



École Cleveland Elementary School

North Vancouver School District

Parent & Community Update

January 8th, 2021

Welcome Principal Joe Campbell!

Hello!

It's been a busy 5 days as I get my bearings at Cleveland. I want to share how much fun I'm having and how delightful, warm, and welcoming the students, staff and parents are. I will be at the Tuesday evening PAC meeting and I hope I can see more new faces then and share some of who I am in more depth and answer as many questions as I can. I've been in education in one form or another for 45 years and have specifically worked as a teacher and then Vice Principal/Principal for 26 years.

My education has been local. I got a degree in Genetics and then Education from UBC followed by a Masters in Education a decade later. I started my career in the Howe Sound School district before joining the North Vancouver School District in 2001. Now I live and work on the North Shore and my kids go to school here. You could say I'm deeply invested in the community.

I love schools. Education is my life's work. I find it fascinating and challenging. I deeply believe in the value of a robust public education system and its importance in building and maintaining a functioning democracy.

I look forward to meeting more and more parents as time goes on and we get past the Covid era. Thank you for the welcome!

Joe Campbell



Foundation Skills Assessment

The "FSA's" are going ahead this year (after being delayed from the fall). The FSA's are a standardized test given to all grade 4, 7, and 10 students in the Province. There are some historical politics surrounding them as well as some current concern in how the FSA results are used to rank (and pit) schools against one another. I do want to say that for the record I support our kids writing them and us (as parents and educators) using the information responsibly to



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inform our educational decisions. I will share more detailed information with the grade 4 and 7 parent cohorts as well as address this at the upcoming PAC meeting.

Continued COVID Vigilance

As we restart the school year, we are again re-investing in our COVID prevention practices: daily health checks, regular hand washing, and social distancing. We would like to thank our parent community for ongoing efforts in these areas, as well as an efficient pickup and drop off as we continue to ask families to leave the school quickly after pickup/ drop-off.

A reminder to all parents that the school is not open to parents, except by appointment. You must first call the main office, or have an appointment with a staff member to enter the school. **To enter the school, please come to the main entrance to sign in, DO NOT go directly into the school or classroom.**

The 2021 Class of... Salmon Eggs!

Ms. Thurston, Mme LeNoble, Mme Cusanelli and their classes are looking forward to welcoming our annual cohort of salmon eggs this coming Wednesday. Look forward to updates as they grow up and eventually get released into McKay Creek!