



# École Cleveland Elementary School

North Vancouver School District

Parent & Community Update September 2, 2021

Dear Cleveland Families:

Welcome to what will be a wonderful 2021-2022 school year! It is our pleasure to welcome everyone back and extend an especially warm welcome to families and students who are totally new to this wonderful Cleveland community.

We are very excited about the year ahead. We are hoping to gradually introduce more 'normal' aspects of school such as sports, more involved field trips, hot lunches, socials, and all those other things that help build a strong school community.

Next week on September 7<sup>th</sup> students (except Kindergarten students) return to school from 9:00am to 11:00am. They will go to last year's class assembly point and will be dismissed from there as well. Later in the afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup>, teachers will send a welcome email out to their students and families with more detail about their class placement and where and how to meet on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check the [Cleveland School Website](#) on a regular basis for information, especially our 'Quick Links' section.

If you as an adult need to enter the school please make an appointment with a staff member who can connect with you or enter through the front door and check in with the main office. In either case you always need to use the 'daily health check' QR code to record your visit.

As mentioned in Superintendent Mark Pearmain's letter of August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Province provided updated Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 and has confirmed a return to full-time, in-person teaching and learning and the resumption of sports, music and other much anticipated extracurricular activities.

Highlights include:

1. **Vaccinations.** According to public health, vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in schools and communities. Public health and the North Vancouver School District continue to strongly encourage all British Columbians aged 12 and over, and particularly residents of the North Shore, to be fully vaccinated (receive 2 doses) to protect themselves and those around them.
2. **Staying Home When Ill and the Daily Health Check.** To reduce the likelihood of coming to a school when ill, students, staff and visitors are required to complete a daily health check prior to entering the building. Families and students can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#). Visitors entering the building will be required to do a health check upon arrival using a provided QR code.



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3. **Masks.** All students in grades 4 to 7, all staff, and visitors will be required to wear nonmedical masks in all indoor areas of schools, including when they are at work stations/desks.
4. **Cohorts.** Also known as learning groups, are no longer recommended by public health as a COVID-19 mitigation measure and will not be used for this school year.
5. **Physical Distancing.** While public health no longer recommends strict physical distancing of two metres, we will work on strategies to help with respecting personal space, including signage, encouragement to spread out, using available learning spaces and taking students and learning opportunities outside, where and when possible.
6. **COVID-19 School Exposure Notifications.** If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19 and potentially infectious while at school, public health (Vancouver Coastal Health) will continue to investigate and work closely with the school district and schools on next steps including timely action and communication.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the updated COVID-19 guidelines for schools, we encourage you to review the following resources:

- [Ministry of Education COVID-19 Safe Schools Website](#)
- [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)

## STAFF UPDATE

There have been a number of staff who have left Cleveland including Ms. Stewart, Ms. Johnson, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Piteux, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Barnum, Ms. Zeniuk, Ms. MacIver, and Ms. Campbell.

We are welcoming Ms. Parker (Vice Principal), Mr. Young (English Program teacher), Ms. Corrigan (English Program teacher), Ms. Kellmann (French Immersion), Ms. Thayer (English Program), Ms. Adams (French Immersion), Ms. Miller (Learning Support Teacher) and Mr. Kennedy (Educational Assistant). We are very excited to welcome all the new folks to our Cleveland family.



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## AGENDAS

All students from Grade 1 to Grade 7 will receive an agenda book in the first week of school. You will receive a notification from School Cash Online (our online payments system) for the amount of \$6.00 to cover the cost.

## PERMISSION FORMS

You have also already received a request to use School Cash Online to fill out our permission and consent forms. Please do this as soon as possible as the 'walking field trip' form in particular is used to allow students to participate in the Terry Fox Run, happening before the end of September.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on October the 18<sup>th</sup> this year.

## FUN AT CLEVELAND

After school programs coordinated through the Cleveland PAC will slowly begin as well this fall. The first one is an Art and Outdoor Play program beginning September 20. Please see the attached pdf flyer for more details.

## ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child will be absent please call 604.903.3390 to let us know. Listen to the prompts and press #1 to record the absence on our system. If your child is late please let them enter through the main doors of the school and sign in at the main office.

Thank you, we look forward to an exciting year!

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