

April 14, 2017

# HPAC News

We hope you are all enjoying this long weekend and lots of chocolate, school is closed today for Good Friday and Monday, April 17th, for Easter Monday.

And now onto the news...



*If you would like to include any information in the weekly HPAC News, please forward your submission*

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to [Glenda.savage@shaw.ca](mailto:Glenda.savage@shaw.ca) by **Wednesday 12:00 noon.**

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## **HPAC Still Needs Two Fundraising Co-ordinators - by May!**



HPAC welcomes Sara Duyker to the 2017/18 executive team, she will be next year's Secretary. Thanks, Sara!

HPAC needs two more parent volunteers to be on the Exec Committee for next year, 2017/18. To keep the PAC running and receiving important funding for our school, new volunteers need to be voted in at the June PAC meeting.

The job description is as follows:

- co-ordinate one or two fundraising events (usually one in the fall, one in spring, but it is flexible)
- provide guidance to other event leaders when needed
- attend a maximum of two meetings each month, an Executive meeting and the general PAC
- help with budgeting for 2017/18 in September

Not to worry, the Co-ordinators are not in charge of all the events at the school! Most of the events for next year already have committed parent leads. Want to raise money but don't want to run events? Host a cheque drive! It's totally up to you.

The job is totally doable for flexible working parents and all meetings are in the evenings (usually with wine). There is absolutely no experience needed and each

volunteer will have lots of support. It's fun and a great way to meet new people while supporting our school.

Please, if you haven't volunteered to be on the HPAC yet, consider finding a friend and sign up for this role together.

Email Janelle Carr at [hpaccochair@gmail.com](mailto:hpaccochair@gmail.com) or Karissa Rennie at [karissa.rennie@gmail.com](mailto:karissa.rennie@gmail.com) for more details or to ask questions.

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## **Spring Plant Sale: Order by April 28th**



A perfect gift for Mom! Order now and receive your plants just in time for Mother's Day (May 14th) - delivery is on May 12th.

Premium hanging flower and strawberry baskets, mixed patio planters and assorted herb and tomato packs, and new this year, geraniums, petunias, marigolds, fertilizer and organic potting soil. All you need for spring planting!

These plants are a great way to brighten up your patio, kick start your garden, or give a "thank you" to mom or someone special. Those who have ordered in the past know the plants are beautiful and the quality is outstanding.

Orders can be made using this [Form](#) or order online at this [link](#). If you order online, please submit cash or a cheque payable to HPAC in the HPAC box outside the office.

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## Natural Playground Weeding Volunteers Needed



Spring is coming, sometime, and so are the weeds. Did you know that it's the responsibility of Highlands families to do garden maintenance of our wonderful Natural Playground area? We ask that families do their share to weed the garden for a few hours on one weekend day between April and October. When everyone pitches in a little it makes it quick and easy for all!

If you have not already added yourself as a volunteer weeder for our Natural Playground, please send an email to Tracy Lebedovich at [Tracey@gloriousday.com](mailto:Tracey@gloriousday.com) to add your name to the list. If you have volunteered in the past, not to worry, you will stay on her list!

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## Highlands Family BBQ and Spring Fair: **Save the Date - June 9th**



Save the date for Highlands Spring Fair Friday, June 9th, 5:00 - 8:00pm.

We need your glass jars! Please start collecting and saving any of your large sized mason / pickle / pasta sauce jars for a super fun school-wide craft project coming up soon for our Spring Fair. We are asking each family to collect at least one jar, plus any extras you have to donate to us would be fantastic!

And don't forget about donating any used summer gear - sandals, water shoes, swim suits, shirts, shorts - anything summer. We will be reselling them at our spring fair. 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.

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## Safe Routes Advocates in the News

The Safe Routes Advocates ("SRA") is a group of North Vancouver parents that focuses on the safety of the surrounding areas near our schools. They lobby the district, attend safety council meetings, listen to parents and create partnerships with the DNV. Check out the attached video of an interview Carol Santor of the SRA did at the pro-walk pro-bike conference in September, at 8:25, to hear about the benefits of walking to school and more on what the SRA does: [SRA Video](#). And, if you are interested in getting involved, email Erin MacNair at [erinmacnair@gmail.com](mailto:erinmacnair@gmail.com).

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## Keep up to date on Highlands: join the HPAC Facebook



Are you a member of the HPAC Facebook Group? It's a great way to keep up to date on school events and activities. Search HPAC on Facebook and send a request to join. The group is "Closed" and members must be Highlands parents or caregivers to join. If your Facebook profile doesn't clearly identify you, please send a Facebook PM to one of the group admins with your and your child's

names so we can approve you for addition to the group. The Facebook link is [here](#).

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## **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.

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## **WOW Program**

The coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries) and Mrs. Sherlock's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 181 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!

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## **In the Community...**

### **Woodworking Intensive - April 29, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Here's an interesting course for someone into woodworking, hosted by the North Vancouver Community Arts Council. Three local artists will share a variety of projects and techniques in this day long course. Held at Maplewood House at 399 Seymour River Place. More information and registration information is in this

form [Woodworking](#). The North Vancouver Community Council also offers some great art classes, including some for Mom and Me / Dad and Me - check out the following link [Art Classes](#).

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course - May 8th, 8:30am - 3:30pm**

Montroyal Elementary is holding a Red Cross Babysitting Course for Grade 6+ kids interested in learning the art and science of babysitting. It's at Montroyal Elementary, 5310 Sonora Drive, on May 8th. Registration is at [firstaidhero.com](#). The cost is \$60 plus GST.

### **Kidsworld Programs for Kids**

Kidsworld provides families with the best and most affordable way to experience a wide variety of the great places and activities Vancouver has to offer. There are two programs, Kidsworld 44 and Kidsworld Summer. Kidsworld 44 has an activity or event for each week of the school year for a child and parent to attend without cost. The pass runs on a calendar year basis, minus the summer, from the time of purchase. Kidsworld Summer has an event every day of July and August. Each pass is only \$50, or \$95 for both!

Events include places like the Vancouver Art Gallery, Richmond Olympic Experience, BC Hall of Fame, as well as exclusive opportunities like a CBC News Room Tour, YVR Tours, as well as hosted activities like music, art, dance, rock climbing, or circus classes. There are also bonus discounts on Playland day passes, Vancouver Whitecaps FC2 games, or \$50 off a week at Keats Camps and Anvil Island camp for new campers.

Check out the following link [Kidsworld Program](#) to sign up. And per child signed up, the HPAC receives \$5.