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# HPAC News

Next Thursday, May 19th is Helpful Hats Day at Highlands. Students will be able to wear a hat at school if they donate a loonie or toonie to help the people of Fort McMurray.

Also a quick reminder that school is not in session next Friday, May 20th (Professional Development Day) and Monday, May 23rd (Victoria Day Statutory Holiday).

We are almost half way through May. We have a lot to accomplish still so keep your head up and keep marching on!

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

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## Grade 7 Car Wash - Tomorrow!

Don't forget! The Grade 7s are hosting a car wash **tomorrow** at the school roundabout from 10am-2pm. The cost is \$10 per wash and all funds raised will

support the Grade 7/s fundraising efforts for a local charity and a gift to the school.

Do you already have a busy day ahead? Avoid the line-up by pre-booking your wash time. [Click here](#) to secure your priority spot and place a cheque (payable to HPAC) in the HPAC box by the end of today.

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**WE NEED**



**YOU!**

### **We Need a Communications Coordinator!**

We are **STILL** looking for a dedicated parent volunteer to continue the communications stream in **OUR** community. We have hundreds of families at Highlands and just need one to volunteer. This role **NEEDS** to be filled by **June 7th, 2016**.

The Communications Coordinator role has been greatly simplified and the new responsibilities are as follows:

- Send out weekly, bi-weekly or even monthly newsletters (your choice!)
- Send out email notices 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

Yes, life is busy but won't you please consider taking on this important role. Please contact Verna ([verna@noru.ca](mailto:verna@noru.ca)) if you have any questions or if you are interested.

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### **Talent Show Tickets on Sale Now!**

If you want tickets to the much anticipated Highlands Talent Show scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th, then make sure you buy early as there are limited seats! Tickets are now on sale. [Click here](#) if you need a copy of the form.

A 4 ticket maximum per family to start so that everyone gets a chance to see the show. If there are tickets left, we will allow additional orders on May 16th. \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. Come out and support the school! It's going to be a great show!

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If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Clark ([clarkamanda@shaw.ca](mailto:clarkamanda@shaw.ca)), Angie Foulds ([angiefoulds@shaw.ca](mailto:angiefoulds@shaw.ca)) or Nikki Brown ([nikilites@gmail.com](mailto:nikilites@gmail.com))

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## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having our Spring Book Fair **May 30 - June 2!!**

This is a great chance to get some summer reading material, and **all proceeds go to our school library** so it will be well-stocked with fresh books in the fall.

As usual we need a fair number of **VOLUNTEERS** to make this happen, but the shifts are brief and the work is easy. We are looking for a few volunteers for each of the following time slots:

Mon: 8:30-9:00am (setup), 12:15-1:00pm (intermediates), 2:55-3:45pm

Tues: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (primaries), 2:55-3:45pm

Wed: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (intermediates), 2:55-3:45pm

Thur: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (primaries), 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](mailto:christina@carrick-lee.net)).

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## BrainSTEM Learning Afterschool Program

### Introduction to Robotics

(For Kindergarten & Grade 1 students - boys & girls)

**Dates: Mondays 3:00-4:00pm in Highlands Library (May 30 – June 27)**

**Cost: \$112.50 + tax for 5 sessions**

Description: Robotics is the science or study of the technology associated with the design, fabrication, programming, and application of robots. Little brains will discover what is behind a robot, a number of possible designs, the materials, what software is, and the programming using the LEGO® WeDo materials. Computers will also be used to build robotic animals and toys under the guidance of leaders and assistants under the STEM education programs.

This series will be limited to 12 kids in the library.

Class 1 – Building and Programming & Dancing Birds

Class 2 – Sail Boat

Class 3 – Drumming Monkey

Class 4 – Goal Kicker

Class 5 – Hungry Alligator

### **Aerospace Engineering**

**(For Grade 2 & 3 students - boys & girls)**

**Dates: Mondays 3:00-4:30pm in Highlands Library (May 30 – June 27)**

**Cost: \$112.50 + tax for 5 sessions**

Description: The aerospace industry is one of the most fascinating things for children. In this program they will learn about the fundamentals of the aeronautical industry, including aerodynamics, gravity, velocity, acceleration, forces to lift, drag & thrust objects, and space environment characteristics. They will use math to improve their results, discover about the importance of the materials in this engineering branch, and use their creativity and curiosity to design, build and test their own prototypes.

**This series will be limited to 12 kids in the library.**

Class 1 – Introduction to astronautics & aerodynamics

Class 2 – Zero gravity & balloon rockets

Class 3 – Straw Rockets

Class 4 – Landing Challenge

Class 5 – Water Rockets

**Online Registration:** <http://www.brainstemlearning.ca/contact/registration/>.

When registering online, choose "Highlands Elementary" as location, "May 30<sup>th</sup>" as the start date, and "Workshop" as program type. After the form is submitted, Sarah Baldwin will contact you for payment by credit card or e-transfer to confirm.

If your child has already completed a BrainSTEM program at Highlands, no need to fill out the complete online application form again – just email [sarah.baldwin@brainstemlearning.ca](mailto:sarah.baldwin@brainstemlearning.ca) to register and make payment.

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## **Me to We Club - Rafiki Sale Recap**

The Me to We Club would like to thank Highlands' families for supporting their Mother's Day Rafiki Sale. They sold 190 bracelets totalling \$1900. The sale of bracelets support women in Kenya, empowering them to earn a living and create a better future for their families and their communities. Thank you!

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## Ecofest and North Vancouver School District

The North Vancouver School District has posted our hugely successful Ecofest on their website. If you were not all to be part of the day, [click here](#) to view some great photos and a short video recap of the event.

Thank you again to Ecofest Planning Committee, Teachers, Staff and Administration and several Parent Volunteers for spoiling our community with a wonderful day and celebrating Mother Earth!

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## Natural Playground in the News!

The news about our beautiful Natural Playground is spreading throughout the community. Please [click here](#) for a wonderful article from the North Vancouver School District.

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## Kmuniti Fundraiser

**Let the online shopping you already do raise money for our school!** Do you shop at [Amazon.ca](#)? iTunes? Indigo? Best Buy? Hudson's Bay? Groupon? Home Depot? These companies, and many, many more, will donate a percentage of the money you spend to your PAC.

All you have to do is shop through our webpage: [liveguard.me/hpac](#). Click on the link for the store you want to order from, and Highlands PAC will receive a percentage, usually 1-6% of the purchase price back. How easy is that?

**For the month of May**, any shopping done via our website will earn us **double** the return!

The link will be accessible on the Highlands PAC website, or better yet, save it to your home computer now!

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## W.O.W Program

Congratulations to Division 12 - Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Svenhard's class (primaries - 54%) and Division 7 - Ms. Sherlock's class AGAIN (intermediates - 61%) for winning the coveted Golden Sneaker this week! A total of 145 students (34%) 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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## In the Community...

### **Canadian Red Cross - Babysitting in a Day** **Saturday, May 21: 8:30am - 4:30pm** **St. Andrew's United Church (1044 St. George's Avenue)**

An interactive and fun course that teaches youth aged 11 to 15 years the business of babysitting. Learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to get along and care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children, and how to handle emergencies and provide basic first aid.

Cost: \$50 (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Manual, Babysitter Wallet Card & Babysitter Wall Certificate). **Please note ONE TIME OFFER for May 21 course: \$20 off to first 15 registrants.** Information/registration: 604-988-8835 or email [susancowan@telus.net](mailto:susancowan@telus.net)

### **North Vancouver Community Arts Council** **Summer Art Camps: July - September 2016** **Maplewood House (399 Seymour River Place)**

A fantastic line-up of 19 visual and performing arts camps led by talented instructors. Whatever your creative outlet, we have something to offer. For more information and/or registration, [click here](#).

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