

Welcome to Highlands!

On behalf of the Highlands Parent Advisory Council (HPAC), we're so happy to welcome your family to the Highlands Elementary community. Starting at a new school may feel a bit overwhelming at times, with new faces, new systems, and a lot of information. The Highlands Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is here to help make things easier.

Your best starting point

All of the key PAC-related information for Highlands families, including FreshSchools, hot lunch and after-school programs, and ways to get involved can be found on our website: www.highlandspac.ca

School vs. PAC — a quick explainer

Families often see the school and PAC as one unit, so here's a simple way to think about it:

SCHOOL (Admin & Teachers)

- Learning & curriculum
- Classrooms & supervision
- Attendance & report cards
- Policies & safety
- Principal's Newsletter

PAC (Parent Volunteers)

- Community & connection
- Events & volunteering
- Hot Lunch & enrichment
- PAC Newsletter
- Fundraising & support

Attached is a helpful one-page resource for all School and PAC online resources.

The HPAC Executive is an elected group of parent volunteers who work closely with the School Administration. We are not school staff, and we don't set or enforce school or district policies. If you're ever unsure who to contact, just ask—we're always happy to point you in the right direction.

Stay connected with FreshSchools (important!)

We strongly encourage all families to sign up for FreshSchools as soon as possible. This is the PAC's main communication platform and the best way to stay connected with your child's classroom and the broader school community. Link included in the attachment.

FreshSchools is where you'll find:

- Updates from your Class Rep
- PAC Newsletters and Reminders
- PAC Events Calendar
- Volunteer Sign-ups

Get involved (as much or as little as you'd like)

There is no expectation to volunteer, but there are lots of opportunities if you're interested. Whether you help once, often, or just stay informed, every level of participation is welcome and appreciated.

If you ever have questions, ideas, or just want to say hello, you can reach us at:

hpachighlands@gmail.com

Warmly,



Stephanie Miller
PAC Chair, Highlands Elementary

Highlands Online Resources

Stay connected and up to date with School and PAC tools!

School Resources

Principal's Weekly Newsletter

- Sent by Mrs. Wanner through **MyEd BC** to all families.
- Includes updates from admin and teachers.
- Highlights key dates (Pro-D Days, early dismissals, outdoor school, etc.).

MyEducationBC (BC Gov't)

myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

- Find **student report cards** at the end of each term.
- Reset password every 90 days.
- **Set up login before December** for first report cards.

SchoolCash Online (Highlands)

schoolcashonline.com

- Pay for agendas, field trips, in-class workshops, etc.
- Complete required **school forms** (free items show up in your “cart”).

SchoolMessenger (NVSD)

go.schoolmessenger.com

- Report absences, late arrivals, and appointments.
- Get NVSD district news.
- Mobile app available for quick updates.

HPAC (Highlands PAC)

PAC Website

<http://www.highlandspac.ca/>

(Includes all PAC-related resources below)

FreshSchools

- PAC communication platform (voluntary sign-up required).
- Class reps, newsletters, PAC updates, and event calendars.
- Volunteer sign-ups: hot lunch, field trips, event shifts, and more.
- Mobile app available.

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/highlands-elementary-school/register>

Munch-a-Lunch (Hot Lunch Orders)

munchalunch.com/login.aspx

- Order hot lunch (Mondays & Fridays).
- Each term requires a new order.
- Flexible: choose both days, one day, or none.
- Questions? highlandsnvanholtlunch@gmail.com

HPAC Socials

- **Facebook:** [Highlands PAC](https://www.facebook.com/highlands.pac)
- **Instagram:** [@highlands.pac](https://www.instagram.com/@highlands.pac)

Questions? Email hpachighlands@gmail.com

 **Tip:** Bookmark these sites or download the apps to make school life easy!