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HPAC News

Mark your calendars...your Student Council Executives have organized the popular "Crazy Hair Day" for **next Friday, November 20th**. Go crazy and don't brush your hair!

Also a request for all parent volunteers to check coats, etc. for the highly sought after school visitor tags. The inventory of tags have decreased significantly of late. Please return them to the school office at your earliest convenience.

The next 5 weeks before Winter Break will be busy ones in our community. Keep treading water and read on for some additional important dates. Hang in there everyone - we can do it!!

*If you would like to include any information in the weekly HPAC News, please forward your submission to verna@noru.ca by **Wednesday 12:00 noon**.*

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THE CARD PROJECT orders due TODAY

Today (Friday Nov 13th) is the last day to order your cards and notebooks for the Card Project. Ordering instructions are included with the card your child brought home last week.

The variety of Card Project products make the perfect gift for your loved ones during the holiday season. Be sure to order TODAY in order to receive your items before the holidays. Late orders will be accepted but not guaranteed to be delivered prior to the last day of school before winter break.

Please contact Kelly Moore (kelly5495@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser. Our school receives **25%** of all sales. For more information visit: <http://www.thecardproject.ca>

Parent Social & Natural Playground Fundraiser Recap



We definitely found our share of Wild Things on Friday night! Thanks to all 151 party animal parents who joined us for an amazing evening! A HUGE thank you to our resident MC Tracy S, our DJ dad Johnny Leroux, our power HPACers Verna, Carmen and Marnie G, our silent auction Co-ordinator Faye Bednarczyk, our Design

& Marketing guru Jane Cox and the rest of our fabulous volunteers who helped make the night such a success.

And now for the news you've all been waiting for... drum roll please...

Our parent social fundraiser event brought in a total net donation profit of over \$35,500 (\$42,000+ gross)! Leaving us with a grand total of \$55,000 in net donations and counting!

It's safe to say our playground is officially a GO thanks to the amazing generosity of our Highlands community. We are blown away.

Thank you to our Platinum corporate sponsor Grosvenor, who donated \$10,000 to help build the teaching shelter! And a very special thanks to a new Highlands family who has committed to donating another \$10,000 to our playground, which will include a special art installation piece!

We will continue to accept parent donations and engraved stepping stones and bricks orders until November 30th. The closer we get to raising the full \$75,000 in construction costs, the less we have to dip into the HPAC contingency funds, which means a truly amazing win-win for the school.

To order an engraved family item or donate:

<http://www.hpac.wildapricot.org/naturalplayground>

From the bottom of our HPAC hearts... thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair: December 1 - 3rd **Volunteers Needed!**

We will be having our Fall Book Fair **December 2-3, with a special Parents' Evening on Tuesday Dec 1!!** (Since you will be at the HPAC meeting anyway.) This is a great chance to get some winter reading material, and all proceeds go to our school library.

As usual we need a fair number of **volunteers** to make this happen, but the shifts are brief and the work is easy peasy. We will need volunteers for the time slots below.

Tues: 6:00-8:00pm (but we will break for the HPAC meeting)

Wed: 8:30-9:00am/ 12:15-1:00pm/ 2:55-3:45pm

Thurs: 8:30-9:00am/ 12:15-1:00pm/ 2:55-3:45pm (help pack up)

If you can work one or more of these shifts, please contact Christina Carrick (christina@carrick-lee.net).

Cinnamon Event - December 4th

Gingerbread Event - December 4th

The Annual Gingerbread Event is back and will take place in the gym after school on Friday, December 4th.

We will be building houses again with a more robust kit than last year (for those of you whose houses didn't make it home in one piece!) A sample house will be on display next week by the HPAC box.

The kits this year are \$12 and include gingerbread pieces, frosting and candies. Entire kits are PEANUT FREE / TREE NUT FREE as the kits come from a certified Peanut Free facility.

Please [click here](#) to pre-order on HPAC website (PayPal accepted) or click on the [order form](#) and then submit with a cheque payable to "HPAC" and place in the HPAC box by the office. There are a limited number of house kits available for this very popular event so order one before they're gone!

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Poinsettias are back in time for the holidays! Choose from red or white 6.5" (total height 14"-16", width 13"-16") premium poinsettias. These are truly beautiful plants and the quality is outstanding. Buy some for yourself or as a gift. Perfect as a hostess gift or a holiday "thank you". The plants include tasteful pot covers.

[Click here](#) for order forms or you can place your order at highlandselementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com (PayPal accepted). Payment accepted for paper order forms include cheque or etransfer (preferred method) to HPACmoney@gmail.com. Security answer: Highlands

- **Orders due Thursday, November 26th.**
- **Pickup Friday, December 4th during Gingerbread Event**



Red Cross Babysitting Course

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Do you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting Course
Highlands Elementary
January 22nd, 2016, 8:30-3:30 (Pro D Day)
Grade 6+
\$60.00 + GST online registration

For more information and/or to register, please visit:
<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) Kids in the Hall - November 21

Join us for a fun event to celebrate raising a happy, healthy and sustainable family in an urban core.

City Hall will be transformed into a family friendly oasis, filled with interactive booths from a variety of City departments and community agencies with information about child, youth and family-friendliness, safe routes to schools, parks, recreation,

Highlights:

- Science experiments
- Outdoor bike safety rodeo
- Active games and sports and so much more....

Guest Speakers:

- Jillian Glover, author of "[Kids in the City](#)"
- Melissa and Chris Bruntlett of "[Modacity](#)" and "Velo Family Diaries"
- Adrian Crook, author of "[5 Kids 1 Condo](#)"
- Mackenzie Stonehocker, a planner, parent, and founding member of [Driftwood Village Cohousing](#).

For more information, [click here](#) or visit cnv.org/KidsInTheHall.

New Community Partner - Boston Pizza

Highlands has a new community partner! Boston Pizza on Marine Drive will give Highlands 10% of all receipts submitted by Highland's families, friends, and neighbours! The next time you eat at Boston Pizza, simply write Highlands on the back of the receipt and drop it in the box at the front of the restaurant. Tell your

friends and neighbours to submit their receipts for us, too! For more information [click here](#).

In the Community...

2015 Fair Trade Christmas Market
November 14, 2015: 10:00am - 4:00pm
St. Andrew's United Church
(1044 St. George's Avenue, North Vancouver)

For more information, please [click here](#).

Mad Science Saturday
November 14, 2015: 1:00 - 5:00pm
John Brathwaite Community Centre

\$2.00/person. A science and discovery event for children aged 2-6yrs and their families. Ooey gooey fabulous fun, get messy, get mucky, and discover the world of science experiments.

Registration required, register [online](#) or call 604-983-6388.

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