



Cleveland Elementary School

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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..

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND SAFE TRICK OR TREATING!

Here are some safety tips to keep safe on October 31st.

Costumes:

Children should wear bright and reflective costumes to be easily seen at night. (Reflective tape and or glow lights can be added to any costume). The costumes should fit the children and be short enough so they will not trip. (No longer than the child's ankles).

All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft flexible material.

When buying a costume, make sure it is labelled "flame resistant".

Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.

Safety tips:

Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Street safety is paramount when crossing streets!

Remember to Stop, Look, Listen & Walk.

Children should stay in well lit areas and should only visit homes that have some form of outside lights turned on.

All candies should be inspected to make sure that no one has tampered with it. Discard anything that looks suspicious.

Children should trick or treat in one well known area and not wander into unknown neighbourhoods.



CHESS

Junior Chess Tournament

St. George's School (3851 W 29th Ave, Vancouver)
Sunday November 2, 2008 (Matches are organized according to age groups). Registration 9:45 - 10:10 a.m. Pre-registered participants are to arrive by 10:20 a.m. Tournament 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (juniors might finish earlier and advanced players might go on until later). If participant cannot make it at 10:30 a.m., notify Luc Poitras and he will try to schedule matches for a later time. Fees: \$20 when registering on Sunday at St. George's. \$15 if pre-register with Luc by Thursday Oct 30th via email (wcjchess@hotmail.com) providing: name, birth date, grade, school. More info on West Coast Junior Chess can be found on www.wcjc.blogspot.com or by contacting Luc.

Wanted: Grades 3-7 Chess Players to form Cleveland team for North Shore School Team Chess Championship Sunday November 30th, 2008 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ Hollyburn School (1329 Duchess Ave. West Vancouver). If interested, please contact Su Mei (woosumei@xuede.com 604-638 6992).

CLEVELAND CROSS COUNTRY MEET – A GREAT TIME!

On Wednesday afternoon more than 300 North Vancouver students ran 2km routes throughout the neighbourhood. It was a tough route but the conditions were excellent!

More than thirty staff and parents helped with this meet.

Congratulations to all runners and thank you so much to all the helpers!

Last Cross Country practice: Tuesday

Last Cross Country meet: Wednesday (Cates Park)

THANK YOU FROM THE HARVEST PROJECT

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Harvest Project with your recent food donation. This donation comes at a critical time for the Harvest Project as we continue to serve your neighbours year-round.

The compassionate donation of food by your school has transformed into hope for the many clients that access our programs and services. Your gift will make a very real difference.

The Harvest Project's unique combination of one-on-one guidance, life skills training, access to job search and other resources and counseling, combined with short-term financial relief in the form of food and job interview clothing, helps families going through tough times stand on their own once again.

Thank you for giving hope to your neighbours in need.

CPAC NEWS

Community Event

Handsworth Parent Dance featuring a live band on Saturday, November 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. ALL WELCOME! Tickets are \$25.00 (includes food and first drink) and are available at Giftworks in the Village. Any questions, please call Roberta @ 604-786-2196.

Safety Patrol

Thank you to the Mulligan family and the Bertin family for their donations of prizes for safety patrol students. We are still looking for donations of items suitable for boys and girls aged 10-12. Gift certificates for music, electronic games, clothing, stationary or entertainment are some suggestions. Please contact Sali Chippett (stchippett@yahoo.ca).

CPAC Meeting

Our next general CPAC parent meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Grade 5/6 teacher, Ms. Julia Waddell, will be giving an interactive presentation about Hands-On Learning and how the proceeds of the 2008 "Hands-On Learning" Fundraising Campaign will be used. All parents should have received a copy of the fundraising proposal from their class rep to review. We hope to see you there for this informative evening!

Cleveland Spirit Wear

For everyone who ordered Spirit Wear, the orders have been tallied and are being submitted as we speak! The turn-around time should be 2 to 3 weeks. Stay tuned for an update regarding pick-up dates and times.

Parent Information Board

Recently posted are a couple of volunteer opportunities: The Child Care Grants Committee and the Community Services Advisory Committee are currently recruiting community members from the District. If interested please stop by the Parent Board, located just outside the office, for more information.

Free the Trees

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped Free The Trees today. Together we are making our school a better, healthier place for the birds, animals and ourselves. Watch the bulletin board in the school and next week's newsletters for photos and results. A very special thank you to Evergreen for their ongoing support and Stasia Siscoe for bringing in her animals from Maple Ridge.

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND!

Congratulations on another successful Walking Wednesday! We have been very fortunate with the weather so far this year. However, as we know, the rain will eventually return, and the mornings will be a bit darker. Talk with your children about wearing bright or light coloured clothing when they walk to improve visibility. Also, place reflective strips and tags on backpacks, coats, shoes, boots, umbrellas, strollers, bicycles, etc. Make sure your walkers (and you!) can be seen! This week, we are continuing our look at traffic from a child's point of view. *Research on children in traffic suggests that children perceive traffic very differently than adults.*

Traffic from a child's point of view: Part 2 – Did you know?

- Children make potentially dangerous decisions about "gap acceptance"- they do not have the ability to estimate whether there is sufficient time to cross the road and avoid a collision - especially as vehicle speeds increase.
- Children cannot perceive complicated traffic situations, nor can they anticipate what movements a vehicle might make.
- As children are short in stature; parked cars, utility poles, newspaper stands, real estate signs, etc. easily obstruct a child's field of vision.
- A child's peripheral vision is not fully developed; their field of vision is one-third narrower than that of an adult.
- Children have difficulty discriminating the direction of sounds.

- Children are easily distracted when searching for traffic: they concentrate on one thing at a time, often focusing on what is of interest to them at the moment.
- Children have no sense of danger - they intertwine fantasy and reality and tend to overestimate their knowledge and physical strength.
- Most pedestrian traffic injuries occur to 5 - 9 year olds at mid-block crossings, and to 10 - 14 year olds at intersections.
- *Speaking with children about traffic rules does not lead to safer behaviours. Walking with children and negotiating neighbourhood streets with them provides an experience and opportunity to develop traffic safety awareness, and to practice safe pedestrian behaviours.*

This list has been adapted from the Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia and a list distributed by the Canadian Institute of Child Health.

For more information please visit the following excellent ICBC website <http://www.waytogo.icbc.bc.ca> or contact Dorli Duffy: duffrose@shaw.ca (604-980-1462) or Karen Saunders: karen.saunders@impressdigital.com (604-904-7722)

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOUND: Pink girl's Trident cruiser bike, with white tires and pedals and a hand-brake, found Monday on the path between Hillcrest and Lorraine. Contact Mary at 604.985.0764 or HYPERLINK"mailto:mbshaughnessy@shaw.ca "mbshaughnessy@shaw.ca

STAGE FRIGHT

Come join this fun... but **SCARY** family event! Presented by Canyon Heights @ Handsworth Secondary

Date: Saturday, October 25th

Time: 1st show @ 4:00 p.m. and 2nd show @ 7:00 p.m.

Duration: 90 minutes ~ **Ages:** 5 and up

Tickets: \$10.00 each or \$15.00 each at the door

Contact: 604-318-4574 ~ MagicShow@Live.ca

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM PRESENTS: Homecoming Concerts

Junior Night Wednesday, October 29th 7:30 p.m. Handsworth Main Gym.

Senior Evening with Alumni Band Thursday, October 30th 7:30 p.m. Handsworth Main Gym

Tickets available at the door ~ Adults/Seniors \$5.00 ~ Students Free

