

January 20, 2017

HPAC News

For the safety of our children and the community, we please ask that drivers do not double park for any length of time along Colwood Drive and Fairmont Road, especially during pick up and drop off times. And remember to turn off your car while you're waiting to drop off and pick up along these roads (other than the laneway during drop off) - there are young (and older) lungs at work around the school!

A reminder that [next Wednesday](#), January 25th, is early dismissal at 2pm for Staff Collaboration. And, remember if you ordered from Well Fed Meals 2 Go, pickup is [next Thursday, January 26th](#), at 2:45pm outside the gym.

And now some news...

*If you would like to include any information in the weekly HPAC News, please forward your submission to Glenda.savage@shaw.ca by **Wednesday 12:00 noon**.*

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Thanks for a Successful Santa Market

The Grade 7 Farewell Committee would like to thank the Highlands community once again for a successful Santa Market. Half the proceeds, almost \$1,500, were donated to the following organizations: Make a Wish, B.C. Cancer Foundation, and the B.C. Children's Hospital. Way to go, Highlands!

Student Council Sustainability Week: **January 23rd - 27th**



Highlands Student Council has some great Sustainability initiatives in store for next week, remind your children to participate! It's good for the planet! **January 23rd** through **January 26th**, it's Lights out Lunch Week! The Student Council is encouraging everyone to eat with the Lights Out at lunch to help conserve energy for Highlands School, and for the environment.

And, on Friday, **January 27th**, it's Sustainability Day, part of Sustainability Cup, a district wide competition that Highlands Elementary is participating in. Wear earthy colours like brown and green, leave your personal devices at home (if possible) to decrease Highlands' use of phantom power, and be aware of Highlands' hot lunch garbage and recycling program - send your kids with re-useable cutlery to reduce garbage!

These are great initiatives to help your children be more aware of the actions they can take that will decrease our use of resources and help the environment. For more information, click [here](#).

Food Days Ordering Closes Next Week! **Order by January 25th**



Yeah! It's time to place your child's Food Days order for [February 3rd - June 16th](#) which means you only need to pack four lunches a week for the second half of the school year. To order, click [here](#). Food Days is one of the HPAC's biggest fundraisers. Proceeds go towards things such as technology for the school, library books, natural playground maintenance, Bike Week, emergency storage container upkeep, and much more.

All orders must be received by Wednesday, [January 25th](#), at noon. Payment will only be accepted via PayPal.

Sorry, there are no refunds or changes after the deadline. If you are away during a Food Day, please consider payment a donation to the HPAC.

2017 HPAC Directory: Deadline January 27th

We will be preparing the final version of the 2016/17 HPAC Directory in the next few weeks. If you would like to have your contact information included in the final Directory but were NOT included in the earlier version, or if you would like to update any of your details, then please follow these steps:

1. Log into <http://hpac.wildapricot.org/>
2. Click on your child's name located in the upper left hand corner
3. Click "Edit Profile"
4. Scroll down to "Include my contact info in the school directory?" and select your preference. Any changes to your profile can be done here as well.
5. Once updated, click "Save" at the bottom of the page.

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Verna O'Neill at verna@noru.ca.

Highlands Movie Night: **Buy Tickets by January 27th**



You know where your kids will want to be on Friday, [February 3rd](#) at 6:30pm - in the Highlands school gym watching The Lego Movie with their friends! Appropriate attire includes pajamas, and children can bring a pillow or a stuffie as well. Tickets are \$7 and include water, popcorn and a glow bracelet. There also will be goodies sold by the PAC so have your child bring a few extra dollars along as well. Ticket orders are due by [January 27th](#) and will be in your child's backpack, the lobby of the school, or [here](#).

Next HPAC Meeting: **February 7th**

The next HPAC meeting will be Tuesday, [February 7th, 7:00pm](#) in the library. Draft minutes from the December HPAC meeting are attached [here](#) for your review.



Talent Show: **February 16th**

The always amazing and super entertaining Annual Highlands Talent Show is just over a month away 7:00pm on Thursday [February 16th](#)! It will be held at the Blueshore Theatre at Capilano University, the same great location as the last two years. Just a reminder to save the date and look out for ticket as the show sells out every year! It's always a fabulous family night out. Tickets will go on sale [January 30th](#), \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. If

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

Red Cross Babysitting Course: February 24th

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.

The course will be held **February 24th**, 8:30 - 3:30, and is for Grade 6 and above. Fee is \$60 plus GST. Register [here](#).

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Ms. Holliday's class (primaries) and, for the second week in a row, Mrs. Fary's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 154 Highlands students walked or wheeled. Make sure to attach your WOW tag to your backpack and walk or wheel to school **next Thursday** to get in on the action!



In the Community...

Neighbourhood Speed Reduction Forum: January 26th, 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Motor vehicle speed is one of the biggest factors in collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. It's also one of the reasons that people are afraid to walk and ride their bikes. The result? More driving. Come for this panel discussion on Neighbourhood Speed Reduction at North Vancouver District Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Highlands Kids' Club Behavior Management Workshop: Feb. 7th - Mar. 7th

This five session program is designed for parents who have children with challenging behaviours and offers an effective way to reduce those behaviours. See the attached [Behavior](#) for more details and for registration information.

North Shore Arts Council Winter Art Classes for Kids

Does your child love art or would you like to introduce them to some different types of art? The North Shore Arts Council is offering classes in Watercolour, Drawing, as well as silk-screening T-Shirts to create unique, wearable pieces of art. Check out the classes and registration information [here](#).

Highlands Pre-School Children's Sale: Feb. 18th, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Highlands Pre-School (3255 Edgemont Blvd.) is holding it's annual used toy and clothing sale - the largest on the North Shore! And, new for this year, they have new and handcrafted items from local vendors. For more information, click [here](#).