

March 3, 2017

HPAC News

With the wintry weather we've been getting lately it's hard to remember that Spring Break is only one week away and school will be closed from March 13th to March 24th, starting back Monday, March 27th.

In the meantime before spring break, don't forget about student led teacher conferences on Wednesday, March 8th and Thursday, March 9th, and 2:00 dismissal. And on March 10th report cards will be distributed through the parent portal.

And for those parents whose children have participated in any of Highlands' sports teams (in this or prior years), please dig through your closets and return any school jerseys. The school is missing 30 jerseys and it's costly to replace them!

There are lots of things going on at Highlands, read on!

*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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School Ground Litter - Please Help Keep our Grounds Clean

Please take five minutes of your day today to share this with your children.

Many parents have been noticing an increase of students' lunch litter regularly left on our school grounds and the natural playground. One of our Highlands' students was kind

enough to spend her day cleaning up litter at our school over the weekend - she collected bags and bags of garbage! Thank you Quinn for being so awesome and bringing this issue to our attention!

Highlands encourages families to send their kids to school with "litter-less" lunches by using reusable containers whenever possible. If you do see litter, please put it in the garbage. Everyone (parents included) can be a part of keeping our grounds clean and keeping harmful plastics out of the environment.



Next HPAC Meeting: March 7th

The next regularly scheduled HPAC meeting is next Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 - 8:30pm in the library. Child care will be available. Draft minutes from the last meeting are [here](#), and the agenda can be found here [Agenda](#).

At the last HPAC meeting, parents voted to approve the purchase of 50 new jerseys for Highlands sports teams. Way to go! We hope that this will mean that all participants in school sports teams will be able to wear Highlands jerseys as they play - please remember to bring in any school jerseys that you find in closets at home!



Wanted: HPAC Executive Team Members for 2017- 18!



We are looking ahead to the 2017 - 18 school year and would like to bring on some NEW talented parents to help the HPAC! Our current fundraisers extraordinaire, Tracey Lebedovich and Marnie Giblin, will be retiring at the end of this school year, along with Jennifer McNaught, our wonderful Secretary. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the 2016-17 school year.

Thank you to Amanda Clark, who is joining us as Co-Treasurer for the 2017-18 school year.

Please consider volunteering for next year's Fundraising or Secretary roles. Each is different, but all are fun, helps the school and your kids, and are great ways to get involved at Highlands! If you are interested contact Janelle Carr at hpaccochair@gmail.com, or Karissa Rennie at Karissa.rennie@gmail.com, or visit the following links [Secretary](#), [Fundraising](#).

Social Media 4 Parents: Sign up by March 27th

The HPAC is hosting a 90 minute presentation to help parents to learn strategies, gain knowledge, and share concerns regarding the use of social media and their children. The presentation will be delivered by a practising teacher with knowledge and experience in the area. The presentation will be held at Highlands, in the Music Room, and will be at the HPAC's usual monthly meeting time - Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 - 8:30pm, and babysitting will be available. This is a sign up event so please RSVP by March 27th, 2017, on the following [Form](#).

Bike Week at Highlands: May 23rd - May 26th



A heads up that Highlands is planning Bike Week for May 23rd - 26th. So break out those bikes over spring break, check the seat height, oil the chain, all that maintenance so the kids can get on their bikes and will be ready for Bike Week!

Highlands White Caps Game: **May 27th**

Save the Date! Thinking of taking the family to a Whitecaps game this year? What better way to attend a game than with your Highlands friends? We will be offering tickets to the Saturday, May 27th game at 4pm, with all seats in the same section. Party! Order forms will be out soon.

After School Programs: **Starting April 3rd**

Yeah! Spring After School Programs at Highlands will start the week of April 3rd. Registration is now open through the HPAC Website. A few additional programs (yoga and chess club) are in the works and may be added in the coming weeks.

Please contact Angela Santoro at angelasantoro99@gmail.com with questions on the programs, or any suggestions on future programs.

Classes are listed below, and please click [here](#) for more details and to register.

WEEKDAY	PROGRAM	GRADES	TIME	LOCATION
Mondays	Artmania	4-7	12 – 1 pm	Kids Club Por
Tuesdays	Sole Girls	K-2	3 – 4:30 pm	Mrs. Posnikof
Tuesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	K-1	3 – 4 pm	Ms. Wright's
Tuesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	2-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright's
Tuesdays	NBA Junior Basketball	K-2	3 - 4 pm	Gymnasium
Wednesdays	Artmania	K-3	12 – 1 pm	Kids Club Por
Thursdays	Artmania	K-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright's
Fridays	Sportball	K-3	3 – 4 pm	Gymnasium

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Mrs. Chan's class (primaries) and Mrs. Fary's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 188 Highlands students walked or wheeled to

school, way to go! 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...

Highland's Grade Four Student Paul Wang's first personal concert: March 4th



Highland's own Paul Wang is hosting his first personal concert at Highlands United Church, 3255 Edgemont Blvd., on Saturday, March 4th at 6:45pm. Come out to enjoy this concert and support Paul as he and guest artists perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and more. Admission is free and all donations will go to support the North Shore New Hub to Make Every Day Count for Palliative Patients, via Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. There are also prize-draws to appreciate the donors coming to the concert. More information available at [Concert](#).

North Shore Arts Crawl: March 4th and 5th

This is a free community arts event that celebrates the creative energy of our local artists and enables cultural vitality. It features artists in approachable and accessible art venues that encourage connection. Visit the North Vancouver Community Arts Council [website](#) for details, including a brochure, artist description, and a map of where to find the artists. This would be suitable for older children.

Parent Information Session - Understanding Challenging Behaviors: March 6th

Cleveland Elementary is hosting a session on Understanding Challenging Behaviors, with Handsworth Family of Schools Leader Morag Kelley and Cleveland School Psychologist Erin Fleming. The presenters will discuss how to interpret various challenging behavior as well

as ideas for intervening. This event is on Monday, March 6th, at 7:00pm in the Cleveland Elementary library, and is a free event. More information is on the attached [pdf](#).

Abbotsford International Airport Girls Fly Too: March 11 - 12, 9:00 - 5:30

Fun for the whole family is to be had at the Abbotsford International Airport March 11 - 12, for the Girls Fly Too event. Attendance is free and everyone is welcome at this event that seeks to inspire female future leaders in Aviation, Aerospace, Marine and Defence. There will be awesome activities, displays (including aircraft and their crews), suitable for all ages. And, best of all, there are free helicopter flights available - best to register in advance to guarantee a spot. Check out the website for information and to register for the free flights at [Girlsfly2](#).

North Shore Flag 7 Rugby - Registration Open!

This is the inaugural season of North Shore Flag 7 Rugby. Flag 7's Rugby is a fast, fun, non-contact way to learn and play what is becoming one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Registration is open for girls and boys in grades 4 - 8. Play is April 8th - July 11th.

Register at [North Shore Rugby](#).