



Cleveland Elementary School École élémentaire Cleveland

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MISSION:

The Cleveland School mission is to provide an environment that fosters the emotional, social and physical well being and the intellectual development of all students. Cleveland School will promote a positive self concept, respect for self, respect for others, respect for the environment, fitness and health

L'École Cleveland offre un environnement qui favorise et soutient le bien-être social, émotif, physique et intellectuel de tous les élèves. L'École Cleveland encourage une culture communautaire basée sur le respect de soi, des autres et de l'environnement.

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Here we are back at the beginning of another school year! Summer has flown by and we are hearing all the wonderful stories of travel, fun in the sun, great times at home, visits with relative far and wide, and all the other details of what happened over the past two months in the Cleveland Community.

It has been very busy at the school as well over the summer, with on average, 15 contractors working at the site daily to improve, fix, remodel, and add to the school for the start of our new year. You'll see shiny new floors, new rooms, re-purposed classrooms, new windows, new fences, and new technology – with flat screens in many classrooms, and another new trolley of iPads for the students to use. We'll have a full update at our first PAC meeting of the year on the evening of September 27 at 7:00 pm in the school library

Later this week, the Meet the Teacher nights have been modified slightly, to add in the element of a curriculum update. We will still be having the two sessions, but with slightly differing dates/times and target audiences. A Wednesday, September 21 session will be for parents of grades 4-7. Start time will be 6:30 in the gym with a new BC Ed Plan curriculum overview for 15 minutes, followed by meetings with classroom teachers in their rooms. A second session on Thursday, September 22, will be for parents of grades K-3. Start time will be 6:30 in the gym with a new BC Ed Plan curriculum overview for 15 minutes, followed by meetings with classroom teachers in their rooms.

With classes now settled, we are looking forward to getting down to the business of Term 1. This is the important time of the year to make contact with your child(ren)'s teacher to say hi and open that vital communication link that sees us work closely with parents. The benefits that we see when parents are our partners in the educational endeavor are very real and very important to us, and to the children. We also look forward to getting to know each and every parent as the year progresses, and want to let the community know that our doors are always open if you have any concerns or considerations that you would like to share with us.

Looking forward to a great year,

Bill Reid,
Principal

Leslie McGuire,
Vice Principal

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED.

這是重要通知，請找人翻譯。

Ceci est un avis important. Veuillez vous le faire traduire.

これは重要なお知らせです。どなたかに翻訳してもらいましょう。

این اطلاعیه مهمی است. لطفاً از کسی بخواهید این اطلاعیه را برای شما ترجمه کند.

Este aviso es muy importante. Pida que alguien se lo traduzca.

Ito ay mahalagang patalastas. Mangyaring ipasalin ito sa inyong wika.

NEW STAFF

As the year begins, we would like to extend a warm welcome publicly to our new staff members, and invite our parents and community members to also welcome our new people to the Cleveland Community.

Anne Doll rejoins the Learning Support Team in a full time capacity after her leave, and will be providing support to students in the English stream.

Kate Kelsey is new to Cleveland and comes to us with sterling qualifications and experience, and will be supporting students in her role as a French Learning Support Teacher.

Alexa Bennett-Fox and **Lise Cazalais** were both on staff last year in part-time capacities, and now have moved into full time roles, Mme Cazalais with a grade 3 FI class, and Mme Bennett-Fox with a grade 4 FI class.

Tami Thurston has joined us teaching an English grade one class, and we are delighted to have her join our primary team, working with our younger students.

Charlene Wilson is also joining us in taking on an English grade one class, and we look forward to her sharing her expertise with the young ones and the Cleveland primary team.

Robyn Renwick has joined our intermediate FI team, to share a grade five class with Mme Cork, and we look forward to an excellent year with that dynamic team working together.

Sheila Bolen has joined the Cleveland staff as an Educational Assistant, and will be supporting some of our needier students to achieve their full potential.

We also ask for and appreciate the patience and understanding of students and their parents as we continue to work very hard to finalize the teaching partnerships in Mme Simpson's grade seven classroom, and Mme McIntyre's grade 5/6 class. It has been a very challenging task to find the right fit of qualifications and language expertise, especially in these part time capacities.

Traffic and Driving To Cleveland

As you have all seen over the first few days, traffic patterns and problems require constant attention. PLEASE make every attempt to drop your children off safely at the side of the road near the school, or have them walk to school. If you can Drive To Five – meaning drop your kids of a five minute walk away from the the school, it will make a HUGE difference in our traffic congestion at drop-off and pick-up times. Please obey all of the posted traffic and parking regulations. When you are near the school, please slow down and take extra care . . . we have nearly 500 students that are driven or walk to school every day. We also ask students who are walking to school to respect our neighbours and their property - when you are walking to and from school, please stay on the sidewalks and do not cut through lawns or yards.

Our Traffic Patrollers are also hard at work already, once again under the direction of dad Christian Behnke, and we would like to ask all our drivers and pedestrians to PLEASE respect and follow the directions of these hard working volunteer parents and students.

School Schedules

We would like parents to be aware that we do not provide supervision for students before the 8:50 bell in the morning or after the 3:00 dismissal in the afternoon – UNLESS students are involved in prearranged activities with staff members. **We expect all students to be on time for the 8:50 morning school bell.** Students arriving after the 8:55 bell must report to the office to check in. As well, we do not permit students to leave the school grounds during the

day, unless parents have contacted us by note or phone call to let us know that it is okay for their child to leave the grounds on that day. (UNLESS the student regularly goes home for lunch) We must know where every student is at all times. Please use the call back system, at 604-903-3390 to leave a message if your child will not be attending school for any reason.

Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc: While many students use these methods of transportation to get to and from school, we must insist that they are stored and /or locked up safely for the duration of the day. For safety reasons, students are asked to NOT use their bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc. on the school grounds.

School Security

In keeping with our Safe and Caring Schools initiatives, we continue to:

- require all employees to wear security badges with their name and school on them,
- limit adult access to the school to our main entrance doors only during class time,
- insist that all parents volunteering or visiting in the school check in at the main office first;
- ask all adults at the school to remain vigilant about questioning unknown visitors. (can I help you with anything ?)

Your help with these few procedural guidelines will ensure a safe, secure, and productive environment for all our students. Again, we are looking forward to a very productive and rewarding year working with all the children, staff, and parents in the Cleveland community.

SUMMER WORK AT CLEVELAND

So much has happened over the summer. Here we have a short photo summary !



The floor waxing crews did a fabulous job over the summer of cleaning and waxing all our floor surfaces. With about 16,000 square feet of rooms and another 6,000 square feet of hall and common space, that is a big job!



Thanks to generous PAC and community support, new classroom presentation flat screens were installed in 7 classrooms, and are proving to be an indispensable teaching tool to those classrooms already. We look forward to continued fundraising to support our goal of one in every classroom. (that's 14 more!)



Here we see our previous Learning Assistance space turned into Cleveland's 21st classroom. With our student population going up, we are one of the few schools in North Vancouver still in a growth pattern!



Due to erosion issues, the embankment at the south side of the school went through a remediation process over the summer, where 50 cubic yards of fill were removed, the slope regraded, and new ground cover and fencing was installed. This was a safety issue that needed to be addressed



After 20 years, the gym floor finally was resurfaced, repainted, and refinished. The complete job on the 3400 square foot gym took nearly 2 weeks, and its looks beautiful.



The largest job of all over the summer, and one that is still going through the final stages of completion, was the replacement of all exterior (except for the front foyer, which we hope to complete next summer) windows. With a one-time grant from the Ministry of Education, of nearly \$700,000, the original 1962 single pane windows were all removed and replaced with high efficiency double glazed, and UV filter glass. This will greatly enhance the classroom learning environments maintaining consistent temperatures in the classrooms, as well as reducing noise. Also the new glass is much stronger and shatter resistant !



You will also notice a new room that was constructed over the summer, near the end of the hallway in the West wing. To support a number of our special needs students, the respite room will provide a secure and private location to support the personal care needs of a number of our students.



Here we see students eagerly participating in their lessons with the assistance of the laptops and iPads, again generously purchased with the support of our PAC with funds raised in the Cleveland community. The entire staff is so thankful and appreciative of the hard work our parents do to support these fantastic initiatives, and we want the community to know how much these supports benefits your children.

September October Calendar

September 21st	Class & Individual Photos
September 21st	Meet the Teacher Night Grade 4 to 7 6:30 – 7:30
September 22nd	Meet the Teacher Night Grade Kindergarten to Grade 3 6:30 – 7:30
September 28th	Staff Collaboration 2:00 pm Dismissal
September 29th	Terry Fox Run 1:00 – 3:00
October 5th	Cross Country Run – Windridge Park
October 10th	Thanksgiving
October 12th	Cross Country Run – Inter River Park
October 19th	Photo Retakes
October 19th	Cross Country Run – TBA
October 21st	Province Wide Pro D Day School Not in Session
October 31st	Halloween Orange & Black Day

