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HPAC News

Spring events are in full swing at Highlands, read on!

You will all have heard of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding class size and composition. Find out more about what it means for the district at a meeting held by the North Vancouver School District on Tuesday, April 25th, at 7pm at the Education Services Centre on Lonsdale.

Enjoy Earth Day on Saturday.



*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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HPAC Recruitment - Seriously, We Need Your Help!



It's that time of year again when we are on the search for two new parents to step onto the HPAC Exec Committee for next year, 2017/18, as Fundraisers. Yes, we all lead busy lives but we are asking for a bit of your time. 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 or Karissa Rennie at karissa.rennie@gmail.com for more details or to ask questions.



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.

Highlands White Caps Game: Order by April 28th

Your kids are already asking you to head to the Whitecaps game Saturday, May 27th game at 4pm, with all their friends, so order tickets now! Order forms came home in your child's backpack this week or find it [here](#), tickets are \$32 each. Please put a the completed order form with payment in the HPAC box in the lobby. If paying by cheque, make it out to Highlands PAC. We've booked seats in the same section.

HPAC Meeting: May 2nd

The next HPAC meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:00 - 8:30 in the library. Draft minutes from the last meeting can be found [here](#).

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.

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 to add your name to the list. If you have volunteered in the past, not to worry, you will stay on her list!

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



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](#).

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Mrs. Chan's class (primaries) and for the second week in a row, Mrs. Sherlock's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 172 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...

NV PAC's General Meeting and Panel on Physical Literacy - April 26th, 7:00pm

The North Vancouver PAC's general meeting is next Wednesday, April 26th, at 7:00pm. Immediately following the meeting, at 7:30pm, the NV PAC will host a panel of experts in sport, health, recreation and education on Physical Literacy. Guest Speakers include Scott Morgan, Olympian, Drew Mitchell, Physical Literacy Director for Canadian Sport

for Life, Stephen McGinley, UBC Faculty of Education. More details are found here Northvanpac.meetings.

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.

Sole Awesome 5k Fun Run - May 28th

Sole Girls is celebrating fun physical activity with their annual Sole Awesome 5k Fun Run, with fun for the whole family, with obstacles, high fives, and cheering! This year's run is on May 28th at Mundy Park in Coquitlam. And, if you enter using Highland's school code, NVAN17, you get \$5 off registration.