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HPAC News

February is a busy month at Highlands - please take a moment to read through the many events in the next few weeks.

A heads up that you may have encountered locks on the gates allowing access to the back of the school - if so, that is because our unseasonably cold weather has frozen the locks! The gates will be unlocked for drop off and pick up whenever the weather cooperates.

And here's a thought, if you are already snowed under with school and events, only six weeks until spring break!

*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 a ton for the books!

We wrapped up a successful book drive last week, thanks everyone for bringing your gently used books into school! We were amazed by the volume and the great condition of the books! Teachers were very appreciative and excited to expand their in-class libraries and any extra books were welcomed with open arms by the Kids Club.

2017 HPAC Directory: **Deadline Today**

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: **Tickets Due Today**



Movie Night is coming up next Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm, in the Highlands gym. Tickets are due [today](#) in the HPAC box in the lobby! Siblings or friends are welcome. Appropriate attire includes pajamas, and children can bring a pillow or a stuffie as well. Tickets are \$7 for kids (parents do not need a ticket, but siblings or friends do) and include water, popcorn and a glow bracelet - click [here](#) for the ticket order form. There also will be goodies sold by the PAC so have your child bring a few extra dollars along as well. Children need a parent in attendance in order to be admitted - this is not a supervised event.

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.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

Volunteer sign-up sheets have been posted on the classroom doors of Grades K through 4 for our second session of Friday Hot Lunch: [February 3rd](#) to [June 16th](#). Please sign up if you are interested in volunteering to help distribute lunch in your child's class. This is a fun and easy volunteer job between 11:50 and 12:20 on hot lunch Fridays.



Talent Show: February 16th

Auditions are complete and once again we were very impressed with the talent at this school! We are looking forward to another great show! Tickets are now on sale with a maximum of four per family until [February 6th](#). Be sure to get yours early to avoid disappointment as the show sells out every year. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. An order form went home with your child this week. We will be issuing physical tickets this year so look for them in your child's backpack. If there are any tickets left over after [February 6th](#), we will open up the sales on [February 8th](#) until the show is sold out. Come out for a fun evening of family friendly entertainment while supporting the school!

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 Mrs. Windibank's class (primaries) and Mrs. Baker'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...

Learn to Carve Soapstone with a Master! Registration closes [January 31st!](#)

The North Vancouver Community Arts Council is providing an opportunity for you to join local master stone carver, Michael Binkley, as he teaches soapstone carving. The class is for youth and adults of all skill levels. Registration closes [January 31st](#), so call 604-988-6844 or register online [here today](#). Classes are Tuesdays, Feb. 7th - 21st from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

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.

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

Highlands Pre-School (3255 Edgemont Blvd.) is holding its 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](#).

Highlands Little League - Registration Open!

The Little League World Series dream remains strong in North Vancouver! With expanded boundaries now including all of North Vancouver from Lonsdale to the Capilano River, Highlands is looking forward to another strong year of community baseball. With record numbers of early registrants, we look forward to the many new programs established this year to support new / existing coaches and player development right from T-Ball up.

All games will be played on the local North Vancouver diamonds that Highlands, North Van Central and Forest Hills Little League's have traditionally played on for more than 50 years. The success of Little League's deep roots show, as Sundays at Delbrook are community events in themselves, with kids of all ages, friends and siblings, parents and grandparents all taking in the excitement and spirit that the game of baseball brings.

We look forward to welcoming any players new to the sport, or existing players in any of the leagues, into our uniquely Little League experience. Please register [today](#) at [Highlands Little League](#).