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# HPAC News

We are almost half way through May and Highlands is busy! We hope you all enjoy Mother's Day on Sunday. Looking ahead, school is not in session Monday, May 22nd, for the Victoria Day Statutory Holiday so start planning your long weekend now!

*If you would like to include any information in the weekly HPAC News, please forward your submission to [Glenda.savage@shaw.ca](mailto:Glenda.savage@shaw.ca) by **Wednesday 12:00 noon**.*

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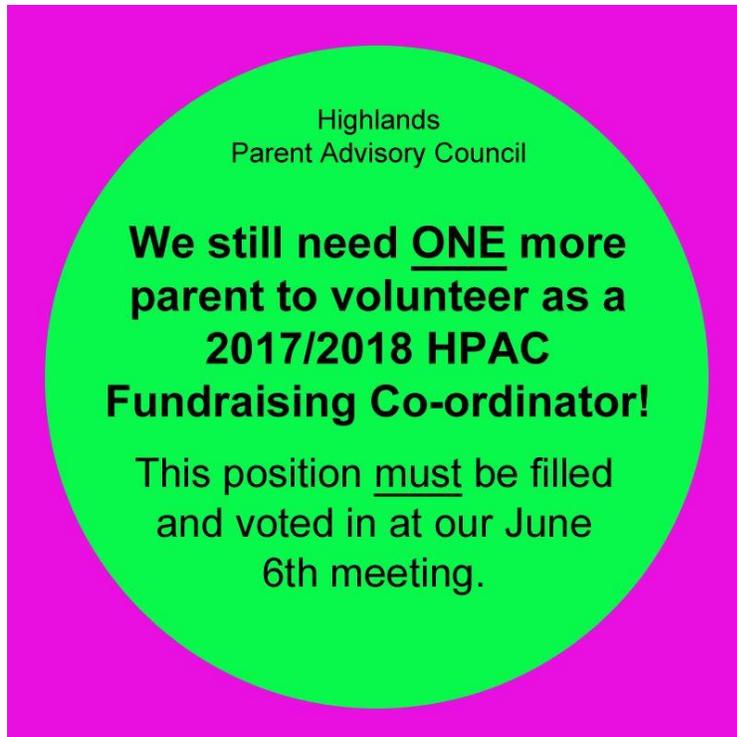
## Spring Plant Pick- Up: Today

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser! A reminder that your plants will be available to pick-up today, Friday, May 12th, at the front of the

school between 2:30 and 4:00. If you can't make the pick-up time, please contact Brandy at [brandyhughes@gmail.com](mailto:brandyhughes@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

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## **We Need YOU! Just ONE More Fundraiser Needed!**



Our 2017-18 PAC Executive is still looking for ONE Fundraiser to sit on the Executive. We have one amazing mama volunteer, but she needs a partner in crime.

Historically, these two parent volunteers have coordinated a parent social and a kids and parents spring event, and have supported other fundraising efforts. All of our other fundraising events have existing, committed leads. Want to switch things up next year and do something different - amazing - the volunteers get to decide how to raise funds. It could be as simple as a cheque drive...

Thinking about it? Questions? Email Janelle Carr at [hpaccochair@gmail.com](mailto:hpaccochair@gmail.com) or Karissa Rennie at [karissa.rennie@gmail.com](mailto:karissa.rennie@gmail.com).

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

A promotional poster for Bike Week at Highlands. The left side features a blue-tinted image of a person riding a bicycle, with the text "BIKE WEEK" in large white letters and "MAY 23-26" below it. The right side is an orange background with white text detailing the schedule and prizes.

**DUST OFF YOUR BIKE AND HELMET AND JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT DURING BIKE WEEK!**

**TUESDAY MAY 23RD**  
Grade 2, 3 and Grade 6 (Dimmock's class)

**WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH**  
Grade 4, 5 and 6 (Baker and Wright's class)

**THURSDAY MAY 25TH**  
Grade 7 (Off-site ride)  
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Bike Rodeo

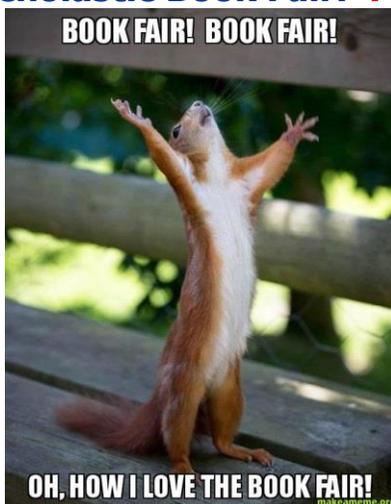
**FRIDAY MAY 26TH**  
School Assembly - 9:30 am

**GRAND PRIZE DRAW:  
A BRAND NEW BIKE!**

**TREK SGC SUMMER GRAVITY CAMP**

Remember to return your child's waivers which came home in their backpack - your child cannot participate without these completed. Also, if you are short a bike or a helmet, let your class rep know and we will try to arrange to get you one so your child can participate.

## Scholastic Book Fair: May 29th - June 1st



Stock up on your summer reading material, the Spring Book Fair arrives May 29th through June 1st! All proceeds go to the school library so it will be well stocked with fresh books in the fall.

As usual we need a fair number of volunteers to make the Book Fair happen. Shifts are brief, the work is easy, and you get to see those Highlands students in action. We are looking for volunteers for each of the following time slots:

Monday: 8:30 - 9:30 (setup), 12:15 - 1:00pm (intermediates), 2:55 - 3:45

Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:30 (setup), 12:15 - 1:00pm (primaries), 2:55 - 3:45

Wednesday: 8:30 - 9:30 (setup), 12:15 - 1:00pm (intermediates)

Thursday: 8:30 - 9:30 (setup), 12:15 - 1:00pm (primaries), 2:55 - 3:45 (help pack up)

If you can work one or more of these shifts, please contact Christina Carrick at <mailto:christina@carrick-lee.net>

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## Natural Playground Weeding Volunteers Needed



Spring is coming, 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: June 9th**

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

We need your glass jars! We'll have a Jolly Jar station at the fair where we'll be selling mason jars filled with all sorts of fun goodies for \$4 each. Fill them with toys, crafts, candy, objects...things you think kids will love. Who will be making these jars? You and your kiddos! Once you fill your jar with inexpensive but quality items, have your kids decorate it with you! We'll be collecting the completed jars at school starting the week of May 22nd with a drop off deadline of June 5th. We'd love every family to donate one amazing jar per child. More details will be coming home soon!



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## **Summer Gear and Clothes Drive at Family BBQ: June 9th**



You have cleaned out those closets and sorted your gear in preparation for the Spring Fair Clothes Sale. Now what? Beginning May 23rd you can drop off your gently used summer gear at the school in a marked bin by the main entrance. We are collecting any summer - sandals, water shoes, swim suits, shirts, shorts, summer dresses. Please make sure your family name is on the bag so we can credit you with your buying discount - ch-ching! Can't wait until the 23rd? You can drop off marked bags at 3636 Glenview Crescent starting now. Any questions please contact [karynm@gmail.com](mailto:karynm@gmail.com).

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**FUN DAY**

**Having Fun Yet? Pitch in on Fun Day: June 16th**

The Highlands Elementary Fun Day Committee is looking for an enthusiastic parent or two willing to lead a large (70 or so), really happy group of kids in Zumba, yoga, or other activity in the gym on Fun Day, June 16th. The activity would be about 25 - 30 minutes long and would be repeated six times. Teachers and student volunteers will be there to provide support. Contact Amy Wright at [awright@sd44.ca](mailto:awright@sd44.ca) for more information.

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## WOW Program

After 24 weeks of Walk or Wheel, the following classes are in the running for the year-end prize of a class celebration (one for primaries and one for intermediates). Results to date are:

### **Primary**

Mrs. Chan – 10 wins  
Mrs. Patterson – 7 wins

### **Intermediate**

Mrs. Baker – 8 wins  
Mrs. Fary – 8 wins  
Mrs. Mitchell - 6 wins

But, there are still five weeks to go so this race is far from over! Help your division overtake the leaders! And children in the divisions above, keep it up to maintain your lead! Let's get some friendly competition going for these last WOW's of the 2016/17 school year. If your child has lost their WOW tags, they just need to let the WOW volunteers know their division.

This week, the coveted golden sneaker was won by Ms. Mulock's class (primaries) and Mrs. Fary's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 163 Highlands students walked or wheeled - way to go!

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## In the Community...

### **Town Hall Meeting to Discuss 50M Pool - May 16th, 6:00 - 8:30pm**

If you are a swimmer or have children who love swimming you may find this of interest. There is a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the upgrades to the Harry Jerome pool, on Tuesday, May 16th, 6:00 - 8:30pm, at the Pinnacle Hotel Second Floor Ballroom, 138 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver. Current plans for the new pool call for a 25M pool only. More information is in the attached pdf [Harry Jerome](#), along with ways that you can provide input.

### **Rethinking Risky Play: The Importance of Risky Play for Children - May 30th, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Most of us have childhood memories of long hours spent outdoors and away from watchful eyes of adults. The childhood of today looks very different, with more time spent indoors, supervised, in structured activities, in front of screens. Highlands Preschool is hosting an interactive presentation by Dr. Mariana Brussoni, which will explore the effects of changing childhoods and limited outdoor risky play time on children's health and development, as well as strategies to restore balance. Dr. Brussoni is an Associate Professor at UBC and investigator with BC Children's Hospital Research Institute and the BC Injury Research & Prevention Unit. At Highlands Preschool, 3455 Edgemont Boulevard, on Tuesday, May 30th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please RSVP by May 22nd to 604-980-1740 or to [director@highlandspreschool.ca](mailto:director@highlandspreschool.ca). All are welcome, \$5 donation to the Preschool for non-Preschool registered families. More information is here [Risky play](#).

### **Teaching Kids to be Smart about Social Media - May 31st, 7:30 - 9:00pm**

After the NVPAC annual meeting on May 31st (7:00 - 7:30pm), they are hosting a talk with guest speakers Jesse Miller and Carol Todd to help parents learn about the risks inherent with their kids' social media and online lives. Parents will gain a better understanding of how kids are using social media, and the value of digital citizenship. RSVP required, please see the attached pdf [SocialMedia](#) for more information.

### **Serious Fun Summer Camps at CapU**

It is almost that time of year, when you remember with fond memories the rush to get kids to school in the morning, as they look at you and say, "I'm bored!". Capilano University offers summer camps that focus on STEM. Check out the attached [CapU-SeriousFun-Summer-Camps](#) for more information.