

HPAC Budget Meeting, Directory Available, MJM Photos, Lay-By Update, Purdys Fundraiser, Cover Our Kids, Trustee Candidates Meeting & more.

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HPAC News

Happy Halloween! Best wishes for a fun and safe evening tonight.

It's another full newsletter to share with you this week...

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HPAC Budget Meeting- Draft Agenda & Draft Budget

Tuesday, November 4 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In advance of next week's meeting, the draft agenda is listed on the [HPAC website](#) and below. Please plan to attend!

HPAC Budget Meeting Draft Agenda

1. **Welcome and Executive Introductions**
2. **Approval of October 7 HPAC meeting minutes**
3. **Administration Greeting and Updates (Todd Henderson and Blair Martin)**
4. **DPAC Update**
5. **Fundraising Updates**

- Welcome Back Pizza Party & Cupcake Walk
 - MJM Family Photos
 - Terry Fox Run
6. **2014/2015 Budget**
- Description of key budget requests
 - Explanation of process for budget approval, budget review and vote
7. **Upcoming Events**
- Gingerbread and Poinsettia event
 - Santa's Workshop Market
 - Parent Social
8. **Open Discussion**
9. **Next PAC Meeting December 9, 2014**

DRAFT 2014-15 HPAC Budget:

The **Draft 2014/15 HPAC Budget** is available [here](#) and on the 'For Highlands Family Only' option on the left side of the HPAC website.

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 [HPAC website](#),
- 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 2015. 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.

Please remember that the Directory is for use only by Highlands families for social purposes, NOT for any business, political or religious solicitation. Under the Protection of Privacy Act, users must not provide information contained within to any other source. Copying and further distribution of this document is forbidden.

MJM Family Photos

Thanks to all the families who supported Highlands through the MJM Family Photo Days! The program raised **\$960** for Highlands.

For those of you who participated, watch your mailboxes for photo proofs in the coming weeks.



Lay-By Update

For the most part, morning drop-off operates smoothly and efficiently. This is thanks to users following the lay-by rules as well as our dedicated volunteers who are out every morning assisting students and parents alike.

However safety continues to be a concern at afternoon pick-up. Dangerous actions by both drivers and pedestrians are not uncommon. 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 sometime in the next few weeks.

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

Purdy's Chocolate Orders / Grade 7 Fundraiser

Order Deadline: Friday, November 14

Order Pick up: Thursday, November 27

Avoid line ups at the mall! Purchase your holiday chocolate gifts at retail prices and Highlands Grade 7`s 2014/2015 makes **25%** profit on all purchases! Last week, your student(s) received the Purdys brochure and order information in their backpack.

You are invited to help support Highlands Grade 7`s 2014/2015 by purchasing your Christmas Chocolates through the Purdys Christmas Fundraising Program.

Purdys uses 100% sustainable cocoa and sources locally when possible.

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.

(Any on-line orders of \$50 or more are eligible to win a wrapped 454 g box of milk

and dark assorted chocolates - \$27.50 value.)

Have a sweet shopping experience! Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer (jenniferwilliams@telus.net).

Cover Our Kids Committee Update:

New Families:

For years many Highlands parents have been working towards getting the North Vancouver School District to reinstate covered areas (areas that provide options for students to take cover from the rain and sun) at Highlands and other North Vancouver schools. We have created blog to record and communicate through the process. For more information, visit <http://coverourkids.blogspot.ca/>.

All Families:

Regarding the covered area: the North Vancouver School Board has completed the Outdoor Learning Spaces Policy, which we have been waiting for this since May 2013. Unfortunately, the policy does not address the covered area situation; there has not been any commitment from the North Vancouver School District or Board of Education to find solutions for the schools that no longer have covered areas or to ensure that the omission of covered areas does occur in the future. For more details, please visit the blog <http://coverourkids.blogspot.ca/>.

Note from Cover Our Kids: We will continue to pursue cooperation and approval from the school district for some less-costly, workable solutions such as retractable awnings or industrial tenting solutions. We will keep you posted on this progress.

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

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.

The November 6 School Trustee Candidates Meeting will include Candidate and Highlands parent Edward Desaulniers.

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

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.

RCMP Public Alert

Please be advised that the North Vancouver RCMP has issued a public alert regarding an indecent act towards young females.

Link here to the RCMP Public Alert at <http://nvan.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=230&languageId=1&contentId=39326>

In the Community

Just Eat It - *A Documentary about Food Security* justeatit.eventbrite.ca

We all love food - but how could we possibly be throwing nearly 50% of it in the trash? This documentary will be aired on Knowledge, November 4th at 9:00pm. The film will also be screened below as a fundraiser for the Edible Food Project. Highlands connection: the film was co-created by Mrs. Rustemeyer's daughter.

When: Thursday, November 13th, 7 pm

Where: Presentation House Theatre, 333 Chesterfield Ave
North Vancouver, BC

Tickets: \$5 early bird / \$10 regular