

## HPAC News: Volunteers Needed for SRA and Book Fair

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HPAC News

Sit back and relax while you read through all the fun events going on at Highlands!

The stock of school visitor tags is still low at the school office. Please have a look through coats, bags, etc. to see if you have one at home and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

*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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## Safe Routes Advocates News and call for Volunteers

The North Shore SRA (Safe Routes Advocates) would like to thank parent and community member Angie Foulds for helping create change in our community. Angie took it upon herself to inquire to the DNV why there isn't a north crossing at Edgemont Blvd and Ridgewood Ave. She pressed their initial "no" with a polite "why not?" and Daniel Bragagnini from the DNV took it upon himself to further investigate. With the approval of the change by Connought Developments (who would foot the bill) it looks like a north crossing is in the future, proof that change can happen with the dedication of the community and the cooperation of the district. Thanks Angie and Daniel!

If you are interested in becoming a part of the SRA, contact Erin MacNair at erinmacnair@gmail.com. We need a few more representatives at the school. Our volunteer work focuses on the safety of all in the surrounding areas near our schools. We go to safety council meetings, lobby the district, listen to the parents and to create partnerships with the DNV. The job can be as big or as small as you make it. The reward is seeing the changes in safety that help everyone. And sometimes, you can help by just sending a letter or two!



### Order Poinsettias before November 25th!

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. Orders are due November 25th, pick up will be on December 9th.

**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! To order, use the form that came home in your child's backpack or click [here](#).

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## **Volunteers Needed! Scholastic Book Fair: November 28th - December 1st**

We will be having our Fall Book Fair November 28 - December 1! This is a great chance to get some early reading material and/or early Christmas shopping done. **All proceeds go** to our school library so it will be well-stocked with fresh books.

As usual we need a fair number of **VOLUNTEERS** to make this happen, but the shifts are brief and the work is easy. We are looking for a few volunteers for each of the following time slots:

Mon: 8:30-9:00am (setup), 12:15-1:00pm (intermediates), 2:55-3:45pm  
Tue: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (primaries), 2:55-3:45pm  
Wed: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (intermediates)  
Thu: 8:30-9:00am, 12:15-1:00pm (primaries), 2:55-3:45pm (help pack up)

If you can work one or more of these shifts, please contact Christina Carrick (christina@carrick-lee.net).

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## **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 30<sup>th</sup>

Order pickup: December 9<sup>th</sup> at school

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



**Collect Items for Santa's Workshop Market: November 28th - December 1st,  
Market December 2nd**



Now this is a great kick off to the holiday season! The Grade 7 Farewell Committee will be hosting the ever popular Santa's Workshop Market this year. The Market is a fun event where Highlands students can purchase gifts for their family members. Half the proceeds will go to charity and the other half to the Grade 7 Farewell.

In order to have enough gifts and to ensure variety, we ask that families look around their homes and set aside like-new items to be reused, recycled and re-gifted. Please do not purchase anything. Suggestions include toys, jewellery, bath products, small household items, scarves, ties, books, games, glassware, ornaments and DVD's. Gifts for brothers, dads and grandpas are always in high demand.

If you have extra gift bags to donate we would be happy to collect them as well. Please bring your items to donate to the school foyer between Monday, November 28th to Thursday, December 1st.

The sale for K - 4 will take place between 9:00am - 12:00pm with their class. Students in grades 5 - 7 will have an opportunity to shop during lunch time from 12:20 - 1:55.

All items will be priced at \$3.00 or less.

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**North Shore Christmas Bureau...Coming Soon to a Classroom Near  
You: November 28th -  
December 9th**

"Through Highlands Elementary School's generous contribution of four vans full of gifts for children and teens to Family Services North Shore Christmas Bureau, you helped to brighten the Christmas for low income families in our community. We thank you for your continued support and for so generously touching the hearts of North Shore families in need." Excerpt from thank you letter.

And we have the opportunity to do that again! **Please help continue this proud Highlands tradition that celebrates the spirit of giving at Christmas.** Thank you Mr. Henderson for once again allowing us to fill the school with hampers for donations for this most worthwhile project.

The Bureau runs their "Toy Shop" in December, when those in need can come by and make selections for their children. Highlands concentrates on gifts for pre-teen and teenagers as sometimes they are overlooked.

**Please watch for a letter from your Class Rep with more information. Hampers will be in classrooms from November 28th through December 9th.**



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## Online Shopping Fundraiser

Getting Started on Holiday Shopping? When you shop through the link below, you pay the **same price** as you would otherwise, and the PAC receives a portion of your purchase back. Shop at **Amazon.ca, Indigo, Groupon** and many more **through the link**

**below** to make your purchases work for your school. Save the link [here](#) to your favourites, share it with your family and friends, and use it throughout the year!

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### Gingerbread Event: December



9th

The annual Gingerbread Event is back and will take place in the gym after school on Friday, December 9th.

We will be building houses using the same robust kits as last year. The kits are \$12 each and include gingerbread pieces, frosting and candies. The kits are entirely peanut and tree nut-free.

Please click [here](#) to pre-order online (payable by cheque only) or use the [order form](#) and submit with a cheque payable to HPAC in the HPAC box outside the school office. There are a limited number of house kits available for this very popular event so order one before they're gone. Siblings are welcome!

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### WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker this week was won by Mrs. MacArthur's class (primaries) and, for the **THIRD** week in a row, Mrs. Baker's class (intermediates) - you guys rock! Congratulations! 165 students participated, way to go 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!



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## In the Community...

### **Community Comment Requested for Rezoning of Crescentview: November 22nd, 7:00pm**

The District of North Vancouver Council is holding a public meeting to discuss the rezoning on Crescentview (near Edgemont) to allow for development of a multi-unit condominium at the DNV on November 22nd. It's important to attend this meeting if you are generally concerned about development, traffic, and / or density in the Edgemont and Upper Capilano area. This is your chance to express your views on this issue directly to Council.

The public hearing is a result of a heated discussion between our DNV Council members on October 24th (which you can view starting around minute 56:30 [here](#)). The Council, after 30 minutes of debate, were split on whether to approve the rezoning. They agreed to put this particular development to a public hearing so the public can weigh in - they are asking for your input.

Attend if you have concerns and views on the development in the Edgemont / Upper Capilano area so you can be heard. It is believed that if there are a lot of people out to (a) fill the room and (b) voice their concerns over this development as another example of the "tsunami" of development / density, this will be taken seriously by Council and have an effect on further plans to densify / develop our neighbourhoods.

### **Fentanyl Community Forum: November 23rd**

Parents and students can attend a community forum: Fentanyl - What you Need to Know. The event is co-hosted by the North Vancouver School District, West Vancouver Schools, West Vancouver Police, City of North Vancouver and Vancouver Coastal Health, in partnership with the Districts of North Vancouver and West Vancouver. Register in advance [here](#).

