



*School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)*  
**COVE CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Guardians.

Students and staff have been establishing their routines and expectations, and students are settling in nicely! Cove Cliff is a vibrant learning community and our students are productively engaged in many areas of study.

**School Plan** - The School Plan is a living document that articulates the shared priorities by the school community for Enhancing Student Learning.

School priorities are determined through a collaborative appreciative inquiry process that highlights the strengths of the school and areas for future development. School planning is a part of the ongoing process of ensuring Vibrant Learning Communities for students, staff, and community.

Every two weeks we will be sending a newsletter focusing on Reading and Growth Mindset strategies that will be used throughout the school and highlighted in the classroom and announcements. We will also be highlighting the First People's Principles of learning within these goals. Our first newsletter will come out next week and will contain lots of exciting information. Please make sure you check it out!

**Safety Reminders**

- Signing in at the office – If parents or volunteers, are going to be in the school during the day, please check in at the office. All visitors should pick up a visitor tag. We have many new staff who are still getting to know our community.
- Parking – Our parking lots are for staff use. We have had incidents where people have parked in front of our garbage bins or fire lanes which are creating difficulties. Please do not park on the walkway, or double park, as it creates congestion and the flow of traffic. Please make sure your caregivers who are picking up or dropping off know the rules. We want to keep our children safe!
- Dogs – The North Vancouver By-Law states that dogs are not to be on our school grounds for student safety. While we understand that it is convenient to walk your dog when picking up your children, please do not bring them onto the property and tether them off-property.
- As the weather starts to turn, please make sure that your children have the appropriate clothing for outside. Recess is always an outside play time (except for extreme weather). Please ensure they are ready to play! An extra set of clothing is always helpful to keep your children dry if they get wet during the day.

- Attendance – If your child is going to be absent or late, please leave a message at the school, including your name, division and reason. Remember to sign your child in or out at the office so we are aware of your child's location.
- Just a reminder that if students are riding bikes, scooters, etc, they should be wearing a helmet and dismount when they get on school property.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Cross-Country - Students had a great time on their morning runs and meets. Thank you to Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Varty for volunteering to sponsor our athletes. Please wash and return the jerseys to the office to receive your \$75 deposit cheque after the last meet (unless you are in Basketball) on Wed. Oct. 24, 2018.
- Basketball - Grade 7 students are representing our school so well at their games. Thank you to Mr. Emanouilidis and Ms. White for volunteering to sponsor our athletes. Once the season is over in November, please wash and return the jerseys to the office to receive your \$75 deposit cheque.
- Choir - Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Smith are meeting twice a week with the choir. We're looking forward to hearing them in the near future.
- Math Club – Wednesdays 8:15-8:45. Thank you to Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Williams and parent Mrs. Mortimer for sponsoring the program.

**We Care Kids Club** – Throughout the year the school, and individual classes, take on events to show care for our community:

- Great Canadian Shore Clean Up – Thank you Divisions 5 (Mrs. Ehling and Mrs. Fraenkel) and Div. 6 (Ms. Ketchen and Ms. Mitchell)
- Terry Fox Run – Thank you to the Grade 7s for running our annual Terry Fox Run at the end of September. We appreciate all the donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. Cove Cliff raised \$560.60. Thank you!
- Harvest Project Donations – The Harvest Project wanted to express their gratitude for the food donations from Cove Cliff
- Christmas Crackers – **Want to get rid of some excess Halloween Candy?** Please drop off extra Halloween candy to the office and we will turn them into Christmas Crackers for a local group. Please drop off empty paper towel rolls as well.

### **Halloween** –Wednesday October 31

- Students will have an opportunity to dress up and travel throughout the classrooms to the gym, where parents can take photos.
- **8:45 AM** - Students arrive at school wearing costumes, parents can proceed to the gym for a photo opportunity.
- **9:00 AM** – Parade starts
- When students return to their classroom they will change into regular clothes and store costumes for the remainder of the day in their backpacks or cubby. Please ensure that your son/daughter brings a change of clothing to school. Please keep in mind that Halloween Trick or Treating is in the evening and you may not want your evening costume to be forgotten or damaged. This is an important discussion to have with your child.
- We ask that all costumes:

- **be appropriate for an elementary school setting** – no blood, excessive gore, creepy clowns or weapons. Please have culturally sensitive costumes as well.
- follow the Cove Cliff Code of Conduct
- be safe and create no potential tripping or visibility hazards
- be manageable without adult support
- be stored easily in the student's backpack or cubby
- Each year schools can have a significant amount of garbage (candy and fireworks) on the grounds the morning after Halloween. If you would like to help us clean up the grounds before the children come on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>, we'd really appreciate your assistance in making the grounds safe for our children.
- In an effort to encourage healthy living and activity, we'd like to request that if your class is having any celebration which involves food, that parents provide healthy options. This will include all days, particularly the days leading up to and following Halloween.
- We encourage families to take costume photos at home. We are looking forward to this fun event and thank you for your continued support.
- If you have extra candy left over after the celebration, Mrs. Ehling will happily collect it in the front office to convert into Christmas crackers for the local senior centres.

### **Communication**

- What's On – Each Friday we send out the "What's On" so you know what is coming up. We also post it on our web-site just in case you can't find the information.
- Please check our online calendar for up to date information. We are often adding information. You can subscribe to the calendar if you want to have the information fed to your personal calendar.
- Twitter – we have a Twitter account where we will post activities happening in the school @Cove\_Cliff
- Lost and Found – the lost and found rack is full in just two months. Come by and check it out at the PAC family movie night. Items will be donated at the end of every month. If your child's name is on the item, we will try and return it to the owner.

### **Cove Cliff PAC**

- Thank you to the Cove Cliff PAC for their amazing partnership with the school. We appreciate the budget that was passed at the PAC meeting last week.
- Cove Cliff PAC web-site is <https://covecliff.com/> - it has a wealth of information, check it out!
- The PAC will be doing a clothing drive in October. Stay tuned for more information.

Sincerely

Ms. Kee and Mrs. Ehling