

May 19, 2017

# HPAC News

Bike Week is next week! It will be a fun one. And, we are pleased to announce, as we know you will miss seeing the want ads, that we have found two, count 'em, two, wonderful parents to take on the HPAC Fundraiser Co-ordinator roles. A big thanks to those parents!

A reminder that school is not in session Monday, May 22nd, for the Victoria Day Statutory Holiday, we hope you all enjoy what looks to be a beautiful, sunny long weekend.



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*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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## **Are your kids short some hoodies? Pants? A Bow Tie? Check the Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is bursting with all manner of clothes, assorted sundries, and lunch containers (thanks, all, for your litter-less lunches!). Our helpful Lost and Found fairy godmother has organized them and given back labelled items to their owners, but there is still alot of lost items remaining. Pop over and check it out to see if any of your children's stuff is there.

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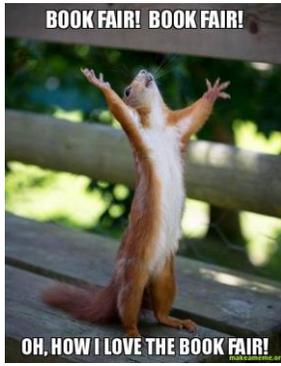


## **Junior Achievement Sale: May 25th**

The Grade 6 classes have been learning about the organization and operation of a business. They will be selling their merchandise on May 25th at lunch in the gym. Half the proceeds will go towards the S.P.C.A. Items range from \$0.25 to \$3.00. Come check out what the Grade 6's have made, and support a good cause!

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## **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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*Highlands*  
**Spring**  
**Fair**  
*Friday June 9th - 5pm to 8pm*

**Highlands Family BBQ and Spring Fair: Join us June 9th, 5:00 - 8:00pm**

Order forms should be arriving home this week via your kid's backpacks! Come and enjoy a BBQ dinner while your kids have as much fun as they can handle, with bouncy castles, "Wipe Out!" station, carnival games, dunk tank, face painting, arts & crafts, popcorn, Jolly Jars and much more! Instead of individual tickets, this year we will be offering all-access KIDS FUN PASS wristbands for \$12 Advanced (\$15 Day Of). Pay one low price and have unlimited admission at all of our FUN PASS stations - all night! To learn more about the vent, visit [www.hpac.wildapricot.org/Fair](http://www.hpac.wildapricot.org/Fair).

Download the BBQ and Fun Pass Order Form [here](#) or print out this pdf [Order Form](#). Orders are due in the HPAC box in the school lobby by Thursday June 1st. See you at the BBQ!

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## Turn your empty jars into Jolly Jars!

New this year, HPAC will be selling "Jolly Jars" at the Spring Fair to raise money for our school (and because they are super fun). Jolly Jars will be made by Highlands' families (aka you and your kiddos) and then sold at the Spring Fair for \$4 each.

### What is Jolly Jar?

A Jolly Jar is a decorated glass mason jar filled with fun items kids would love! Use your own medium-sized glass jar with lid (pasta, pickle, mason or other) and decorate the outside how you like! Be as crazy or as conservative with your decor as you want!

### What do you put inside the jars?

Fill them with crafts, toys, candy, objects...things you think kids will love. Once you fill your jar with new, inexpensive but quality items, have your kids decorate it with you!

Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom beginning May 23rd (we will be going around to each classroom to show examples and to inspire your kids!). We'd love every family to donate one amazing jar per child. Drop off deadline will be June 5th.

More details will be coming home next week.

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



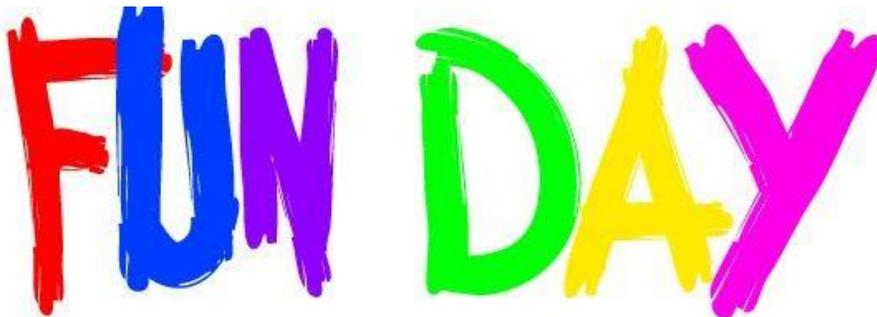
You have cleaned out those closets and sorted your gear in preparation for the Spring Fair Clothes Sale. Now what? Beginning May 23rd you can drop off your gently used summer gear at the school in a marked bin by the main entrance. We are collecting any summer - sandals, water shoes, swim suits, shirts, 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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## Next HPAC Meeting: **June 6th**

The next HPAC meeting will be Tuesday, June 6th, at 7:00pm. Draft minutes from the last meeting can be found here [Highlands Parent Advisory Committee Draft Minutes](#).

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## 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

Only three weeks left for WOW! The race is on for the class celebration (one for primaries and one for intermediates). Results to date are:

### **Primary**

Mrs. Chan – 10 wins  
Mrs. Patterson – 8 wins

### **Intermediate**

Mrs. Baker – 8 wins  
Mrs. Fary – 9 wins  
Mrs. Mitchell - 6 wins

Help your division overtake the leaders! And children in the divisions above, keep it up to maintain your lead! 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 Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries) and, for the second week in a row, Mrs. Fary's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 201 Highlands students walked or wheeled - almost half the school - amazing!

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## In the Community...

**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**

It 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. Register for this presentation at [eventbrite.ca/e/teaching-kids-to-be-smart-about-social-media](https://eventbrite.ca/e/teaching-kids-to-be-smart-about-social-media).