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HPAC News



Today is the last day to order tickets for Highlands Whitecaps Day. It's not too late to get your tickets. [Click here](#) for your order form and drop it off in the HPAC box outside the office along with cash or cheque payable to HPAC by 3pm today.

A reminder that school is not in session for students on Monday, May 2nd as it is a Professional Development Day.

Once again, we need your HELP! We would appreciate a couple minutes of your time to read through the entire newsletter.

*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 Meeting - May 3rd

Do you have questions about the vacant HPAC position or would like to learn the latest on the Natural Playground and so much more? If so, please plan to join us at next week's HPAC meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd from 7:00-8:00pm (school library).

As always, complimentary childcare and refreshments will be available. For advance information, please [click here](#) for the draft meeting agenda.

HPAC Recruitment - Looking for One More Parent!

THANK YOU to all the parents who have expressed interest and/or have made the commitment to be part of HPAC for the upcoming school season. We have filled three position and need to fill **ONE** more!

As previously mentioned, **ALL** the positions **MUST** be filled and voted in by the final HPAC meeting scheduled for June 7th. Without a Executive Team in place by this date, then HPAC cannot exist.

The remaining and truly most exciting Executive position is the **Communications Coordinator!** Great news! This role has been simplified thanks to a couple of parent volunteers who will assist the Communication Coordinator with website maintenance, Facebook posts, Directory publications and Membership database.

This will allow the **Communication Coordinator** to focus on the following responsibilities:

- Send out weekly or bi-weekly newsletters (your choice!)
- Send out email blasts when needed to the community
- Manage HPAC emails and forward to appropriate contact(s)
- Attend monthly Executive meetings and HPAC meetings
- Do not need to be technically savvy (because I certainly am not!!)

We understand that life is busy but this role is easy to do with computer access. If you haven't volunteered for HPAC yet, please consider taking a turn. Our kids and the whole community would really appreciate it!

If you have any questions or interested, please email Verna (verna@noru.ca) and we can chat.

Natural Playground - Weeding Volunteers Needed

Now that the playground is open, we are in need of parent volunteers for the master weeding volunteer list. Thank you to the many parents who have already agreed to volunteer from last year. Ideally, we are looking for another 20-30+ families to assist. It would be approximately a 1.5 hour commitment on a Saturday or Sunday, once every few months at the very most (max. of 2-3 times total per year). The more people we have on the list, the less everyone needs to do.

It is the community's responsibility to weed and maintain our Natural Playground. If you are able to volunteer some time, please contact Tracey Lebedovich (tracey@gloriousday.com). Thank you in advance!

Highlands Buddy Bench

The Grade 6 PALS members have visited the primary classes to introduce the Highlands' Buddy Bench. PALS members will be looking out for schoolmates who might be looking for a friend. If you have a child looking for a connection, please remind them to give the Buddy Bench a try.

Kindness Committee & Pay it Forward Day

You may recall that on February 24, Pink Shirt Day, Highlands held a special hot dog lunch to raise funds to host a lunch at one of our sister schools. On Tuesday, in recognition of Pay It Forward Day on April 26, four Highlands Kindness Club members and several parent volunteers prepared and delivered 250 hot dog lunches (including apples and yogurt tubes) to the students at Westview Elementary. This was a fantastic experience for kids from both schools and it highlights the importance of kindness and community.

Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative, either by way of the purchase of a Highlands Hot Dog lunch or by cash donation. And a very special thanks to Kindness Club members Halle, Aly, Eloise, and Amy for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Bands and Strings Reminder - April 27th

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 is the last day to take advantage of the Early Bird registration fee of \$435.00.

The Elementary Band and Strings program is a unique instrumental music program that is distinct to the North Vancouver School District. The Program provides school-based instrumental instruction to students in the intermediate grades (Grades 5 - 7 for Band and Grades 4 - 7 for Strings).

The Elementary Band and Strings Program is not part of the regular school curriculum and is funded by registration fees. Based on the date of online payment, the 2016/17 supplemental fee is:

Now through April 27, 2016 - \$435.00
April 28 through May 31, 2016 - \$450.00
Beginning June 1, 2016 - \$470.00

Online payment for the 2016/17 Elementary Band and Strings Program can be made in a single payment or installments pro-rated based on the month of registration. The North Vancouver School District has a new and convenient electronic program for parents/guardians to setup their payment for the Elementary Band and Strings Program. Parents/guardians can setup their personal account with School Cash Online: <https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>

The step-by-step instructions for setting up an account are available here:
<http://www.sd44.ca/District/SchoolCashOnline/Documents/SchoolCashOnlineStepByStepRegistration.pdf>

If you are not able to pay online, in-person registration must be paid in full. You can drop off cash or a cheque in the full amount to:

Education Services Centre
2nd Floor - Reception
2121 Lonsdale Avenue
North Vancouver BC.

More information is available here:
<http://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings>

If you have a question about the Elementary Band and Strings Program or require more information, please e-mail BandAndString@sd44.ca

Spring Plant Sale Pick-up Reminder: May 6th

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser! A reminder that your plants will be available for pick-up on Friday, May 6th at the front of the school between 3:00 - 4:00pm!

Talent Show

The countdown is on to the Talent Show on May 25. We saw some amazing auditions over the past two weeks and it's shaping up to be a great show! The performer list is up on the HPAC board. We

two weeks and it's shaping up to be a great show. The performer list is up on the PIRAC board. We had a large turnout so unfortunately we had to cut a few acts this year. We hope those students understand that the most polished and performance ready acts are the ones that earn a spot in the show.

We will need a few volunteers for the afternoon and evening of May 25. Tickets will go on sale next week, \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. The show is being run as a fundraiser this year so come out and support the school! If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Clark (clarkamanda@shaw.ca), Angie Foulds (angiefoulds@shaw.ca) or Nikki Brown (nikilites@gmail.com).

Kidsworld Program - New Fundraiser!

Want to hit some great events with the kids this summer? Maybe even get a great deal while doing so? Kidsworld is a community program in Vancouver that provides a calendar of events for families with children 4-13 years old. A membership is \$50 and includes one child and an accompanying adult. Members can then access over 50 free events and activities in Greater Vancouver, as well as many other discounts on popular events.

Free events include Harbour Cruise, Vancouver Art Gallery, Maplewood Farm, and Horse Drawn Tour.

If you choose to sign up, visit <http://www.kidsworldprogram.com> and use the school code **KIDS HIGHLANDS 2016**. \$5 from each membership will go back to our school!

W.O.W. Program

Congratulations to Division 13 - Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries - 83%) and Division 7 - Ms. Sherlock's class (intermediates - 68%) for winning the coveted Golden Sneaker this week! A total of 201 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.

Cheakamus Centre 47th Annual Open House

Sunday, May 2: 10:30am - 3:30pm
2170 Paradise Valley Road, Brackendale, B.C.

A fun, family day of nature exploration and discovery. Great picnic friendly food, salmon hatchery, farm, Coast Salish Bighouse, archery, canoeing, microscope studies, Artists for Kids art activity, aquatic lab, wedge river floats and more!

The Open House is open to the entire community. A great opportunity for families who may have children attending either Outdoor School or Bighouse this year or future years. For more details, [click here](#).

In the Community...

Foods that Fit

Wednesay, May 4: 5:00 - 8:30pm

Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave., The View, Fifth Floor)

A free, interactive workshop about the provincial "Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools". food safety, waste reduction and school fundraising with healthy foods.

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

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