



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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CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR NEXT YEAR

The work of organizing classes for the next school year will begin as we progress toward the end of this school year and will only be completed when the final student population numbers are confirmed in the first week of school in September. The plans we make between now and the end of June must remain tentative until we have a more accurate count of students.

Near the end of every school year members of the Cleveland staff form a team composed of the current grade teachers, next year's grade teachers, L.A.C. and E.S.L who meet to discuss students' needs for placement for the following school year. The objective of student placement is to develop an organization that creates optimum learning environments. Although in many cases students move together as a class, demographics can dictate that there be more than one class within a grade level or that there be a combined grade class.

When there is this kind of choice for student placement, staff carefully consider a number of factors in order to create optimum learning environments. These factors include, but are not limited to: gender balance, student independence and ability, special needs requirement, students' working relationships, etc. Requests for class placement are not required and those few that do come in should be directed to and discussed by parents with the current teacher. All class placement requests will be shared with the current teacher. **Class placement is not an opportunity for parents to choose their child's specific teacher (this in fact should be avoided), but should be viewed more as an avenue for making the teacher aware of educational information that parents feel may affect their child's school performance.** Parents need to be aware that many factors must be examined in developing balanced, well functioning classes, and that specific parental requests will be considered by teachers but not guaranteed. Parents have been encouraged all year to communicate concerns or issues with their child's classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is the individual that best knows the student in the educational setting and will be the person who is responsible for making the decision about the class placement for the child for the next school year.

If you feel that you have a specific educational concern or issue that is unknown to the current teacher and can only be met by a specific class placement please make this information known in writing to your child's teacher by June 12, 2009.

FUN DAY REMINDER

Fun Day will take place, rain or shine, Friday, May 22nd. Children will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. by their teacher. The children are reminded to bring a labeled water bottle to school with them on Fun Day. Let's keep our fingers crossed for fair weather!

GRADE 6 PARENTS – HOLD THE DATE

Grade 6 parents are invited to meet with this year's Graduating Class Committee on Thursday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. We will share with you what our experiences have been organizing the Strathcona and Quebec trips, the fundraising program, plus the other year-end activities. We will also recommend what you might want to start working on this year.

THANKS FOR ALL THE LOVELY LOCKS LAST FRIDAY!

We had over 20 girls volunteer for the Cleveland haircutting event including two teachers and two parents. Mme Kry even donated her 18 inch ponytail that was cut when she was a little girl! The longest locks were Makenna Petrie (12 inches). Probably the thickest was Mme McHugh. We have had many emails this weekend thanking Olivia Armstrong for organizing the event which was amazing in terms of participation. And its not too late, if anyone wants to still donate, instructions are on the website at http://www.evelynswigs.com/hair_donations.htm. The hair is all made into wigs by volunteers for children and young adults who have lost their hair due to medical reasons.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS-PLEASE PICK UP

Starting Tuesday, May 19th, the lost and found items will be placed on tables in the front hall in order for students to check for missing items. We encourage parents to please come by and check the tables as there are many items that need claiming.

CLEVELAND'S ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH ~ TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Grab your Dad (or Grandpa or Uncle) and your grooviest 60's duds and join us for a fabulous **60's FLOWER POWER PARTY**. This very popular event sold out last year, so please get your ticket order in to your teacher or the office as soon as possible (order form attached).

'FUN DAY' CONCESSION

Don't forget to bring some money on Friday, May 22nd! CPAC will have a concession with fresh bagels and hot coffee for the parents first thing in the morning at the school. Later on, there will be a concession at Eldon Park with tea, coffee and cold drinks.

WE NEED YOU!

Cleveland PAC Executive Chair for 2009/2010

So far, we haven't heard of anyone running for the Chair position. This position **MUST** be filled in order for the PAC to function (as per BC PAC requirements).

Without the PAC, various type of support to the school such as funding, for the library, enrichment materials for the classrooms, school performances, as well as planned improvements to the playground, etc, are not possible. The Chair position can be shared, in a co-chair format. The position allows for a terrific opportunity to better understand how the school functions, work closely with the teachers and administration, and of course get to know a great group of parent volunteers! The current Chair will remain on the PAC Executive to provide support during the transition. The vote for the PAC positions will be May 26th, 2009. However, it would be ideal to know that there are interested individuals prior to this meeting.

Please contact Susan Rhodes at sbrhodes@shaw.ca if you are interested in more information.

Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity at Cleveland!

PS. New members at large are also very welcome

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND - WALKING WEDNESDAYS

Walking is a good prescription for healthy living and a great way for parents and children of all ages to spend time together. Whether your family walks occasionally

or you're seasoned walkers, we invite you to pick up the new **North Van Rec Get Walking Guide**. Hot off the presses, this booklet will introduce you to 20 favourite North Vancouver walks through stunning forest trails, quaint neighbourhood crescents and magnificent urban parks. Work your way up from easy to moderate to advanced walks as you increase your fitness and stamina. Wondering if you can bring along your dog or push a stroller? All the walks are clearly coded so that you can choose the ones that are right for you. Enjoy getting to know the North Shore better this summer while you and your family get walking!

The **Get Walking** guides are now available on the lowest shelf of the CPAC Parent Library in the main hallway or at any North Van Rec facility.

DOOR PRIZE

To whomever won a door prize last year at the "Astronomical Evening" for a gift certificate at Runaway Bay for a hair cut with Nina Austin (value \$50.00) I am now at Escape Hair and Body at 604-985-2282. The gift certificate is still valid please bring it with you to claim your prize.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CRICKET - West Vancouver Cricket will offer a Kanga Cricket Program at Hugo Ray Park. Kanga Cricket is geared towards younger and inexperienced kids from the ages of 6 to 12. All equipment is provided and the first session is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The coach/program administrator is Jim Richards. Jim will be assisted by Bob McKay and Rhodri Rees-Jones.

The program will run for 8 weeks - every Saturday from 10-11:30 am until July 4th. Juniors can register at the first session at Hugo Ray Park and there is a nominal fee of \$35 (to cover the user fees assessed by the Municipality).

STEVE NASH BASKETBALL - Registration is now OPEN! Join by June 30th, 2009. Visit www.delbrookbasketball.com to register. Open to boys & girls. Season runs from September to March. All games & practices in North Vancouver.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 18th – Victoria Day
School Not in Session

Tuesday, May 19th – Kindergarten Orientation a.m.
Food Day Smoothie 'n' Wrap

Year End Band Concert - 7:00 p.m. Cleveland Gym

Wednesday, May 20th – Grade 6 Hep B Shot 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 22nd – Activity/Fun Day - Rain or Shine
Student Dismissed @ 12:30 p.m.