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HPAC News

We have a very busy week ahead in the community with Ecofest, Talent Show auditions, Spring Plant Sale deadline and so much more. Please take a moment to read through so you don't miss out on important dates and information.

We are still in search of parent volunteers to fill various vacant HPAC roles for this Fall. Please take a moment to read through the job descriptions and get back to your HPAC team.

*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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HPAC Recruitment

HPAC needs you! Many of your dedicated Executives will be returning (THANK YOU!) but there are some great opportunities for new parents and to become involved. We are looking for:

- * Co-Chair
- * Secretary

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- * Communications Coordinator (newsletter & website)
- * Class Representative Coordinator (non Executive role)

For more information on the above positions, please [click here](#).

We need your help to continue great events and to make important decisions on resources for OUR kids. We ask for your help in continuing great traditions and allow OUR kids the best school year possible.

Please contact us at HPAC@WildApricot.org if you have any questions and to be involved. Or you can also bring your questions to the next HPAC Meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd.

Ecofest 2016 - Less Than One Week to Go!

Thursday, April 21

We'd like to share a few teasers in advance of next week's Ecofest:

*Plan to arrive early to try a fresh organic juice sample from the Juicery. Samples will be available at the front of the school beginning at 8:15am. Two organic juices will be available - 1: oranges, apples and carrots, and 2: apples, lime and mint.)

*The day will start with a special WOW (Walk or Wheel) challenge, we encourage you to walk or park a few blocks away to make April 21 the best participation rate so far!

*Dig out your green clothing as we're encouraging everyone to wear that colour to mark the day.

*Everyone (parents too!) is welcome to join us on the field for a fun Hip Hop session at lunch.

We are still looking for a few volunteers, especially from 8:45 - 12:30. If you are able to help, please email Kirstie (kirstiepirie@yahoo.com) with your hours of availability.

Tents! Tents! Tents! We are looking for three more 10 X 10 soccer tents to use on the day. If you have one (or more) we can borrow, please contact kirstiepirie@yahoo.com.



Natural Playaround Set to Open for Ecofest!

Pending approval of the playground construction from the school district and the District of North Vancouver, we plan to have our new playground open for April 21.

This space belongs to everyone and it's up to HPAC parents and students to care for and maintain it properly.

Please read these 5 important rules to your children before Ecofest:

1. Feet must stay on the brown mulch pathways, rocks and logs. No playing in the dirt garden beds with the plants. They will get hurt.
2. Respect nature by leaving the plants to grow - please do not pull off leaves or branches.
3. No littering! And if you see garbage in the playground, even if its not yours, please pick it up.
4. Be cautious - logs can be slippery when wet - play smart, play safe.
5. Have fun, explore, invent, run, balance, jump, pretend and play!

Spring Plant Sale - Order Deadline: April 21st

Plant Pick up: Friday, May 6, 2016

A perfect gift for your Mom!! Order now and receive your plants in time for Mother's Day (May 8)!

Premium hanging flower and strawberry baskets, mixed patio planters, and assorted herb and tomato packs...order forms were sent home in backpacks earlier this week.

These plants are a great way to brighten up your patio, kick start your garden, or give a "thank you" to mom or someone special. These products are beautiful and the quality is outstanding.

Orders can be made using the [order form](#) or online here: <https://highlandselementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> (Paypal accepted)

Talent Show Auditions

Just a reminder that Talent Show auditions have begun and will continue until April 22nd. The schedule is on the HPAC board or [click here](#) for the schedule.

Please ensure your children bring their music, costume and anything else they need for their act. The acts should be performance ready. If your child has decided not to try out, please have them cross their name off the list so that we are not looking for them. Thank You!

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Kilometer Club: April 22 - May 27th.

A reminder that Highlands will once again sponsor a kilometer club for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. The annual Kilometer Club will be held between 8:05am - 8:35am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays beginning on Friday, April 22nd and ending on Friday, May 27th.

At this time, we are asking any interested parents to come forward and become involved in the Kilometer Club. We need assistance with the supervision during morning running sessions by handing out popsicle sticks and KM strips, running with children, or cheering them on! If you are able to help out, please return the [KM Club form](#) to the office by **Friday, April 15th**. We will contact you with the schedule. Thank you!

Highlands Whitecaps Day: May 28th

Order forms for Highlands Whitecaps Day on May 28th should have arrived home this week. If you missed the form, extras are on the racks by the front office, or [click here](#) to print a copy. Forms and payment are due on Friday, April 29th in the HPAC box outside the office.

Before the game, we will draw for 25 lucky students to attend either the high five line or be a benchwarmer and watch the team warm up from the Whitecaps bench! Popcorn, soccer and friends...

Highlands Year End BBQ: June 10th

Put it in your calendar! On Friday, June 10th, join us for Highlands Year End BBQ and the official opening of our natural playground. Any night you don't have to cook dinner is a good night! More information to follow next month.

W.O.W. Program

Congratulations to Division 12 - Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Svenhard's class AND Division 13 - Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries - 75% each) and Division 6 - Ms. Fary's class (intermediates - 70%) for winning the coveted Golden Sneaker this week! A total of 202 students (47%) participated.

Make sure to attach your WOW tag to your backpack and walk or wheel to school next Thursday to get into the action!

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BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Press Release

The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) has published a press release regarding the additional \$28 million for BC Schools by the Minister of Education. For further details, please [click here](#).

In the Community...

**British Columbia Boys Choir Presents Boys Sing!
Sunday, April 24th: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Highlands United Church (3255 Edgemont Blvd., North Vancouver)**

Featuring the International Touring Choir, SongSport Choirs and SongWave Boys Honour Choir 2016. Please come support the Choir with your bid at the Silent Auction (3:00pm - 4:00pm). Concert to follow at 4:00pm.

Please call 1-888-909-8282 for tickets. In advance: Adults \$20, Students \$12. At the Door: Adults \$24, Students \$12.

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