

December 16, 2016



# HPAC News

This will be the last newsletter for 2016, we will be back for the first week of school in the new year. A reminder that school is closed December 19th through to January 2nd, the first day back is Tuesday, January 3rd. Enjoy a well earned break!

We would like to thank the community for supporting the many events and activities of the school year thus far. It has been a very busy first term and your continued support and generosity are most appreciated.

We wish everyone at Highlands a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2017! Happy Holidays!

*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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## Thanks for a Successful North Shore Christmas Bureau Hamper Drive!



It is such a busy time of year and still Highlands families took the time to contribute generously to the North Shore Christmas Bureau. The staff at the Bureau was thrilled to have our loaded 17 hampers arrive and commented again on how much Highlands families give and what a huge difference it makes in brightening Christmas for many families in need. The staff has acknowledged and thanks Highlands for a "tremendous contribution".

We appreciate the creative efforts of Cathy Groot, Jackie Hoffer, Milia Luo, Erin McNair, Verna O'Neill, Deborah Richards, Carrie Schroeder, Giota Thompson, Julie Waltz and Heather Watson (and some anonymous decorators) who decorated the classroom hampers so festively. Thank you also to Tonya O'Connor, Meghan Menning and Deborah Richards for skillfully maneuvering around parked cars and double parking to delivery out donations to the Bureau last Thursday. To our administration and teachers, thank you for supporting this project, to Jane Cox for helping behind the scenes, and to the Grade 7 students, thank you for carrying the hampers out to our waiting drivers. Perhaps this is the kind of endeavour that shows the heart of a school: such great school spirit directed to the Joy of Giving. Highlands, well done!



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**Gingerbread Event: Thanks to Volunteers**

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out at last Friday's Gingerbread Event. We, and all the gingerbread builders, appreciated all the help in setting up and cleaning up all those loose candies!

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## **Online Shopping Fundraiser: Last Call for Holiday Shopping!**

We are down to the last few weeks before the holidays, so as you frantically scroll through your favourite online shopping website for those last few gifts remember to use the line below and raise money for Highlands while you check off those presents. You will pay the same price as you would otherwise, and the PAC receives a portion of your purchase back. Save this [link](#) to your favourites, share it with your family and friends, and use it throughout the year!



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## **Afterschool Programs in January: Register Now!**



Relief for your child's after school blahs is coming the week of January 9th (second week back at school) with lots of new and exciting after school programs. Programs run for 6 - 9 weeks. A big thanks to Miss Wright and Mrs. Posnikoff for volunteering their classrooms, which as allowed us to add many more programs on a variety of days to better suit student's schedules.

Please contact Angela Santoro at [angelasantoro99@gmail.com](mailto:angelasantoro99@gmail.com) with questions on the programs, or any suggestions on future after school programs. Classes are listed below, and for more detail and to register please click [here](#).

WEEKDAY	PROGRAM	GRADES	TIME	LOCATION
Mondays	Artmania	K-3	12 – 1 pm	Kids Club Portable
Tuesdays	Sole Girls	K-2	3 – 4:30 pm	Mrs. Posnikoff's Class
Tuesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	K-1	3 – 4 pm	Ms. Wright's Class
Tuesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	2-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright's Class
Tuesdays	Adventures in Drama	7	3:30 – 5 pm	Music Room
Wednesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	K-1	3 – 4 pm	Ms. Wright's Class
Wednesdays	BrainSTEM Learning	2-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright's Class
Wednesdays	Artmania	4-7	12 – 1 pm	Kids Club Portable
Thursdays	Artmania	K-7	3 – 4:30 pm	Ms. Wright's Class
Fridays	Sportball	K-3	3 – 4 pm	Gymnasium
Fridays	Adventures in Drama	5-6	3 – 4:30 pm	Library



## Meals 2 Go Fundraiser

So here is a different fundraiser! Wouldn't it be nice to support Highlands and have a couple of dinners ready to go for those busy nights? Starting this January the PAC will be offering Well Fed Meals 2 Go (also known as one of our trusted lunch program providers). Meals 2 Go can provide you with some tasty, nutritious ready-to-cook dinner options. Simply order through MunchaLunch, click [here](#) and click on "Fundraising Open". With 8% of the revenue delivered back to the school, this is a great fundraising initiative. Ordering will close January 16th and meal pick up will be January 19th at 2:45 beside the gym. Yum!

## Highlands Movie Night: February 3rd



Mark your calendars now for the always well attended Highlands' Movie Night, this year on Friday, February 3rd. Popcorn, friends, a movie, what more do your kids need?

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**Next HPAC Meeting: February 7th**

For those of you who like routines, you will notice that our usual HPAC meeting is missing in January. That's because it would be held the first day back from winter break and we figured you all would be too busy trying to figure out what to have for a school night dinner again (check out the Meals 2 Go fundraiser...) to head to a meeting. So, the next HPAC meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th, 7:00pm in the library. Draft minutes from the December HPAC meeting are attached [here](#) for your review.

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**Talent Show: February 16th**

This year's Talent Show will be here before you know it! For those of you super talented individuals that have submitted your application, remember to keep practicing over the winter break! Auditions will start the second week of January and acts should be performance ready! For the rest of you, save the date and look out for ticket sales as the show sells out every year! It's always a fabulous family night out. Tickets will likely go on sale at the end of January. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Clark ([clarkamanda@shaw.ca](mailto:clarkamanda@shaw.ca)), Angie Foulds ([angiefoulds@shaw.ca](mailto:angiefoulds@shaw.ca)), or Nikki Brown ([nikilites@gmail.com](mailto:nikilites@gmail.com)).

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## **WOW Program**

It was a beautiful, but nippy, morning yesterday for Walk or Wheel, and 151 Highlands students walked or wheeled on the snowy streets - way to go! And, for the last school week in 2016, the coveted Golden Sneaker was won by Mrs. Patterson's class (primaries) and, for the second week in a row, Mrs. Mitchell's class (intermediates). Congratulations! 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...**

**Highlands Kids' Club Behavior Management Workshop: Feb. 7th - Mar. 7th**

This five session program is designed for parents who have children with challenging behaviours and offers an effective way to reduce those behaviours. See the attached [Behavior](#) for more details and for registration information.

### **The Holidays at Edgemont Village**

Join the Christmas Hunt at Edgemont until December 17th. Entry forms available at Trims, Travel Concepts, or Highland Optical. There are 10 mice to be found and prizes to win if you find them! Also looks like Santa needs to dose up on good food and coffee before his big trip Christmas Eve, so he will be at Bjorn Bar Saturday, December 17th, from 2:00 - 5:00 for pictures with the kids and good cheer. Bring your cameras.

### **Highlands Little League**

Highlands Little League offers league play and post season high performance opportunities for 4 - 16 year olds, and plays out of Delbrook Park. The League allows children to build confidence, strengthen friendships and belong to a community of families that care about the sport and the joy children can experience playing baseball to the best of their abilities. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Early bird discounts apply now!

### **North Vancouver Community Arts Council Winter Classes for Adults and Kids**

If you are still stressing over Christmas shopping, take a look through the North Vancouver Community Arts Council Winter Classes - the perfect gift for those who have everything or those who are impossible to shop for! They offer a variety of classes for aspiring artists, writers, and carvers, for all ages and skill levels. You can also purchase a gift certificate before December 22nd. The pdf attached [here](#) describes the classes in more detail and has registration information.