

# Cove Cliff Newsletter

Be Safe \* Be Respectful \* Be Responsible \* Be Kind



**Forms ~ Paper forms will be sent home this week. Please make sure they are all returned by Friday September 17th to the office.**

**For online forms, please go to School Cash Online to sign the:**

- Impromptu Walking Field Trip Informed Consent
- Personal Information Consent
- Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement
- Daily Health Acknowledgement

## Welcome Back!

We're excited to see everyone, especially our new students. Please make sure you have read Superintendent Mark Pearmain's email sent on August 31, 2021. Vital information is included.

### Tuesday September 7th - First Day Procedure

#### 8:49-10:49 am – Grades 1-7 Students in attendance

- 8:44 welcome bell - students begin to line up at **LAST YEAR'S** outside classroom door
- 8:49 students will be greeted by the teacher
- New students please meet at the front door and a teacher will meet you to bring you into the school for orientation
- all parents will need to remain outside the building, please call the office for assistance if needed 604-903-3420
- New Kindergarten students do not start gradual entry until Thursday
- Comfort Kits will be sent home for refreshing please return ASAP
- Dismissal at 10:49 - Students will be dismissed by their exterior classroom door
- At approximately 2:45 PM, teachers will email parents introducing themselves as your child(ren)'s next year teacher with a map of where to line up on Wednesday morning. If you do not receive an email from the classroom teacher by 4:00, please email [covecliff@sd44.ca](mailto:covecliff@sd44.ca). Please make sure you check your spam or junk mail just in case your server sent it to another location.

### Wednesday September 8th – Friday September 10th

- Students in grades 1-7 will be attending 8:49-3:00.
- Students please report to your new classroom, see map or a supervisor outside with a pink vest for assistance

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- Please bring all school supplies and snacks/lunch and refreshed Comfort Kit
  - Agendas will be handed out Wednesday
  - Students will be dismissed by their new classroom door
  - Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins on Thursday - students will follow the gradual entry schedule that was mailed home.
  - Band classes will start the week of September 13th.

### **\*\* SAFE Arrival Attendance\*\***

Last year we participated in the Safe Arrival attendance program where families submitted student absences electronically. For instructions, please click [here](#).



Our butterfly garden is looking beautiful! Thank you to our parent volunteers for watering over the summer!

### **Student Drop off and Parking**

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Student drop off, parking and pick up is a challenge for the school and many families. We encourage you to walk, or ride to school.

If you would like to park, there are a few spots on the road and many spots at Myrtle Park. Please be mindful of our neighbours! Our two parking lots are for staff parking and are not for student drop off or pick up. Please do not park and leave your car in the yellow zone at the front of the school as this is an Emergency zone as well.

If your children are riding to school, please remind them to wear their helmet and to dismount when they arrive on the property. In the event that the orange cones are up blocking access to the roundabout, please do not park in front of them. We may be waiting for Emergency vehicles or busses. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please go to our web-site under "About our School" for school supply lists.

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## SCHOOL HOURS

Please go to our web-site under "About our School" for school hours.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please go to our web-site for the 2021-22 and on-line calendar.

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Cove Cliff Elementary

## COMMUNICATION

### COVE CLIFF WEB-SITE

The majority of our communication is by our school email system. Please make sure that we have updated emails and contact information. Information will also be on our school web-site.

Weekly What's On - Every Friday, we will be sending out our "What's On" document via email, which will outline upcoming events for the following week. Please make sure you check it out as there is lots of information and reminders included.

Website - Contains all school information, including our on-line calendar

Twitter - @cove\_cliff

### Cove Cliff PAC

Our parents have an important role at our school in supporting the education of our children. All parents are members of the PAC. For more information, please go to:

PAC web-site

Facebook - Please search for Cove Cliff Parents and ask to join the group.

**Student Planners** - Student planners are an essential organizational and communication tool for student success. We encourage parents to take time with their children to review the planner and to set personal goals for the school year. Cove Cliff School Planners will be distributed to Grades 1-7 on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> with payment due by Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Options for the \$8 payment are:**

- School Cash On-line (see instructions on page 1 of this newsletter)
- cheque payable to Cove Cliff Elementary School
- cash

Please submit exact cash or cheques to the classroom teacher.

## **Students Leaving the School**

In order for students to leave the school the following procedures must be adhered to:

### **During instructional Hours 8:49-12:00 & 12:55-3:00**

- Parents must provide a note to the teacher AND office, outlining the details of the absence
- A call into the absence line would be very much appreciated
- Students sign in or out at the school office

### **During Lunch hour**

- Must be pre-arranged (phone calls home on the day will not be permitted)
- A parent signed note including where the child will be on that day must be provided to the office
- If two students are planning to leave for lunch together notes are required from both families.
- Students must present the signed parent note and sign-out in the sign-out book at the school office when leaving and sign-in when returning to the school grounds.
- We respectfully request that students do not go to the Cove for lunch
- students must return on time or entered as late
- We will not be allowing students to leave the school unless proper procedures are followed.

***Parents are reminded that the school is not responsible for the safety and behaviour of students once they leave the school grounds.***

## **Code of Conduct**

**Please review the Code of Conduct with your children prior to the start of school.**

## **Emergency Preparedness**

Safety Week - In order to ensure students know what to do in case of an emergency, staff will carefully explain procedures to students and we will practice these drills in class and during the week of September 20th.

- Monday September 20th - fire drill with no alarm, so students are not surprised.
- Tuesday, September 21st - earthquake drill (but not the Early Release to parents).
- Wednesday, September 22nd - lockdown drill #1- Internal Intruder
- Thursday, Sept. 23rd- Lockdown Drill #2- External Danger
- Friday, Sept. 21st- Shelter in Place - risk in the surrounding area - one long bell to bring students in to their classroom

## **Comfort Kits**

To enhance our students' safety and well-being, we are expanding our school's efforts to prepare for an emergency this year. Each class has a grab-n-go kit, kept in the classroom and taken by teachers in case the school is evacuated in an emergency or disaster.

In addition to the grab-n-go kits, each class has supplies in case of a lockdown, as well as a separate duffel bag containing **individual comfort kits** for each child and staff member. We need your help to complete these kits.

1. Label the zip-lock bag with your child's name.
2. Add a family photo. On the back of the photo, please print your child's name, parent's contact phone numbers, care card number and out of area contact person and phone number. List any allergies.
3. In addition to the photo, include the following into this bag:
  - chewing gum (optional) sugarless
  - two peanut-free granola or fruit bars, or other non-perishable, high-energy snack
  - two Band-Aids
  - Kleenex
  - small personal item (optional)- for example, cards, toy, letter from parent

Everything must fit into the small ziplock bag, including the solar blanket and poncho supplied by the school. Please return this kit to the classroom teacher no later than Sept. 21st so we may include it in the class carry bag. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mrs. Ehling at [dehling@sd44.ca](mailto:dehling@sd44.ca)

### **Early Dismissal Days @ 2:00**

- Mon. Nov 1, Tues. Nov. 2 and– Wed. Nov. 3 – Conferences
- Wed. March 2, 2022 – Celebration of Learning

### **Bell Schedule for 2021-22 (please note new times)**

Welcome Bell	8:44 AM to 8:49 AM
First Instructional Period	8:49 AM to 10:20 AM
Recess	10:20 AM to 10:40 AM
Second Instructional Period	10:40 AM to 12:00 PM
Lunch	12:00 PM to 12:20 PM (Eat) 12:20 PM to 12:50 PM (Play)
Welcome Bell (end of lunch)	12:50 PM to 12:55 PM
Third Instructional Period	12:55 PM to 3:00 PM

## **School Fees for 2021-22**

Agendas \$8.00 (September)

Please see below for a listing of Cheakamus Centre programs and fee amounts for the 2021/22 school year.

*Note: Each of the following district programs has an alternate offering as shown in the event that the regular program can not be provided. Alternate programs may be offered, altered or cancelled in response to PHO health guidelines and community input.*

- Grade 3 Skw'one-was Indigenous Cultural Program - **\$140** (two days, one night at the Longhouse)
  - Alternate Offering: Day program at Longhouse - **\$75**
- Grade 4 Three Day Outdoor School Program (ODS) - **\$225** (three days, two nights)
  - Alternate Offering: Outdoor Learning Day Program - **\$75**
- Grade 6 Four Day Outdoor School Program (ODS) - **\$295** (four days, three nights)
  - Alternate Offering: 3 Day Outdoor School Program (ODS) - **\$225** (three days, two nights)

Tentative Enrichment Learning Activities (2019 costs used as a guideline). All are optional and are cost recovery.

Ski Program	Grades 4-7	\$310
Kayaking	Grades 4-6	\$65
NVSD	Music Festival bus	\$5

If any families need financial support, please contact the Principal when field trip forms are distributed.

Cove Cliff Elementary APPROVED CALENDAR 2021/2022 (updated Sept. 1/21)

DESIGNATION	2021/22
Days of Instruction	179
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Statutory Holiday	Thursday September 30, 2021
District-wide non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Friday, October 1, 2021
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 11, 2021
Province-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Thursday, November 11, 2021
*School-based non-instructional Day	Friday, November 12, 2021
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter vacation period	December 20, 2021 to January 3, 2022
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4, 2022
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, February 4, 2022
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 21, 2022
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 11, 2022
Spring vacation period	March 14 to 25, 2022
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday Holiday Day	Monday, April 18, 2022
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Monday, May 9, 2022
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 23, 2022
*School-based non-instructional Day	Monday, June 13, 2022
Last Day of Classes for Students	Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Administrative Day (Non-instructional day)	Thursday, June 30, 2022



