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HPAC News

Welcome all new and returning families!

All parents of Highlands students are automatically members of Highlands Parent Advisory Committee (HPAC). As your HPAC representatives, we want to let you know that your participation in the school is what makes it such a thriving and vital community.

With the first week of school almost complete, we'd like to share with you some key information as we begin this 2015/16 school year...

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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HPAC Meeting – **SEPTEMBER 15th**

We encourage all parents to attend! Our first HPAC meeting is fast approaching – next Tuesday, September 15th. Please visit the following link [HPAC Meeting Agenda - September 15.pdf](#) for a copy of the agenda.

These monthly HPAC meetings include presentations and discussions of school events, budget items, and fundraising activities and provide an opportunity for parents to learn, share ideas, meet other parents, and help make decisions for the school.

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Our meetings are now scheduled for the **1st Tuesday of the month** (except for the September meeting): *September 15, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April.5, May 3 and June 7

The meetings are held at 7:00pm in the school library, and we coordinate complimentary childcare to make it easier.

Meet the Teacher Night – SEPTEMBER 17th

Please mark down in your calendars that “Meet the Teacher” night will be held on Thursday, September 17h from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. A great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and a tour of their classroom. Please note that no child care will be provided by the school during the meetings.

HPAC Web Site & HPAC News – SEPTEMBER 18th

While we hope that you can attend the monthly meetings, we realize that this is not always possible. The HPAC has a web site full of information for parents and volunteers: www.hpac.wildapricot.org. Be sure to visit on a regular basis as it is a great source of information.

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. Our first weekly HPAC News email will be distributed next week.

Your personal contact information will be kept private by the HPAC unless we have your permission to publish it in our annual school directory.

Fall Planning & HPAC Event Proposals – SEPT. 21st

Your HPAC Executives will be discussing the 2015/16 budget at the October 6th HPAC meeting. If you would you like to see a new event take place at Highlands Elementary that requires some financial assistance, then please complete a "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.

Welcome Back Pizza Night – OCTOBER 1st

Each year, HPAC organizes a welcome event for new and returning families. We are happy to announce our Welcome Back Pizza Night with cakewalk and Halloween

costume exchange will take place on **Thursday, October 1st**! Order forms will be sent home with your child during the week of September 14th.

Volunteer Sign-up

Extra-curricular school activities not only help raise key funds for needed school expenses but also raises school spirit for both Highlands' students and their families.

All parents are encouraged to get involved as much as they can, from one-time events to weekly commitments. Volunteering is an opportunity to meet other parents and families and become more connected to the school.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted at the front of the school for the next two weeks. Support from parents help the school run efficiently - none of the programs can run without new help, needed every year. **Thank you in advance!**

There are several volunteer opportunities that require your help! Please visit the following link <http://www.hpac.wildapricot.org/volunteer> for the detailed descriptions.

If you are not able to come in to the school and/or would like to learn more about the positions, please email us at HPAC@wildapricot.org.

Friday Food Days

Please watch your child's backpack and the HPAC web site for details about Friday Food Day ordering. You don't want to miss out on packing one less lunch per week!

2015/16 HPAC Executives

We look forward to another great year at Highlands! Please contact any one of us should you have any questions or concerns. You can email us directly, as outlined below, or email HPAC@wildapricot.org.

All the Best,

The 2015/16 HPAC Executives

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