cobs Breads in Edgemont Village*** - When making purchases at this Cobs Bread location, just mention 'Highlands Elementary' and HPAC will automatically receive **5%** of your purchase dollars.

***Mabels Labels*** - Use this link to place your order and Highlands **receives 20%** of all sales: [www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/13895-highlands-elementary](http://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/13895-highlands-elementary)

Visit the [Marketplace](#) tab on the HPAC web site to learn more about how your regular purchases could raise money for our school.

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