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HPAC News

The holidays are kicking into high gear at Highlands, with lots of holiday events in the next few weeks. to complement all that hard work your children are doing!

A reminder to please check the Lost and Found when you visit the school. Although the first term is not over, the Lost and Found is currently overflowing. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after December 12th. Remember to label your child's belongings so that it is easier to return the lost items to their rightful owners!

*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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Safe Routes Advocates - Correction - and call for Volunteers

A correction to last week's note regarding the north crossing at Edgemont Blvd. and Ridgewood Ave. - thanks should go to Grosvenor for footing the bill.

Also the Safe Routes Advocates are still needing some volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a part of the SRA, contact Erin MacNair at erinmacnair@gmail.com. The SRA's 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: **Order by End of Today!**

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](#).

Scholastic Book Fair: November 28th - December 1st

A reminder the Fall Book Fair is next week. 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.



Tic Toc! Time to buy some chocolate! Order deadline November 30th, 5pm!

Support the Grade 7s and get some holiday shopping done!
All orders over \$50 will be entered in a draw for a 265g box of Milk & Dark Favourites.

To order:

1. visit www.purdysgpp.com
2. register (new account) or login (existing account)
3. use customer # 11523 to join the Highlands Group
4. shop online for holiday chocolates and feel free to invite family and friends to join our group

Order pick up will be at school on December 9th starting at 2pm.
Email kathy.dirom@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to arrange pickup at a different time/day.

This will be fun! Santa's Workshop Market: December 2nd
Donate NEXT WEEK in the foyer: November 28th - December
1st



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.

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

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

North Shore Christmas Bureau: BEGINS NEXT WEEK, 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 8th.



Talent Show Applications: **Due December 2nd**

The annual Talent Show might not be for awhile yet (it's February 16th) but applications are due in the office by Friday, December 2nd. Don't delay! Turn out has been less than in previous years so far, and we need a minimum number of acts to keep the show going! This is the time for all the young amateur magicians, singers, dancers, tumblers, comics, etc. to join the fun and put on a show!

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!



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!

Next HPAC Meeting: December 6th

The next HPAC meeting is on Tuesday, December 6th, at 7pm in the library.

Draft minutes from the last meeting can be found on [here](#) on the HPAC website, or see the attached pdf [Draft Highlands Parent Advisory Committee Minutes November 1-1.pdf](#).

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker this week was won by Mrs. Chan's class (primaries) and Mrs. Sherlocks class (intermediates) - you guys rock! Congratulations! 172 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!



In the Community...

Highlands United Church Nativity Exhibit and Craft Fair, 3255 Edgemont Blvd., tonight 6:00 - 9:00 and November 28th, 10:00 - 3:00pm

Highlands United Church welcomes the community with a Craft and Bake sale including a "Please Touch" area for children, The Kids Only Shop (where no items are more than \$5.00), music, an exhibit of nativity scenes, and the Christmas Cafe. Admission by donation.

Northshore Baseball 2017 Spring Registration Now Open - Early Bird Discounts

Yes it may be cold and rainy out there but registration is now open for the inaugural season of the North Shore Baseball Association (NSBA) - yeah! To register, visit <https://northshorebaseball.ca/>. Take advantage of early bird discounts through December 15h. Boundaries for the NSBA extend from Deep Cover to Lions Bay, to Bowen Island. It is an inclusive league without the strict boundary limitations found in other leagues. NSBA teams will be playing at local North Vancouver fields such as Cleveland, Zuehlke, Sowden, Loutet and Eldon (all grass fields).

Winterball and Summerball

NSBA will also be offering winter ball player development, open to all interested players. Sign up will be available shortly. Summer ball will be offered to all registered players starting at the 9U. During July and August, players are given the opportunity to play with players of similar abilities in a highly organized system including scheduled games and tournaments.

AGE DIVISIONS

NSBA is for players of all abilities aged 4 to 24. Relevant age divisions include:

- 5U Blast Ball (2012)
- 7U T-Ball (2010/2011)
- 9U Tadpole (2008/2009)
- 11U Mosquito (2006/2007)
- 13U PeeWee (2004/2005)