



# 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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### SPRING BREAK

School will be closed for the next week for the annual Spring Break. We wish all Cleveland students and their families a restful and enjoyable holiday. Hopefully the weather will be good and we will all have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Have a good break!

### HELPING OTHERS LOCALLY

Guess what? It is that time of year to do some spring cleaning! Cleveland is participating once again in our collection for the Big Brothers Renew Crew Foundation. We encourage you to lighten your load over the break. You may bring in your items in a garbage bag to the front foyer from Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

The following is a list of possible items that you may bring in. Clothing (all types/sizes), kitchenware, houseware, clothing, accessories, shoes and boots, sporting goods, linens and bedding (no mattresses), tools, luggage, draperies, curtains, toys, games, books. We cannot take computers, or other electronics. Let's see if we can beat last year's collection. So enjoy your break and get spring cleaning!

### THANK YOU FOR THE HAITI RELIEF KITS!

A big thank you for all the students and teachers who have contributed to the Relief kits for Haiti. These relief kits will provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by the earthquake. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is planning to send 20,000 of these kits. Thank you for taking part in this worthwhile effort! If you would like to find out more see: <http://mcc.org/kits>.

Check Wednesday's March 3<sup>rd</sup> North Shore News paper. The Coins for Haiti write-up and a photo of some of the students counting coins was in the paper.

### THE SGWS AND THE BC GREEN GAMES!



The Students Gone Wild, Cleveland's environment club is participating in the BC Green Games, a contest for schools and their environment projects, presented through the use of technology. The Students Gone Wild are excited about this contest and we need your help!



A panel of judges will decide if our school wins \$1000, but you can help us win the \$500 Viewer's Choice Award! The money will be put towards an environment project at the school!

To vote, visit:

<http://www.bcgreengames.ca/component/project/?id=177>. You will need to log-in with a valid e-mail address. You can vote for a total of 5 projects, and can only vote for each project once. Voting is open from March 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 so don't delay!

We would also like to say thanks to all the students who participated in our Garbage-Free Lunch Thursdays! We won't be coming to check regularly anymore, but we encourage you to keep bringing a garbage-free lunch every Thursday (or every day!), now that you know how easy it is! You never know when we might drop in to your class for a random check, and a chance to win a prize!

## **PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE – MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

We are pleased to invite all parents to attend our March 30<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting in the school library for a guest presentation by Audrey Van Alstyne on "Parenting in a Digital Age".~ Topics to be addressed include dealing with the growth of texting and cell phone use, cyberbullying, Internet safety, protecting private information, etc.~ We have asked Audrey to help parents in managing and navigating their child's telecommunications and computer use.~ Audrey will speak from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Audrey will return to Cleveland for a second session with parents and intermediate students on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Please contact Dorli Duffy ([duffrose@shaw.ca](mailto:duffrose@shaw.ca)) if you have any additional issues or questions that you would like Audrey to address.  
(please note there is no CPAC meeting this February)

## **FREE THE TREES NEEDS SNOW FENCING**

With our ever expanding plantings we are in DESPERATE need of some snow fencing and poles. The Trees For Tomorrow funds can't be used to purchase it and we have several applications in for more funding but until it comes through we need more snow fencing to protect the new small plants and trees from being trampled. The School Board has given us as much as they can and we have to return it to them in June. So, if you know of anyone looking to dump snow fencing we would be thrilled to have it. Other donations of new or gently used garden tools (specifically pruning saws, clippers, loppers & shovels) would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lea Carpenter at [leac@istar.ca](mailto:leac@istar.ca) for more information.

## **RESTRUCTURING 2010 UPDATE**

Working groups have been established to facilitate the consultation processes related to Restructuring 2010. The parent rep for Cleveland English is Tracy Bosch and the parent rep for Cleveland French Immersion is Tara Immell. A survey was sent out on February 22<sup>nd</sup> (deadline to complete was

March 3<sup>rd</sup>). Please inform [clevelandclassreps@hotmail.com](mailto:clevelandclassreps@hotmail.com) if you did not receive. The first working group meeting was held on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for updated information and another survey to come via email. More information regarding the restructuring can be found on the North Vancouver School District 44 website: <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Trustees/Restructuring20.aspx>. Please email any questions/input/concerns to [ClevelandFI@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:ClevelandFI@nvsd44.bc.ca).

## **GO FOR GOLD! Annual Cheque Drive**

There's still time to make a donation. This year's cheque drive has been extended till the end of March. Although we are targeting to raise the remaining \$10,000 needed for the playground upgrade, our goal for this year's campaign is family participation. So far 52 families have donated bringing the cheque drive total to \$4030.00. Thank you to all who have donated so far. If you would like to make a donation and your form has gone missing, you can find one attached to this newsletter or you can print one off from the CPAC Finance section of the school website, complete and submit to the office:  
<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Cleveland/Parents/CPAC/Finances%20and%20Fundraising.aspx>.

## **FUTURE FUNDRAISING**

With this year's fundraising for the West side playground improvements near completion, it is time to start thinking about future fundraising ideas for the next two years. What is it that you think Cleveland needs? Please send your ideas to [clevelandclassreps@hotmail.com](mailto:clevelandclassreps@hotmail.com), subject 'fundraising ideas'. Submitted ideas will be presented for discussion at the next PAC meeting, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **WEEK AHEAD**

**Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Food Day Magic Lunchbox**  
**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Garbage Free Lunch**



February 1, 2010

Dear Cleveland Parents,

We are now in the final phase of our major fundraising for a new and improved west playground. The CPAC Playground Committee has spent many hours developing the new playground design, meeting with suppliers and reviewing proposals. They have come up with a great plan to give our kids one of the best playgrounds in the District. To see the proposal that was approved at the October 27, 2009 PAC meeting, please go to the CPAC section of the Cleveland School Website.

(<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Cleveland/Parents/CPAC/New%20Playground.aspx>)

Thanks to the wildly successful "License to Thrill" event in November, to date we have raised almost \$75,000 of the \$85,000 budget for the upgrade.

Our annual donations / cheque drive is set to kick off next week. With the Olympics coming to our backyard, now is a great time to **"Go for Gold"** and push our fundraising efforts across the finish line.

Although we are targeting to raise the remaining \$10,000 needed for the upgrade, our goal for this year's campaign is family participation. In keeping with the Olympics, our theme is **"Going for Gold"**. The parent board in the front foyer of the school will be turned into downhill ski race for the duration of the Games. For every family donation made, our Cleveland skier will move closer to the finish line. Medals will be awarded for participation:

- Bronze - 50% of the Cleveland families;
- Silver - 75%; and
- Gold - 90%.

**Every donation gets us closer to the podium, whether its \$1 or \$1,000.**

Our annual donations/cheque drive is the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts. We hope that you will take the time to review the playground proposal and consider a donation. Participation is, of course, completely voluntary. Kindly detach and return the form on the back of this letter at your earliest convenience.

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## 2010 Cleveland Fundraising Campaign "Going for Gold"

Please return this form at your earliest convenience. You may place the form in an envelope to maintain confidentiality. Please write your family name or child's last name on the outside of the envelope.

Yes, I wish to contribute to the Cleveland's 'Going for Gold' fundraising campaign!

Attached is my cheque made payable to CPAC for:

\$125     \$100     \$50     \$25     \$\_\_\_\_\_ (specify amount)

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Division #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas & Feedback:

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*\* NOTE: **Please make cheques payable to 'CPAC'**. All donations of \$25 and over are eligible for a tax receipt. To receive a tax receipt your full name and correct mailing address must be on your cheque or attached to your donation. Please take any cash donations directly to the school office.*

### Q&A

#### **1. How much should I give?**

A. The decision of how much to give, and whether to give, is entirely up to you. Here are some facts that you may consider in your decision:

- 1) Tax receipts will be issued for donations \$25 and over.
- 2) The average donation last year was \$100 and donations ranged from \$25 - \$750.
- 3) Our goal will be reached if each family in Cleveland makes an average donation of \$35
- 4) **All amounts are appreciated.**

#### **2. What happens if we raise less or more than our goal?**

- A. If we raise less than \$10,000, we will purchase a portion of the items outlined and requested.
- B. If we raise more than \$10,000, we will purchase additional playground equipment that is consistent with the Playground Committee's proposal.

**ALL** proceeds from the donations/cheque drive will go towards the new playground.