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It's been a few weeks since we reminded you to help Highlands raise easy money via COBS Breads in the Village. Please remember to say 'Highlands Elementary School' before you pay for any of their baked goodies and our school receives **5%** of purchase dollars.

Now, onto this week's information...

### Morning Lay-By Student Drop Offs

SAFETY is the primary concern of the school and HPAC. Every morning, parent volunteers are at the front of Highlands helping ensure students safely move from vehicles to the school (Thank you Marji and Lindsay!). If you're dropping off students at the front of the school in the morning, please remember:

- 1) Do NOT get out of your car. (Even brief exits disrupts the flow of traffic.)
- 2) Please move your car as far forward as possible into the loop.
- 3) Have students exit the **passenger** side only (if at all possible).
- 4) WALK even in the rain. Traffic in the lay-by triples on rainy days.

### A Bunch of Kindness...Come and Help!

Have you seen our "Tree of Kindness" that the kids created last week? It's in our lobby, growing up the wall. Have you seen the video of "Club G"? It's on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/9FwuMHnR9BU>

So HPAC's "**Year of Kindness**" is **officially launched** and now we're going to plan some fun and engaging activities for parents and kids the rest of the year. We'd appreciate your help!

Melody Schalm and Carmen Farrell have agreed to take responsibility for getting and keeping us going, but if you have some passion for kindness and helping us recognize it and create more of it, **please join our group!**

It's not a committee...because that doesn't sound like fun. **We're the Kindness Bunch!** And we're planning to have our first meeting of interested parents next week. So if you have any energy or time for this, please send an email to Carmen at [info@seedsociety.ca](mailto:info@seedsociety.ca).

Thank you!

### Pizza Party Follow Up / Clean Up Reminder

First, we are happy to share that the Welcome Back Party was a huge success, netting \$1400 and feeding approximately 400! Thanks again to everyone who volunteered to help.

Second, we are less happy to share that one problem did arise (our kids might call this an "epic fail") ... there was garbage, pop cans and cupcake disasters everywhere! Maybe this has to do with nightfall coming early, as some children turn into goblins after nightfall and forget their manners, but there was also a fair amount of parents winging pizza boxes in a corner and leaving without another thought. Please, for all future events, remind yourselves and your kids that Highlands is a second home to many. Treat it like your home. Not your *room* (kids) but your home, where you have to clean up after yourself, recycle, and help out. We are all responsible for our school. Thanks for your attention!

## HPAC Budget Meeting

Tuesday, November 4 7:00 pm

Please plan to attend the HPAC Meeting on November 4 as this is your chance to learn, ask questions and help make decisions about HPAC's budget for the year. A draft agenda and the draft budget will be available next week for your advance review.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlands Kids Club Haunted House

**Olaf's Series of Unfortunate Events** (poster)

**When:** TOMORROW! - Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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 are now here!** Students can bring loonies to Kids Club if they'd like to buy glow bracelets between now and Halloween. All proceeds go to Highlands Kids Club.

## Santa's Workshop Market

The HPAC will be hosting the Santa's Workshop Market this year where children from Kindergarten to Grade 4 will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members. In order to have enough gifts and to ensure variety, we ask that families start looking around their homes for suitable items to put aside.

Please do not purchase anything. Rather, look through your cupboards and drawers for items that could be reused and recycled – things that look new that someone would be pleased to give or receive as a gift. Stay posted, more details will follow.

## *Did you witness a 'gentle' hit and run last week?*

Did anyone witness a "gentle" accident on Ridgewood Drive near Highlands Blvd on Thursday, October 16th at approximately 8:35AM? A silver VW Jetta wagon driven by a Highlands parent, going east on Ridgewood Drive, was stopped behind 4 or 5 other cars at the stop sign at the intersection with Highlands Blvd. A dirty white truck or van backed out of a driveway on the north side of Ridgewood, crossed over the center line, hit into the rear bumper of the Jetta, and then drove off westbound on Ridgewood. There were many people and cars in the area at the time. If you witnessed this accident, please contact Stacey Rahim at 604-988-8400. Thank you!

## In the Community...

### Grovesnor Project in Edgemont Village - Information Centre Opening

3044 Edgemont Boulevard

TODAY - Friday, October 24 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Community members are invited to visit and enjoy light refreshments. The Grosvenor team will be on hand to meet with you and discuss the proposed project. If you cannot attend on October 24th, please note that during the week of October 27th we will have regularly scheduled hours (Mon-Thurs from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm). Please email [karen.edgemont@gmail.com](mailto:karen.edgemont@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed project.

### 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](#)

### Parent Education Night on Head Lice (Hosted by Queensbury PAC)

Tuesday, October 28 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Toonie Tuesday)

Queensbury School, 2020 Moody Avenue, North Vancouver

Please RSVP by October 24 to [queensburypac@hotmail.ca](mailto:queensburypac@hotmail.ca)

The session will be delivered by the Greater Vancouver Lice Clinic and will provide basic information on head lice, including what works and what doesn't. Parents can learn what to look for and have their questions answered in a comfortable, informal setting by head lice specialists. Technicians provide information on the benefits of screening for lice, share fascinating lice facts and teach preventative measures families can practice at home & school.

### **Un-Wrapping Bubble-Wrapped Kids - The Importance of Risky Play (Hosted by the North Shore Safety Council)**

Wednesday, October 29 7:00 - 9:00pm

(Reception with light refreshments 6:00-7:00pm)

District of North Vancouver Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Rd

Register at: <http://un-wrapping-bubble-wrapped-kids.eventbrite.com>

There are implications to overprotecting our children. The results of important research on the impact of bubble wrapping children will be shared along with some thoughts on challenges in provision of public venues and services that foster an appropriate and acceptable level of risky play. As parents and community leaders, we will be challenged to consider how we think about our playgrounds, facilities and services in order to maximize healthy child development. Thoughts on what needs to change will be shared by presenters along with some ideas on actions planned for North Vancouver.

### **School Trustee Candidates Meeting (Hosted by NVPAC)**

Thursday, November 6, 2014 7:00 - 9:00 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm)

Sutherland Theatre, 1860 Sutherland Avenue

Seating is limited -- if you'd like to attend, please RSVP to [rsvp@northvanpac.org](mailto:rsvp@northvanpac.org)

The North Vancouver Parent Advisory Committee (NVPAC) is the District Parent Advisory Council for North Vancouver School District. NVPAC acts as a volunteer liaison between PACs, parents and the School District and represents the parent perspective with respect to broader educational matters at the district level.

All other 2014 Candidates meetings are listed here: <http://dnv.org/article.asp?a=5990&c=764>