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HPAC News

Before we begin, sincere apologies to Carmen Kaufmann, Fundraising Executive for missing her name on the list of 2015/16 HPAC Executives. Carmen is a key member of HPAC and responsible for organizing all of our fantastic fundraising initiatives. Please help support Carmen and her team of fundraisers!

We hope everyone is settling into a routine as we end the first full week of school. We understand it is a busy time of year for everyone and wanted to remind you of some key events and dates coming up.

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

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Fall Planning & HPAC Event Proposals – **SEPT. 21**

Your HPAC Executives will be discussing the 2015/16 budget at the October 6th HPAC meeting. If you would like to see a new event take place at Highlands Elementary that may or may not require some financial assistance, then please complete an "Event/Budget Request Form" ([HPACEventItemProposal.pdf](#)) and place into the HPAC box by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st** – **please note revised date!!** Please ensure you read all of the HPAC and School District policies to ensure your event follows all required guidelines.

Volunteers Needed - Please Read!!

There are some exciting events and fundraising efforts coming in the next couple of weeks and we are still in need of some volunteers. If you are able to assist with any of the following events listed below, then please contact the lead organizer via email. Thank you in advance!

Terry Fox Run – September 30: The annual Terry Fox run will be taking place on Wednesday, September 30th. Thank you to the many volunteers who have signed up already! We are looking for an additional 7-8 parents to assist in the early afternoon. Please contact Marnie Premont at marnie@premont.com if you are able to volunteer.

Welcome Back Pizza Party, Cupcake Walk & Costume Exchange – October 1: We are looking for volunteers to assist with set-up, pizza handouts, cupcake walk station and clean up. If you are able to assist for this event or part of this event, then please contact us at HPAC@wildapricot.org.

Class Reps: Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to be Class Reps for your child's class for the 2015/16 school year. We are in need of three more Class Reps for the following classes:

Division 1 – Miss Wright: 2 Class Reps needed

Division 2 – Miss Ham/Ms. Hollingsworth: 1 Class Rep needed

If you are able to assist with the above Class Rep positions, then please contact Marnie Giblin at giblin_marnie@hotmail.com.

HPAC Directory, Website and News – Deadline extension **SEPTEMBER 28**

HPAC Directory: Each year HPAC creates a Directory containing student names, parent names and contact information for each division at Highlands. The Directory is only made available online to Highlands families who have signed up on the HPAC web site. The Directory has been a popular means to arrange play dates, send party invitations, etc. Most importantly, this information is used to create class lists for the Class Reps.

Each year, to ensure HPAC is in compliance with privacy laws and best practices, we reset the Directory and request **ALL** families (**returning and new**) to give HPAC permission to publish even if your child was included in last year's edition. Please make sure to add new siblings or remove siblings who no longer attend the school.

If you wish to participate, the deadline for the HPAC Directory has been extended to **Monday, September 28**.

HPAC Website/Newsletters: We will be communicating with you almost exclusively by email. You may elect to not be on our email list, but please note that doing so will mean you could miss important information. To **sign up** please go to

the HPAC web site (www.hpac.wildapricot.org), click on the "Sign up for HPAC Updates" tab on the left, then follow the sign up instructions.

Welcome Back Pizza Party, Cupcake Walk & Halloween Costume Sale: **October 1, 5:30-7:30pm**

Please join us for a fun family night kicking off another exciting year at Highlands! Come and enjoy a DJJs pizza dinner and meet new families while the kiddos play. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket to sit on (if the weather is nice), loonies for the cupcake walk (starts at 6pm), and cash or cheques in hand for our inaugural Highlands Halloween Costume Sale!

Pizza Order Forms – Due Thurs Sept 24th:

Pizza order forms have gone home this week, check your child's backpack! Please drop completed order forms in the HPAC box by the office no later than Thursday, **September 24th** next week.

Halloween Costume & Candy Donation Drop Off : Next Week (Sept 21 to Sept 25)

New this year, we are asking all parents to dig through their closets and find all their old kid's Halloween costumes to donate starting next week for a Halloween Costume swap! All of the clean, gently-used costumes we collect will go on-sale during the Pizza Party for \$5 each! Money raised will go back to the HPAC. We are also asking for donations of unopened Halloween candy that we will donate to a school in need on your behalf.

Starting Monday Sept 21st there will be boxes in the front hallway for you to drop off your kids Halloween Costumes (please include hangers) and candy. We'll see you there!

We will also be welcoming all cupcake donations on the morning of October 1st. Please drop off cupcakes at the HPAC kitchen (across from the office) by 9:30am.

Please note, parent(s) or an adult must accompany their child(ren) to this event as there will be no childminding.

Safe Routes Advocates (SRA) Update

A warm welcome back to all parents and caregivers from the SRA! (Safe Routes Advocates). The SRA are working closely with the DNV to ensure safer routes to and from school for all of our kids and community members. We have a new safety coordinator this year, Amber Zhao, who is working with SRA member Erin MacNair. Contact either with concerns you may have. Check the link on the PAC page to see what we are up to, and for links to the Capilano construction info. As you get used to the new lights and traffic volume, keep your eyes peeled for those who are seemingly unaware. It takes time for some people to adjust to new lights!

Here is a local article that highlights reasons to get out there and walk/bike to school:

<http://www.vancourier.com/sports/cycling/alone-or-with-you-why-kids-should->

<http://www.vancouver.com/sports/ cycling/ more-or-less-you-try-and-avoid-cycle-to-school-1.2055321>

We are also considering how to best initiate a home-grown, 70's style walking school bus. We have signs, why not use them at peak points in our neighborhoods for a place to meet? Parents can drop kids at this point at a designated time, and walk a large group to school. The Capilano water construction will have us all scrambling for time, and this is one easy way to solve congestion problems and time issues.

One way to find each other is to sign up on carpoolworld.com. You can specify whether you drive or walk. Let's make life easier for each other, and lend a hand. It's a great way for kids to get to know each other, to feel included in the neighborhood, and offer driving relief! If you are interested in setting up a "point to meet" for your hood, contact Erin MacNair (erinmacnair@gmail.com) or Amber Zhao (amberzhao123@gmail.com). Let's do this, people!

In the Community...

BCO Volleyball Club - Fall 2015 Youth Development Programs

Girls & Boys 10U – 13U (Grades 4-7) – Starting September 19

Mini Volleyball for 10-11U (Gr 4-5) Girls & Boys

Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:15am

Intro & Intermediate Volleyball Camp for 12/13U (Gr 6 & 7) Girls & Boys

2 sessions per week:

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:00pm

Saturdays, 10:15 – 11:45am

All sessions are at Mountainside Secondary (3365 Mahon Ave. North Vancouver).
For more details or to register, please go to www.bcovolleyball.com

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