

Parent Social, Grade 6 / 7 Babysitters Available, Grouse Mountain Passes, DPAC Curriculum Meeting, Purdy's Fundraiser, Poinsettias, WOW

November 4, 2016



HPAC News

A reminder to roll your clocks back by one hour [this Sunday, November 6th](#) as daylight savings ends.

The Remembrance Day Assembly hosted by Highlands Student Council will be held on Wednesday, [November 10th](#) at 11am in the school gym. Families are welcome to attend.

Also, a reminder that school is not in session Friday, [November 11th](#) to observe Remembrance Day. Also, there is a District Wide Non-Instructional Day Monday, [November 14th](#), and school is not in session.

*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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See you at the Parent Social TONIGHT! Doors 7pm

North Shore Winter Club. Tickets available at the door for \$50 / person.

Throw on your raddest 80s outfit and join us at our annual parent social fundraiser for cocktails, food, dancing, and more while raising money for our school! We have a special guest arriving later in the night.... it's going to be awesome!

To make it even more fun we are asking everyone to bring a photo of themselves from the '80's! We can all compare whose legwarmers, neon prints, multiple belts, mullets, lace gloves, etc. were most rad...



Don't forget to bring:

- Cheque or Credit cards for the silent auction
- Toonies for the Toonie Toss
- Cash for the 50/50 Raffle (last year's winner took home over \$500!)
- Your best breakdancing moves

There will be zero tolerance for drinking & driving so please arrange for safe ride or taxi cab home. There is ample underground guest parking if you need to leave your vehicle overnight.

For more info > [Totally 80s Parent Social Fundraiser](#)

Class Platters up for Auction at the Parent Social

You won't want to miss out on bidding on the class platters created by your children at the Parent Social. Each division has its own unique platter that has artwork from each child. Thanks to Marnie Premont, dedicated parent volunteers, Highlands teachers, and your children for creating the artwork! The art work is amazing and is something you will treasure and use for years. One example appears below, they are all beautiful!



Need a babysitter for the Parent Social?

Thanks to all the Grade 6's / 7's who have submitted their names for babysitting! If you are in need of a babysitter please email HPAC@wildapricot.org and we will send you the list.

Please note the HPAC does not recommend babysitters, we have not vetted babysitters on the list, we are merely compiling names as a convenience to the Highlands community.



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MOUNTAIN
THE PEAK OF VANCOUVER

Grouse Mountain Early Bird Snow Pass Fundraiser: Until November 13th

Order your Grouse Mountain Early Bird Passes through Highlands PAC by [Nov 13th](#) using the promo code below and we will receive 15% cash back for every pass purchased (a minimum of 15 adult passes must be sold). Offering access to skiing, riding, snowshoeing, skating, events and a ton of perks/discounts, an Early Bird pass is the North Shore's best value snow pass. [Click here for details.](#)

Highlands promo code: **PAC-HIGH**

Order in person, by phone 604-980-9311, or order online: www.grousemountain.com/early-bird

For those purchasing on-line it is imperative they click "Apply" after entering the code otherwise the system will not document it as a PAC purchase.

DPAC Curriculum Meeting Feedback

Last week the District PAC held a panel discussion to help explain the new curriculum to interested parents. The panel was made up of teachers, school administrators and ministry professionals and the consensus was overwhelmingly supportive of the changes to the school curriculum. Below is one parent's interpretation of the discussion.

The philosophical change is really about allowing children to learn key skills through their own questions and exploration of topics that are meaningful to them – this is called inquiry based learning. Basics foundational subjects such as math, science and the language arts will still be taught but the change is that the emphasis will be on critical and creative thinking to understand, and social and communications skills to put those concepts into learning action, rather than past rote and repetition approach to master a concept. Teachers on the panel noted that this matches the IB approach to teaching and many of them have been moving this way for years and now the new curriculum is supporting them to teach using this best practice approach. The one obvious gap is the resources needed to help support the teaching and again teachers on the panel noted how creative they have become in past years to supply the required classroom materials. As parents we can continue to pressure the government to help supply adequate materials to support good learning outcomes and as a PAC we can continue to support some purchases for the school.

As always the real experts on this topic are our very own Highlands admin and teachers so you can ask them questions you may have on the new curriculum or check out the ministry website at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> which has a lot of useful info.

Yum! Purdy's Grade 7 Fundraiser is back! Order by November 30th

The traditional fundraiser for the Grade 7 Farewell is back!

GET AHEAD on gifts for everyone on your shopping list.

STOCK UP on tasty family treats for the holidays.

SUPPORT our Grade 7's as they wrap up their elementary school years.

Purdy's chocolates are made in Canada with cocoa that's 100% sustainable.

Students are coming home with the catalogue and ordering instructions this week.

Order deadline: [November 30th](#)

Order pickup: [December 9th](#) at school

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



Poinsettias are

Back!

Order your poinsettias from the HPAC, they are back in time for the holidays! Choose from red or white premium poinsettias. These are truly beautiful plants and the quality is outstanding.

NEW THIS YEAR! 22" Mixed Wreaths. These tasteful "Berries and Bows" wreaths are made with the highest quality festive greens. Hand tied and dipped for extended freshness.

Buy for yourself, as a hostess gift or a holiday "thank you", and raise money for the PAC at the same time!

Feedback from November 4th HPAC Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the HPAC meeting [last Tuesday](#) evening. Draft meeting minutes are posted on the HPAC website [here](#) and will be attached to a future newsletter.

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries) and Mrs. Baker's class (intermediates) this week. Congratulations! 211 students participated, up from 185 last week - great effort Highlands! 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...

**BOT Building Demo at Cityscape Community Art Space, [November 5th](#),
2:00 - 3:30pm**

In this fun, quirky demo, artist Lynne Taylor Fahnestalk leads you through both the creative and technical processes for creating her brilliant 3D "bots". She will also have a "Build-Your-Own 3D Bot" kits available for sale - a great gift for the young and / or creative folks in your life. Check out her face book page [here](#) for examples of her many bots, so full of life and humour. At 335 Lonsdale Avenue.

**Parents' Guide for Playground Conflict Resolution and Friendship
Concerns, [November 9th](#), 7pm**

Montroyal school is hosting a workshop covering what questions parents can ask to get to the root cause of your child's situation, how to model healthy conflict resolution, and how to support children with their friendship concerns. It's Wednesday, [November 9th](#) at 7pm in the Montroyal School Gym, 5310 Sonora Drive. It's free and there is child minding available for just \$5.00. Click [here](#) to register.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies on the North Shore

Join the Remembrance Day Ceremony Victoria Park Cenotaph, at Keith Road and Lonsdale Avenue, at 10:30 -11:30 Nov. 11th. Or, there is a ceremony at Cates Park at 11am Nov. 11th where the North Shore Chorus will be signing.

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