

December 2, 2016



HPAC News



Jolly reminders for the week as we countdown to winter break and [Christmas](#).

Last call to claim Lost and Found items! They will be donated to charity on Monday, [December 12th](#) so make sure to check for lost items before then!

Remember that if your child is away due to sickness, or is away from school as you head off for an early winter vacation, or is late to school, to please leave a message on the call back line at 604-903-3544. Please leave your child's legal name, division or grade, and your child's teacher's name. We thank you in advance!

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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 by **Wednesday 12:00 noon**.*

North Shore Christmas Bureau: **Next**



Week

There are festive decorated hampers in each classroom, ready for your donations to the Family Services North Shore Christmas Bureau. Hampers will be delivered [next Thursday, December 8th](#), so please bring in your donations before then. Highlands concentrates on gifts for pre-teens and teenagers as sometimes they are overlooked and each class has been assigned a particular group of kids (ie teenage boys) to ensure everyone is covered! You should have received an email from your class rep with your child's classroom requests. This is a great opportunity to focus with your kids on giving to others this holiday season, any contribution is most appreciated!

Online Shopping Fundraiser

Remember to use the link below as you check off your holiday shopping list! You will 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



Wow! Almost time for the annual Gingerbread Event! Its [next Friday, December 9th](#), after school in the gym. If you haven't registered do so quickly!

We will be building houses using the same robust kits as last year (unfortunately your children will not be coming home with Notre Dame shown above). 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](#).

Highlands Night of Music - Band, Strings and Choir Winter Concert: December 12th

Mark your calendars for an amazing night of music! Join your children for this wonderful Highlands tradition in the gym, on Monday, [December 12th](#), at 7:00 - 8:00pm.

After School Programs in the New



Year!

Is trying to keep your kids engaged and active after school driving you crazy? Well, help is ahead in January and February - the PAC has lots of really great activities lined up for the new year. Read on...

Adventures in Drama (grades 5-6) - Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm in Miss Wright's classroom

Adventures in Drama (grade 7 students from all Handsworth feeder schools) - Tuesdays 3:30-5:00pm in the music room

Artmania (grades K-3) - [Monday](#) lunch hours in the Kids Club Portable

Artmania (grades 4-7) - [Wednesday](#) lunch hour in the Kids Club Portable

Artmania (grades K-7) - Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm in Miss Wright's classroom

BrainSTEM Learning (grades K-1 and 2-7 groups) - [Tuesday](#) afternoons in Miss Wright's classroom

BrainSTEM Learning (grades K-1 and 2-7 groups) - [Friday](#) afternoons in the library

Sole Girls (grades K-2) Tuesdays 3:00-4:30pm in Mrs. Posnikoff's classroom and outside

Sportball (grades K-3) - Fridays 3:00-4:30pm in the gym

Registration information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Also, keep an eye out for other programs, we will hopefully offer Junior NBA Basketball again after spring break, and we are working on yoga classes as well!

WOW Program

The coveted Golden Sneaker this week was hotly contested, with a TIE in the primaries (Mrs. Windibank's and Mrs. Reeves classes) and Mrs. Fary's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 201 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...

Park & Tilford Hi-Light Festival: through [December 31st, 5pm - 9pm](#)

The holiday Hi-Light Festival at Park & Tilford Gardens is a majestic festival of lights with over 100,000 lights on display. The light display comes on daily at 5pm. There is also free visits with Santa, hot chocolate, face painting, strolling characters, and more. Bring your own camera. North Shore Firefighters will be there on [Friday](#) evenings handing out candy canes and collecting donations.

West Vancouver Field Hockey Club Spring League Registration now open

More spring activities to think about to help you get through the shortest days of the year. The West Vancouver Field Hockey Club is taking registrations for boys and girls ages 5 - 18 for April and May, 2017. All levels are welcome. Click [here](#) for more information or register at <http://wvfhc.com/>.

North Shore Safety Council Annual General Meeting: [December 7th, 7:00pm](#)

The North Shore Safety Council works on increasing the safety, health and well-being of North Shore residents and will share highlights of their many activities in 2016 at their Annual General Meeting [next Wednesday, December 7th](#), at 7:00pm, at the Delbrook Community Recreation Centre - Cedar Room. If you are interested in attending please rsvp before [December 5th](#) to adm.nssc@gmail.com. Also, if you are interested in getting more involved in the Safety Council, please email tom@northshoresafetycouncil.ca.