



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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"FYI: WHEN FUN GOES TOO FAR"

Over the past few weekends, several schools in the North Vancouver School District have experienced vandalism requiring costly clean-ups and repairs. Broken windows have been a particular problem, creating a disruptive hazard and straining our maintenance budget. Law enforcement has been successful in apprehending vandals in our neighbourhoods, sadly, some of these individuals are students in the School District. When this is the case, we can ask the families of these individuals to cover repair costs. But in many instances, it is the School District that funds the repairs, which strains our resources and reduces funds for valuable programs and services. With Halloween on the horizon, we're asking families to talk to their children about having fun without causing harm.

DOG NUISANCE AT SCHOOL

We have been having problems with dogs on the school grounds. Unrestrained dogs have been visiting the property, helping themselves to unattended student lunches, intimidating some children, entering the building, and leaving piles of excrement about the property. Students during their play time frequently step or fall in dog excrement and soil their clothes or track the excrement into the school. I am concerned about the health risk this presents to students. Some dog owners have been depositing their dog's excrement in the schools waste containers.

In the past we have also had to have classrooms sprayed due to a flea infestation brought about by visiting dogs.

Did you know that it is an offence to allow a dog off a leash or to roam at will. It is, further, an offence, as stated in Bylaw 5981, "for any owner to fail to immediately remove and dispose in a waste container or by other sanitary means, any excrement deposited by such dog on any place off the owners property".

Section number 14 (Seizure and Impounding) states in section (b) that the Poundkeeper or any Police Constable may seize any dog found in the District on any school lands or school building administered by the Board of School Trustees for School District #44 (North Vancouver).

This School District has posted "**No Dogs Allowed**" signs around the school playground. The S.P.C.A. will be called to remove offending dogs. **Please help us by keeping Fido at home and off of the school property.**

DIAL 8-1-1 for HealthLinkBC. This new service combines the resources of BCNurseLine, Pharmacist-After-Hours, Dial-A-Dietitian and BCHealthGuide.

You can simply dial 8-1-1 to get 24/7 health information, medical advice and help navigating BC's health-care system. HealthLink BC website provides information on-line and offers tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle: www.healthlinkbc.ca is the address.

GRADE 6 BASKETBALL GAME

A standing crowd packed the gymnasium at Cleveland Elementary on Friday October 16th after school to watch the Gr. 6 girls challenge the Gr. 6 boys to a spirited, fun filled basketball match. The game was very well balanced with both teams showing a lot of skill and positional play throughout. In the end, the girls won with a 34 – 24 victory.

Thanks to Madame Doyle, Mr. Amundsen and Sherri Corrie for coaching the teams, and Mike Burns for refereeing this fun filled and entertaining, after school activity.

Keep your eye on the Cleveland website for photos of this event and more....

OLYMPIC FEVER STRIKES CLEVELAND!

A huge thanks to Bill Cooper (Bowen and Kaia's dad) for bringing a wonderful opportunity to Cleveland School this past Friday to usher in this Olympic year. We heard a passionate story from Kim Gordon, Olympian rower, and soon to be 2010 Games torchbearer. Students had the opportunity to simulate the Torch relay, and the Olympic Mascots paid us a special visit. Thanks Bill, and all the Olympic staff for the great presentation and the student stickers. The Torch relay map which is now posted in the front hallway has been popular. Check the District's Olympic blog on the District Website for more updates on Olympic presentations and assemblies.

MUSIC SONGWRITING RESIDENCY AND SHOW

Thanks to Mr. Lowry, professional musician, for facilitating a session of songwriting with Ms. Fedorak's class this past Friday. The students beautifully performed their newly written song "Put a Smile on Your Face" for the school in the afternoon. All students have been enjoying this song and a variety of music during music appreciation during announcements after the lunch hour.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR SCHOOLS

NVPAC has sent letters to our government, but as an organization, it does not vote. Parents do, so parents are who the government needs to hear from. If you are concerned about the recent cuts to education please, send a letter. Send a bunch of letters.

To help parents understand the issues and how to advocate NVPAC has written a School Funding Advocacy Primer:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Aboutus/~media/5781DD543BB243B99B202B2641B28A46.ashx> For more information you can contact info@northvanpac.org and visit the North Van Pac website (<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Aboutus/NVPAC.aspx>).

CPAC MEETING

Tuesday, October 27th

7:00 p.m. in the school library

At next weeks meeting, the proposal for revitalizing and upgrading the intermediate playground will be presented for parent approval. Minutes from last months meeting are now posted on the CPAC website in the Meeting Dates section. See you next week!

009 LICENCE TO THRILL

All that glitters is definitely GOLDFINGER. *An evening to sparkle* - Friday, November 20th at the Cleveland House of Fun. The "Man with the Midas Touch" said invitations are available at the office. They can also be printed online. Go to www.clevelandelementary.ca click on CPAC, then click on BOND, JAMES BOND to print your invitation and order your tickets for 009 LICENCE TO THRILL. Please submit your order to your child's classroom or the school office.

FUN AT LUNCH

Fun-at-Lunch program started this week with great success for the yoga enthusiasts, knitters, dancers and actors. The tennis program will begin next Friday, October 30th in the large gym. For those who have signed up, don't forget to wear indoor gym shoes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HUGE KIDS SWAP MEET

Cloverdale Fairgrounds

****Saturday October 24th, 2009****

9am – 1pm

9am Early Admission \$5.00 (Best Selection)

10am -1pm \$2.00

****New and Used Baby to teen Clothing, furniture toys & More****

More info email kidswapmeets@hotmail.com or call 604-513-8880 Susan

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 26th – Mad Science, 3:15

Tuesday, October 27th – Photo Retakes 9:00 a.m.

Food Day Subway

Mad Science, 3:15 Small Gym

CPAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30th – Black & Orange Day

Grade 7 Pizza Day

Fun at Lunch Tennis in the Large Gym 12:15