



# 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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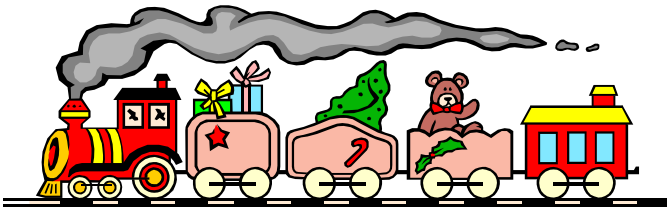
December 5, 2008

### GRADE 7 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

I would like to thank all of the parents and students that turned out to support the Grade 7 Christmas Craft Fair and/or purchased goods in support of the Grade 7 fundraising. This event has turned out to be a huge success to help our Grade 7's pay for their year end trip. Many thanks are extended to Louise Bonar for coordinating this event and to the many parents who helped to put this successful event together this year.

### TALENT SHOW

The talent show was a huge success thanks to the talented group of performers, the stage crew the sound team and the masters of ceremonies. A big thank you to Mrs. Parkinson, Mme Cork, Mme McHugh and Mrs. Simcox for coordinating and overseeing the show. We raised \$501.92 for the Harvest Project. Thank you to all the parents and students who helped clean up. Your efforts were much appreciated.



### THE "CHRISTMAS BUREAU EXPRESS" IS COMING TO CLEVELAND!

Cleveland School will be collecting **unwrapped** toys and gift items for the Christmas Bureau beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>. **We are also collecting food items for the Harvest Project.** All items can be placed in the boxes in our front hallway or in the class collection box.

We will accept all donations until Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of possible gifts.

Gift Ideas:

|                          |               |             |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| felt pens/crayons        | bus passes    | towels      |
| hats, scarves, mittens   | candles       | coffee mugs |
| hair products            | teas, coffee  | cosmetics   |
| certificates to stores   | calendars     | CDs         |
| board games              | playing cards | magazines   |
| boxed cookies/chocolates |               | stationary  |

Please note the last date of collection. We need to end earlier in order to send the items out to families in time. Thank you so much for your caring support at this busy time of year!

### CLEVELAND STUDENTS VISIT MUNICIPAL HALL

As part of a unit on government, the students in Mme. McHugh's grade 5/6 class studied the recent Municipal elections. A class visit from Mayor Richard Walton in November led to an invitation to Monday evening's inaugural Council Meeting for the District of North Vancouver. Nathan Jenkins-Boale, Sara Rashid and Cooper Rowe addressed the Council on the issue of their hopes, dreams and fears for the future; they all spoke very eloquently. A special thanks goes to all the students and parents that attended that evening and represented the school so well! To see the Council Meeting, watch Shaw (cable channel 4) on Saturday, December 6, at 9 a.m.

### Roots of Empathy



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#### BABY ZOEY

has taught the students in Mrs. Parkinson's class the many reasons why she cries - with a big smile on her face! Shyloh, Bailey and Georgia had the special privilege of holding her in their arms. Our next visit with baby Zoey will be with her whole family on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### ART COLLECTION

**Diplomats of the World** are creating their WordArt for a permanent display in the new Burnaby Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Their artwork will be large (3' x 4') and grace the rooms and halls of Coastal Health's new building across the street from BCIT.

The students have volunteered their time and effort to make this possible giving up their noon hours to paint their images beginning in the new year.

**Kim Briscoe** of Kimprints in Vancouver has generously volunteered to do all the framing for the students' work.

We extend our invitation to the Cleveland community of parents as well. Any parent artists willing to donate a painting to this project, please see Sandra Santarossa in the library for details

### CLEVELAND FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST – FRIDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.!

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Pancakes sizzling on the grill!"

Our reindeer have returned from the North Pole and are ready to serve you. A wonderful holiday breakfast complete with pancakes, homemade blueberry syrup, sausages, and Delany's coffee, juice for the kids, a fabulous raffle, crafts, face-painting and more! Our peak time is between 8 and 8:30 – bear with us if there's a bit of a lineup! Thanks to our sponsors, Super Valu in the Village, Premium Brands and Delany's. Net proceeds will go towards our school fundraising goals. We will have boxes set up in the foyer to drop donations of non-perishable food items. Quick reminder – we have **SOLD OUT** – if you are unsure about your status, there is a list available in the office and on the school website.



### NORTH SHORE JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our Cleveland chess players Philip Chapdelaine, Oliver Wood, Connor Hopkins, Danny Yoo and Kye Shelly did a great job at the tournament Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Out of 10 schools Cleveland came in 7<sup>th</sup> and were only half a point from 6<sup>th</sup> place. For only having come together the past couple of weeks and getting in 3 - 4 practices, the boys held their ground amongst the other schools. Congratulations boys! Check out the website [www.wcjc.blogspot.com](http://www.wcjc.blogspot.com) for pictures and results from the tournament.

## MAD SCIENCE REGISTRATION FORMS

Students in grades 3-7 have received the Mad Science Registration forms this afternoon. Please make sure to complete the forms and return to the office asap. Thank you.

## FRENCH RESOURCES FAIR

French resources fair is on next week December 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Ecole Andre Piolat, 370 W. Kings. Come and browse at the great selection of books, music, DVDs and games in from several suppliers.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS MULTICULTURAL EVENING COMING IN JANUARY!

Cleveland's 6th Annual Multicultural Evening Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Cultural Celebration of Food, Dance and the Arts The Multicultural Committee would like you to join us for the ever popular MULTICULTURAL EVENING celebrating a variety of cultures in our community. The Committee would also like to invite the parents to help out with this year's event. If you are interested in lending a hand in decorating or food set up, or clean up please fill out the attached volunteer form and submit it to the office. We look forward to seeing you there, and are encouraged to come in the traditional dress of your heritage! The Multicultural Committee

## HANDS-ON LEARNING - THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Congratulations and thank you! There was huge support from families over the past week and we reached our fundraising goal in full. Together we raised \$9,300 to purchase Hands-On Learning resources for Cleveland. Given the current global financial crisis, this generosity really speaks to the strength and commitment of Cleveland families. In the new year, our children will start to benefit from these resources - we will keep you posted as they arrive.

## RCMP CONSTABLE CHELSIE ISOBE TALKS ABOUT TEEN DRUG USE

During an informative CPAC meeting last Tuesday, **Constable Chelsie Isobe** (of the North Vancouver RCMP Youth Intervention Unit) spoke to Cleveland parents about trends regarding teen drug use and answered numerous questions. Key messages included the following:

Marijuana and Ecstasy are the most common drugs used by teens.

In some cases, Marijuana is laced with crystal meth, and Ecstasy can contain 70% crystal meth or more.

Despite the "recreational" nature of these drugs, students need to know about the health effects of these drugs including irreparable brain damage associated with the use of Ecstasy.

During her work with youth in schools, Chelsie talks to students about having a plan to "get out" if they get invited to a party that involves drinking and drugs. She stressed the importance of students "having a plan" with their parents that includes an agreement to pick them up anywhere and at any time to keep them safe.

Chelsie provided parents with the following websites for further information:

<http://www.deal.org>

<http://www.crystalmethbc.ca>

<http://www.bcfedpolice.com>

One document that was mentioned is a book that is available on-line, free of charge, and is entitled "*Teen Drug Trends: A parents guide in understanding and responding to teen drug use*". It is very comprehensive and was written by a counsellor in the Lower Mainland with grants from various police departments. An electronic copy of the book is accessible from the home page of <http://www.bcfedpolice.com> under the header "NEWS". A hard copy of this book may also be signed out from the Cleveland Parent Library in the main hallway.

## SAVE THESE DATES!

We will have another guest speaker at our CPAC meeting on January 27, 2009. **Alix Bacon**, a colleague of Saleema Noon, will give a presentation to parents on "**Sexual Health and your school-age child.**" The presentation will run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Alix will return to Cleveland on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 to give two presentations to students: to primary students from 6 – 6:45 p.m., and to intermediate students from 7 – 8:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend along with their children, and admission will be by donation. Mark your calendars now to ensure you don't miss these excellent sessions!

## THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to Nathalie Davis for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair and thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. Also, thank you to all the shoppers who made the event such a success!! Up to 60% of the proceeds will go to Cleveland school for classroom resources.

We can't let the Grade 7 babysitters go without mention! With such a busy week, this wonderful service was greatly appreciated by Cleveland parents and enjoyed by many students. Thank you to Dina Robertson for coordinating this service and thank you to all the Grade 7 babysitters for doing an outstanding job!

## WAY TO GO CLEVELAND

**Join us for a Christmas Walk to School Day and count yourself in!!!**

The mornings are cool and fresh and perfect for a walk to school. With only two more weeks of school before the holidays, this is a great time to meet up with some friends and neighbours, and enjoy a Christmas walk to school. It's also a great opportunity to talk with your children and share their excitement and anticipation of the holidays. Join us for our Christmas Walk to School day, and get counted! Help us beat the 50% participation rate we achieved in October!

**What:** Christmas Walk to School Day at Cleveland

**When:** Wednesday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**How:** Sporting your festive garb (Santa hat, reindeer antlers, etc.) walk or roll (cycle, scooter, etc.) to school and count yourself in!

**Where:** There will be 4 checkpoints where your child can be counted on Wednesday morning.

Look for red and green balloons at these locations:

1. On Eldon Road at the Eldon Park crosswalk
2. On Eldon Road at the **northwest** corner of the school property (at the Bracknell Place crosswalk)
3. At the bottom of the **east** stairs to the lower field
4. On Eldon Road at the northeast corner of the school property (at the bottom of the stairs to upper Sunset just east of Bracknell Place)

Note: If you live too far away to walk or ride, stop a few blocks away from the school or join us at one of our park and walk departure points (check the CPAC Parent Board in the main hallway for a complete list of locations and times). We'll still count you in!

**We look forward to seeing you en route!!!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Handsworth Secondary School Music Department presents:**

**"THE MUSIC EVENT OF THE YEAR"**

**Sweet Music Concert**

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Handsworth Main Gym

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Table seating - \$10.00 Bleacher Seats - \$5.00

## WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Food Day Magic Lunchbox

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Band Concert 7:00 p.m. Large Gym

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Pancake Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.