



# Cleveland Elementary School

## École élémentaire Cleveland

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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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### FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN SWITCH

On Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the French Immersion Kindergarten will undertake their switch of classes for the remainder of the year. The morning class will attend in the afternoon (12:50 – 3:00 p.m.) and the afternoon class will attend in the morning (8:50 – 11:30 a.m.)

### SUPPORT CLEVELAND'S 'GREEN' EFFORTS AT HOME – THE "TOP 10" LIST!

Last fall some interested Cleveland teachers and parents met to explore opportunities to support Cleveland school and students in having a lighter environmental footprint. One of the first steps the teachers took was to canvass their colleagues on what current 'green' practices were happening at the school. It is fair to say we were all amazed at the incredible actions and leadership that teachers were taking in their classrooms, nearly all on their own initiative. Equally encouraging was that nearly all the activities involved students in a variety of ways, helping them to become better environmental stewards. It makes a huge difference to student's learning and awareness if what they do at school is supported at home. Here are ten easy, earth-friendly things that your children and teachers are doing at school that you can translate into home-based equivalents, with one example (chosen from many) in each area.

1. Reduce paper use (use old stationary; double-sided printing)
2. Drive less (taking public transit on field trips)
3. Garbage-free lunches (reusable water bottles versus tetra-paks/cans)
4. Electricity use (unplugging devices over holidays, weekends, etc)
5. Creative re-use of materials (a variety of used household items for art projects)
6. 'Green' cleaning (using sponges and cloths instead of paper towels; non-toxic cleaners)
7. Clean up litter (picking up litter wherever you see it, even if it isn't yours)
8. Reduce water use (low-flow faucets)

9. Raise environmental impact awareness (the Students Gone Wild group is leading a garbage-free lunch school-wide challenge)
10. Restore our local green spaces (Free The Trees is replacing invasive plants with friendlier native ones)

In future newsletters we'll tell you more about these areas and about other things students and teachers are doing, as well as the PAC. We'd like to thank Mme. Santarossa, Mme. Pascuzzi, Mme. McHugh, Mme. Gautelier, Mme. Power and Mrs. Laprairie for their wonderful leadership. We'd also welcome other parents who are interested in getting involved or sharing ideas for a 'greener Cleveland' – please get in touch with David Thomson ([dgthomson@telus.net](mailto:dgthomson@telus.net)) or Dorli Duffy ([duffrose@shaw.ca](mailto:duffrose@shaw.ca)).

### AN OLYMPIC EVENT? FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Well, no not exactly but it's during that time and its Cultural too! Handsworth Secondary School is presenting a Festival of the Arts. There is so much wonderful activity in the arts in our family of schools. Our children are involved in Dance, Theatre, Visual Art, Strings, Band, and much more. Handsworth invites artists from our school to be a part of the festival. Send and email to [handswortharts@gmail.com](mailto:handswortharts@gmail.com) with information about what you would like to share or let your visual art teacher know that someone would like to display their art work at Handsworth.

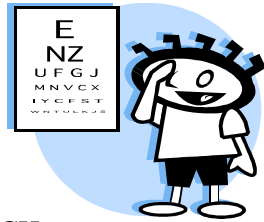
On The evenings of February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> students involved in music, literature, film, visual art, dance, drama and more will showcase their work in a festival format. You are invited to walk around and view artwork and enjoy short performances in a multi venue environment. Feature performances will be held by the Handsworth Jazz Program on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and the INFINITUS STRINGS TRIO ([ininitusmusic.com](http://ininitusmusic.com)) on Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>. You will not want to miss it! Look for a complete schedule to come at <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/schoolsites/handsworth.aspx> . The Olympics Games aren't the only thing happening!

## VCH EARLY CHILDHOOD VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

The VCH Early Childhood Vision Screening Program is screening 3 year olds for treatable vision problems. This year 3262 three-year-olds were screened in VCH (35% of the 3 year olds in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region). On the North Shore the results were very impressive with 1100 three year olds being screened (approx. 66% of the three year old population). Thanks to all of the facilities and families who participated in the screening program in the spring this year. We are planning to resume screening in licensed childcare facilities in February 2010. Your local vision screening team will contact facilities to arrange screening. Contact will be made via email or telephone. There will also be a vision screening clinic by appointment on Thursday afternoons. Vision is very important to a child's learning. Some vision problems like lazy eye (amblyopia) or crossed eyes (strabismus) can be treated most effectively in young children. Screening will occur on site while the child is attending your program. No special space is needed, but a quiet area does help the child to concentrate on the screening activities. A hand held vision screener that the child looks at will measure the child's vision in each eye. Depth perception is checked using a matching game that the child plays wearing special glasses.

For more information contact the local public health office at 604-983-6700.

For More Information-Go to the website!  
The address is [clevelandelementary.ca](http://clevelandelementary.ca). Please check the website regularly for updates and news on upcoming events, workshops and items of interest.



## INTRODUCTION TO FIELD HOCKEY FOR BOYS – GRADES 1 & 2

At Cleveland Elementary on Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, for Junior Boys – from 12:15 to 12:55 in the small gym. WVFHC (West Vancouver Field Hockey Club) wants to introduce the sport of Field Hockey to more boys, particularly at an early age. We hope to pique their interest in our sport and encourage them to consider playing in the Spring League. We have chosen to offer our program at your school because a number of your boys already play the sport. We are offering one free introductory session of coaching in your school gym at lunchtime for boys in grades one and two. Marian Schole, a former Canadian Men's National Team player, and an experienced coach with our high performance athletes, will lead the clinics. Your schools administration has agreed to supervise the program. We will provide the coaches, all the necessary equipment and most importantly the fun!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any of your questions or concerns at [info@wvfhc.com](mailto:info@wvfhc.com) or visit our Website at [www.wvfhc.com](http://www.wvfhc.com) to learn more about us. Cathy Siscoe (Cleveland parent) will help facilitate registration so please email her at: [catherine@bravo-zulu.com](mailto:catherine@bravo-zulu.com) if your son would like to participate in the introductory field hockey session.



## FUN-AT-LUNCH

FAL starts next week. There is still space available in the card making and juggling classes so if your child is interested, just drop off the registration form at the school office. Extra forms may be found online at the Cleveland Website or in the office. Any questions may be directed to Cathy Siscoe at: [catherine@bravo-zulu.com](mailto:catherine@bravo-zulu.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FIELD HOCKEY FOR BOYS

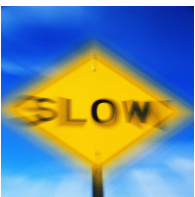
WVGHC has a Spring Field Hockey season for boys. This season runs from April through June. You can visit their website at [www.wvfhc.com](http://www.wvfhc.com) for more information, to ask questions and to register online. Registration deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They welcome players of all skill levels.

**KEEP POSTED WITH KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION AND TORCH RELAY  
INFORMATION IN NEWSLETTERS AND THE  
WEBSITE AT [clevelandelementary.ca](http://clevelandelementary.ca)**

## CPAC NEWS

### TUESDAY FOOD PROGRAM

Just a reminder that Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> is your last day to place an order online AND submit your cheque payable to CPAC. Click on the following link to sign in and place your order:  
<http://cleveland.techsys.tv/order.asp>.



### SLOW DOWN

The speed limit is 30 km all along Eldon and Ruby. Please obey this speed limit from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. all school days. Being late for school or work is NOT an excuse for speeding through our 30km school zone – and yes, 40km is speeding. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe.

### WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Food Day Pasta & Salad