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December 4, 2015



# HPAC News

Jolly reminders of the week...

If your child will be away whether it is due to sickness, vacation or will be arriving late to school due to an appointment, then please leave a message on the call back line at 604-903-3544. Please leave your child's legal name, division or grade and child's teacher's name. We thank you in advance!

Also as noted in the notice from the school earlier this week, we highly encourage everyone attending the Christmas concert to pick up the tickets prior to the event. It will be a busy night so why not make life easy for yourselves and pick up your tickets today!

The birds are calling for some more holiday news. Three weeks until Christmas...happy reading!

*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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**Highlands Christmas Concert - December 10th**  
**The Jolly Christmas Postman at the Centennial Theatre**

A reminder that on Friday, December 4th at noon, the very limited number of remaining seats for the Christmas Concert will be released for sale. Families may again purchase up to two tickets. You may purchase tickets (at a cost of \$9.00 per ticket) online at [centennialtheatre.com](http://centennialtheatre.com) (the best way so you won't have to wait on hold), by phone or in person at the box office between 12pm and 5pm, Monday – Saturday, 604-984-4484. The theatre only accepts cash or credit, no debit or Visa debit.

You are encouraged to pick up your tickets at the theatre in advance rather than at the door on the evening of the performance to avoid a lengthy wait. Please note that theatre regulations require that all persons attending, including young children over one year old, require a ticket. You do not need to purchase a ticket for your child who is participating in the concert.

**We still need your help!** We are getting very close. The costumes/props sub committee still need more costumes for the concert. If you are able to assist in providing any of the items listed below, then please contact Ms. Wright ([awright@sd44.ca](mailto:awright@sd44.ca)) or Mrs. Posnikoff ([mkoulas@sd44.ca](mailto:mkoulas@sd44.ca)) as soon as possible.

- **Humpty Dumpty Outfit**
- **Wolf Costume**
- **Lab Coat**

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## **Highlands Band and Strings Christmas Concerts December 14th and December 16th**

Save the date! The Highlands Band and Strings Christmas Concerts will be taking place in the school gym on the following dates:

Band Concert: Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm

Strings Concert: Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00pm

All families are welcome to attend and enjoy the performances of the talented students of Highlands. We hope to see you there!

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## **Me to We Club - Help Out With Our Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign!**

Did you know that each year, nearly 450,000 children die due to complications associated with zinc deficiency? One AA battery contains the amount of zinc that can save the lives of six children!

Teck has partnered with Call2Recycle to help keep batteries out of landfills and help get zinc to the children who need it most. For every battery recycled, Teck will

donate the value of zinc it contains to UNICEF in support of the Zinc & Health partnership.

So, the Highlands Me to We Club has decided to do our part! Each class at Highlands has a battery bin, and we are asking Highlands's families to bring in any **used** batteries. We will then take the batteries for recycling to process the zinc to help save children's lives!

Thank you in advance, for your support!

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## **Kidsbooks Holiday Elves**

Highlands students/families are encouraged to become a Holiday Elf by purchasing a book from the Library "Wish List" located at Kidsbooks in Edgemont Village. The Wish List is created by our Librarian, Ms. McGee, and includes books for all grade levels. Once purchased, students can deliver the book to the Ms. McGee who has labels to put in the books on which the student can write their name. What a great way to encourage the holiday spirit of giving!

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## **Gently Used Toys and Clothing Needed!**

Highlands Community, you have been very generous! We ask that you contribute a little further by holding on to gently used toys and clothing after the holiday season. We will be collecting items and providing the donated items to immigration/social services in the new year. Stay tuned for further details in future newsletters.

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## **W.O.W Program**

Congratulations to Division 11 - Mrs. Posnikoff'ss class (primaries) and Division 7 - Ms. Sherlock's class (intermediates) for winning the coveted Golden Sneaker this week! A total of 166 students participated. Make sure to attach your WOW tag to your backpack and walk or wheel to school next Thursday to get in on the action!

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## **Back by Popular Demand... After School Classes with Motorized LEGO® Models!**

Well, the first round of this after school program was well received! So much so that the after school program is returning in the new year. There are only 16 spots available, so hurry and sign up quickly if you are interested.

A hands-on, project based classes that introduce students in grades 1-5, to S.T.E.M (science, technology, engineering and math) concepts through the fun of building and creating unique motorized models with special LEGO® pieces such as gears, axles and pulleys. Fine motor skill development, student collaboration and problem solving are also a focus in these engaging classes. The theme for this session will be *Transportation* as students will build moving models of sailboats, helicopters and more!

When: Mondays from 3:10-4:10pm

Where: Library - Highlands Elementary

Dates: Jan 18th to Mar 7th (6 sessions - no classes Feb 8 & Feb 29)

Cost \$84.00 including tax

**Register Online** at [www.bricks4kidz.com/vancouver](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/vancouver) and click [View Classes](#) at the top of the page.

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## **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

So 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

Hurry and confirm your spot today! Only 30 spots are available. For more information and/or to register, please visit:

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

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## **In the News...**

Changes may be on the horizon to student assessment and report cards in North Vancouver schools. To read the article by the North Shore News, please [click here](#).

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## **In the Community...**

### **Pool & Pay Pass with North Vancouver Recreation Centres**

Unlimited Swim, Skate and Open Gym. Includes: Skate with Santa, Tube and Slide & Christmas Swim. Only \$5.00 per child. Pass valid for unlimited entry December 28 - January 3, 2016. For more information, visit <http://nvrc.ca/poolandplay>

### **Little League Baseball - registration for 2016 is now open!**

Little League offers baseball for boys and girls ages 5-19 in nine different divisions, from T-ball to Big League. North Shores Little Leagues promotes a healthy balance of community-based activities through regular-season play among local teams and access to the world's largest youth baseball. To register either local leagues visit:

<http://fhll.ca> (Eldon Park)

or

<http://www.highlandsbaseball.com> (Delbrook Park)

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