



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 the Cleveland Community,

As the Halloween excitement fades for another year, the excitement of report cards ahead is building in the school and the community. It is always one of the more intense periods in any elementary school, from the end of October through to the Christmas break. Many great initiatives are on the go and have been recently completed at Cleveland, from our recent **Words in the Words** evening, to the **Stream of Dreams** week, to our meet the teacher night, and the implementation of our new curriculum.

The new curriculum brings with it a change in our reporting process, and you will definitely see some changes when the first term report cards come home on December 8.

For North Vancouver elementary teachers and parents, communicating student learning will look different this year. The new elementary report card enables teachers to elaborate on student learning in relation to the new curriculum. While the overall look and feel of the report card remains the same, there are a few changes that allow for more comprehensive communication with parents.

What remains the same?

- The grades K-3 performance standards remain the same.
- Letter grades for grades 4-7 remain the same.
- Comments on the report cards remain the same. These consist of what the student knows (content), can do (curricular competencies), and understands (transfer of big ideas and concepts).
- Three report cards throughout the school year, with the final report card in June 2017.

What is new?

- New look.
- No work habits. In lieu of work habits, on the June report card, with the help of their teachers, students will reflect on their development of the core competencies (communication, thinking, and personal and social responsibility).
- On the June report card only, there will be an assessment of careers and applied skills design and technology.
- Report cards will no longer be printed. Instead, report cards will be uploaded to the MyEd BC Parent Portal. Further information will be provided to parents regarding account creation on MyEd BC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at the school,

Sincerely, Bill Reid, Principal

Leslie McGuire, Vice Principal

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED.
Ceci est un avis important. Veuillez vous le faire traduire.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

GRADE 7 PARENTS . . . get ready for an onslaught of glue guns, glitter, and baking goods as the gr.7 students start to prepare for their booths at this years' **Winter Craft Fair.**



Everyone book you calendars & tell your family and friends that Cleveland's Winter Craft Fair is Dec 7! This increasingly popular event is returning with an amazing selection of stalls, festive activities, games and food - a great opportunity for doing some Christmas shopping and raising smiles. Come and join us! Further information will be provided nearer the time but mark **Dec 7th** on your calendars. The Grade 7 classes will also have boxes at the door for those who would like to help by donating canned goods & non-perishable products for food hampers for those less fortunate.

All proceeds from the craft fair will support Cleveland Grade 7 year-end activities and celebrations.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to our Terry Fox Run parent volunteers!

Thank you so much to the 70 parents who volunteered to mark the primary and intermediate routes along our annual Terry Fox Run on the 29th of September. The students and staff appreciated your enthusiasm and encouragement and felt safe knowing that parent volunteers were watching out for the traffic. Special thanks to our parent volunteer co-ordinator, Cathy Turk, for organizing the volunteers and to our resident DJ, Christian Behnke for keeping us "moving and grooving." We must also acknowledge and thank our leader behind the run at Cleveland, Debra Cusanelli, whose tireless efforts, and masterful organizational skills pulled us all together for this truly worthwhile cause. Thank you to Mme Didier for organizing the assembly.

Merci beaucoup!

Cleveland Donates Generously to the Terry Fox Foundation



In 1980, while talking about his Marathon of Hope and his dream to raise money for cancer research, Terry Fox said, "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." Thirty-six years later, the Cleveland community is doing just that. This year's annual Cleveland Terry Fox Run raised \$5,668.70 in donations for the Terry Fox Foundation, which supports cancer research here in Canada. Thank you to all of you who donated so generously to this important cause!

Way to go, Cleveland!

Bikes for Tykes

How can you help?

Each year for the past 6 years, Obsession Bikes has been on hand at our annual Cleveland Bike Week, providing mechanical support for the hundreds of bikes that arrive to school on the lower field. We really appreciate the support that Obsession continues to provide us each year!

Every fall, Obsession Bikes runs a program through the store, called Bikes for Tykes. James Wilson, the owner of Obsession, and his team collect used bikes, overhaul them and then make them available at Christmas for youth in our community through North Shore Family Services.

Do you have a "once well-loved" bike in your garage or basement that you or your child has grown out of? If so, why not consider donating it to the Bikes for Tykes program? Bikes can be dropped off at Obsession Bikes, 94 Lonsdale Avenue (at the southeast corner of 1st Street and Lonsdale Avenue) any time during the months of October and November. If you are unable to drop off at Obsession a bike you wish to donate, please contact Mme Debra Cusanelli at dcusanelli@sd44.ca to make alternate transportation arrangements for your bike.

What a great way for families in our community to support a local business that is working hard to support families in our community!

Thanks so much!

YOU CAN MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS EXTRA SPECIAL THIS YEAR

BIKES FOR TYKES

...is accepting donations of your bikes now! Bring in your previously loved kids' bikes to Obsession: Bikes and we'll fix them up and give them to kids who can only dream of getting a bike for Christmas!

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Drop off at Obsession: Bikes
94 Lonsdale Avenue (at First Street), phone: 604 985 2213

SCHOOL PLANNING 2016 – 2017

School Planning – An Update

At Cleveland we have been actively looking at the school planning process that we will be implementing this year, and are very pleased with the feedback we have been receiving from our parent survey, the feedback we have been receiving from all staff, and the input from students. Our School Planning Team consists of Principal Bill Reid, VP Leslie McGuire, teachers Suzanne Simpson and Val Batyi, Family of Schools Teacher leader Morag Kelley, EA Mary Stein, and parents Jessica Bratty and Mel Montgomery.

Our Survey Monkey responses to the questions we sent out in early March have been very positive, encouraging, and supportive of the directions that we have talked with parents and staff about.

It appears our three areas of focus for the Plan, are coming together nicely. Currently at the draft stage, they are:

Outdoor and Environmental Learning

We have continued our work with Dr. Jodi Streelasky, of UVic, in looking at our youngest students, in one of our kindergarten classes, and how they learn best, and where they really like to learn. We are taking the children's perspectives to heart! Our outdoor learning spaces are used daily with this group, and it is a tremendous learning experience, utilizing the fabulous environmental spaces that we have here at Cleveland.

We have pursued quite a number of other environmental initiatives as well, including our Stream of Dreams fish carvings that have been mounted on our South fencing, the Words in the Woods poetry evening, the beautification and increased functionality of our courtyard space, the completion of our forest survey, the training of one of our kindergarten teachers through the Outdoor School Environmental Learning Cohort, the planting and reseeding of the outdoor spaces in the front of the school, the Free the Trees plan to rid our forested areas of invasive plant species, and the constant use of our outdoor areas for teaching and learning with all of our classes.

The implementation of a Positive Behaviour System at Cleveland.

We have had a core group of educators, principal Bill Reid, counselor Natacha Sadafi, and classroom teachers Suzanne Simpson and Leanne O'Neill participate in a three day workshop to look at aspects of what makes a school a positive place to learn for all students. We have spent many months focusing on a common behavior matrix, so that all classes will hear consistent messages from their teachers about behavior expectations in every specific location throughout the school. This consistent language and application of expectation is already paying dividends throughout the school.

The Implementation of strategies from the Changing Results for Young Readers (CR4YR) workshops.

Our core planning group, principal Bill Reid, teacher-librarian Sandra Santarossa, classroom teacher Leanne O'Neill, learning support worker Tammie Aeberhardt, and classroom teacher Denise LaPrairie have been looking at what key elements of the CR4YR series will make the biggest difference for our students, and how can that be facilitated at Cleveland. We have decided to look at Fluency and Comprehension as the key elements.

More details will follow, as we focus on an Appreciative Inquiry process to look at the answers to the following questions:

- What are the unique features that make Cleveland a good school?
- What is our purpose as a learning community?
- What area would you identify for improvement at Cleveland school?
- What kind of school do we hope to be?
- What do we believe in and value at Cleveland school?
- What do you feel is an important goal for Cleveland School?

HELP NEEDED!

We at Cleveland are in need of your assistance. Managing a school is much like a home, where every once in a while we need to clear house!

We are looking for a few strong volunteers with trucks or vans to do a couple of runs to the Transfer station with our old furniture and equipment. The items are quite handy by the gym door off the blacktop. We recently had a quote of more than \$500 to have this service done by a private company. We would much rather put those funds to supporting student learning directly. Please let me know by email (lmcguire@sd44.ca) if you are able to help us out with this, and when it might be convenient.

My Thanks,
Leslie McGuire, Vice Principal lmcguire@sd44.ca



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider:

- If a child is sick, they need to rest or their recovery could be delayed.
- The ability of your child to function and learn at school.
- The prevention of the spread of illness to other children and families or to school staff.
- The inability of the school to look after your child.

Please keep your child home if he/she:

- Have symptoms such as persistent cough, constant runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea. If these symptoms do not clear up within a reasonable time, please see your family doctor.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (ie. Pink eye, Mumps, measles, rubella, chicken pox, whooping cough, gastrointestinal illnesses).
- Has a fever.
- Is too sick to participate in all normal school activities.

Keep them home until they are no longer infectious. Infectious periods vary with the disease. For more information:

- Contact **Public Health** at (604) 983-6700 or your family doctor if you have questions.
- Or BC Health Guide Online and BC Health Files: <http://www.bchealthguide.org>
- BC Nurseline 24 hours at: **(604) 215-4700** or Toll free **1-866-215-4700**

Should the school find it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please ensure you have made alternate arrangements if you are not available. **Please inform your school of these arrangements.**

Here's to a healthy school year!

LATELY AT CLEVELAND



Coast Salish 'Bone Game' being played in a grade 6 classroom



**'Stream of Dreams' salmon painting
A special Thank You ! to Mme Cusanelli and our parent
volunteers, under the direction of Ms. Jessica Bratty**



Painted salmon drying – nearly ready to mount.



Two of our dedicated volunteers installing salmon on the South fencing



'Words in the Woods' getting underway



The gym getting set up for 'Words in the Woods'



**The Evening was a HUGE success!
Thank You Mme Santarossa & Mme Berry !**



Our new access ramp to the Courtyard



Staff on 'Orange Shirt Day'



Halloween in the main office at Cleveland



**A 'Reading Circle' in the Courtyard
Working with Ms. Lin**

November & December Calendar

November 11 th	Remembrance Day
November 14 th	Curriculum Implementation Day - School Not in Session
November 16 th	Cleveland School Tour
November 28 th - December 2 nd	Grade 6 Outdoor School
November 28 th - December 8 th	Christmas Hamper Collection
November 30 th	Staff Collaboration 2:00 pm Dismissal
December 5 th	Grade 6 Shots
December 5 th to 6 th	Grade 4 Outdoor School Transition Program Group #1
December 7 th	Grade 7 Christmas Craft Fair
December 13 th	Band Concert 6:30
December 13 th	Strings Concert 7:30
December 14 th	Primary Christmas Concert 1:30 & 6:30
December 16 th	PJ Day
December 17 th	Christmas Vacation starts

