

March 10, 2017

HPAC News

This is the last newsletter before Spring Break - we hope you all have a good few weeks off! School will resume Monday, March 27th.

A reminder clocks spring ahead Sunday, March 12th as Daylight Savings begins.

Also please over the break if you are starting any spring cleaning please continue to look for any school jerseys. The school is missing 20 jerseys and it's costly to replace them!



*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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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. and Jason Krupa, our DPAC Representative. 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](#). The DPAC Representative is responsible for attending district PAC meetings and reporting back to the executive any critical information.

Social Media 4 Parents: Sign up over the break

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](#).

The Card Project is coming to Highlands!



This amazing fundraiser will turn your children's art into unique, professionally printed greeting cards! The children have already submitted their own special art projects. Each child will receive a free greeting card that showcases their own art. The back of the card is

customized with their name and grade. You will have the opportunity to order online, and you can also order notebooks and sketchbooks with your child's art on the cover. This is a wonderful, creative fundraising initiative for Highlands. The PAC receives 25% of all sales. Orders will be ready for delivery by the first week of May. Look for your child's card coming home after Spring Break!

Visit TheCardProject.ca for more information or contact Marcelle at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca.



Purdy's Grade 7 Fundraiser

Just when your stash of Valentine's chocolate is running low, the Grade 7's have arranged for a Purdy's fundraiser so you can stock up that stash again! Yum! Stock up for Easter and support the Grade 7 class. Brochures were sent home in your child's backpack, but if your brochure hasn't made it home yet, you can follow the following instructions:

1. Visit Purdys
2. Register a new account or login to an existing account
3. Use customer #11523 to join the Highlands Group
4. Shop online for chocolates! Easy!

The order deadline is March 30th and pickup is April 7th.

Thanks for your support! Questions? Email kathy.dirom@gmail.com



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

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 Portab
Tuesdays	Sole Girls	K-2	3 – 4:30 pm	Mrs. Posnikoff's
Tuesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	K-1	3 – 4 pm	Ms. Wright's Cla

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Wednesdays	Artmania	K-3	12 – 1 pm	Kids Club Portable
Thursdays	Artmania	K-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright’s Class
Fridays	Sportball	K-3	3 – 4 pm	Gymnasium

WOW Program

Our intrepid WOW Volunteers are taking a well-needed break this week, so class results for WOW are not available. But, that doesn't mean that Highlands kids didn't walk or wheel - they did! Lots of them! Way to go, Highlands. WOW will resume the week of March 27th.

Spring Cleaning - Save Your Gently Used Summer Gear for a Sale!



Are you planning a spring clean up of your kid's closet soon? Or dreaming of summer and starting to fret that those water shoes or sun hats won't fit anymore? Well, the PAC has an event for you, and you can help the PAC at the same time. HPAC will be accepting donations of used summer gear - sandals, water shoes, swim suits, shirts, shorts - anything summer - and then reselling them at our spring fair, which we'll be telling you more about in the coming weeks! Those who donate quality gear will be given a discount certificate towards purchases. This is a great way to save money on those summer items that kids grow out of in a year anyway, and will help raise money for the school.

We'll be starting to collect in mid April so please start saving summer items rather than recycling them through your regular channels. More details to come in April!

In the Community...

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](#).

Understanding Anxiety and Anxiety Management Strategies - April 6, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Canyon Heights Elementary PAC presents Sharon Selby, MA, Registered Clinical Counsellor, discussing Understanding Anxiety and Anxiety Management Strategies. Sharon will share her extensive knowledge and experience helping families cope and overcome the struggles related to child anxiety. The presentation is at Canyon Heights Elementary, 4501 Highland Blvd., on Thursday, April 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.