

Hi everyone,

Only a month until the winter holidays! Time is flying by and lots of events and activities taking place. Here are the latest updates from the Henry Hudson PAC.

### **PAC Minutes**

If you couldn't join last week's PAC meeting, the meeting minutes can be found here

<https://hudsonpac.ca/archive-minutes/>

### **Traffic safety update**

A few members of the PAC team met with the Henry Hudson admin team (Tamara & Keo) and two Vancouver city councillors regarding some concerns raised on traffic safety around the new school. The councillors were walked around the roads and intersections to outline some of the concerns raised by parents and teachers. As a next step, engineers with the city have been in contact with the Hudson admin team to arrange a meeting for further review of proposed changes to improve safety around the school. The admin and PAC team will share updates as things progress.

Specifics recommendations being reviewed

- Crosswalk time increase (30 seconds instead of 12 seconds) - Maple and Cornwall
- Maple is currently the only left turn road off Cornwall between Burrard and Yew - change proposed
- Speed limit reduction to 30km (plus speed cameras)
- Crosswalk at Walnut and Cornwall

### **Fundraising update**

The PAC fundraising team is busy organizing several fun options to support our Henry Hudson fundraising goal - raising enough money to support an additional playground space on the southwest corner of the school.

- Last call for the Winter Plant Sale - deadline is Nov 25th (tomorrow) at 12pm
- Purdy's Chocolates - who doesn't love chocolates? You can pretend to buy them for others and then just keep them, we won't tell.
- Silent auction (doesn't technically have to be silent, you're welcome to sing carols while you bid)
  - We are still taking in donations for the auction. If you have anything to offer, please see details below.
  - This year's auction will include some fantastic gifts , including Canucks tickets, Whitecaps tickets, Bard on the Beach tickets, Kitsilano Yatch Club summer camp, Whistler condo weekend, and more!



Henry Hudson PAC  
**Winter Plant Sale**  
**Fundraiser**  
 Help us raise money for our school  
 community!

Order Deadline: Nov 24, 2025  
 Pick Up: Dec 9, 2025 at Henry Hudson

Wreaths - Tropical - Poinsettias - Winter Greenery



**Order today!**



<https://henryhudson.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>



## Winter Fair

Winter Fair is fast approaching!

- Reminder that tickets can be purchased in advance (see details below).
- Volunteers are always well appreciated, please reach out to the PAC if interested and available to help in advance and/or during the fair.
- Gingerbread house contest is back. See details below for sign up and timings.





## Community Activities

Registration is open for the grade 4 to 7 VEMS Spring extracurricular band.

 **VEMS Extracurricular Band** 

**2025 – 2026 School Year**

**Hudson Elementary**

**Beginner Band:** Grades 4-7\*  
35 rehearsals and two concerts  
(\$400)

**Registration:** <https://vems.ca/signup>

Benefits of Band	Band Schedule 2025-2026
<b>Connection</b> → Having fun with peers while taking on a learning a new skill	Instrument Selection Starts September 9 *(Euphonium, saxophone and trombone are usually too large for Grade 4s.)
<b>Coordination</b> → The challenge is real and the progress is fast.	<b>Winter Term:</b> Jan 14 to Mar 4
<b>Cognition</b> → Early music training dramatically enhances children's abstract reasoning skills.	<b>Spring Term:</b> Apr 8 to Jun 12
<b>Having Fun!</b> → You don't think humans have been playing musical instruments for the last 35,000 years because they didn't like it, do you?	Wednesday mornings at 7:45 and Fridays 3 – 4 PM.



**Woodwinds**

Laura Jay obtained her Masters of Music in Performance and Related Studies (flute) at Goldsmiths College, University of London. This is her second year with VEMS and her orange tabby cat is named Elvis Purrsley.



**Brass**

Eugene Khandyshko has over 15 years worldwide experience as a brass instruments specialist, performer and band leader. He is excited to motivate and inspire different groups of ages in their pursuit of creativity.

"Music listening, performance, and composition engage nearly every area of the brain ... and involve nearly every neural subsystem." – Daniel J. Levitin, *This is your Brain on Music*.

Presented by ...

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- \* Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. [www.vems.ca/donate/](http://www.vems.ca/donate/)
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the band to run.
- Questions? Email [president@vems.ca](mailto:president@vems.ca)



## Next PAC meeting

The last PAC meeting of before the winter holidays will take place on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30pm in the library.

Childminding will be available. Reminder that parents will need to sign children in. Childminding is only for Henry Hudson students.

Have a great month and see you at the fair!

PAC Executive team