



# 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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### NEWSLETTER HARDCOPY TO COME HOME

We will be sending home the newsletter in the next few weeks as a paper hardcopy to ensure that our communication link is open. There are a lot of upcoming events, and activities happening in the school as we head towards the Winter Break that parents need to know about-and we want to ensure that everyone is getting the necessary information to make plans! We are still hoping to make an email copy available soon, however, as we transition towards an electronic means of communication, we will keep you posted with a paper copy. We request that you please return the permission form sent out last week allowing us to use email addresses to do so. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue on this transition towards a more sustainable way of communicating with you.

### FIRST REPORTING PERIOD

Report Cards will be sent home with each student on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. **Please note the 2:00 p.m. dismissal on these days.**

A board for parents to sign-up for Parent/Teacher conferences will be set up in the main hall of the school at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### CLEVELAND'S TALENT SHOW EVENING

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. when the talented performers will entertain us in the Cleveland Talent Show Evening.

Thank you to the student council who worked to set up and facilitate the auditions. Congratulations and thanks also to all the talented students who performed for students during the noon hour.

Entrance is by donation and the proceeds will be donated to the Harvest Project.

### PRIMARY CONCERT

This is a reminder to mark your calendars for our upcoming PRIMARY CONCERT. There will be two presentations on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon performance will be from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ticket information will be coming shortly.

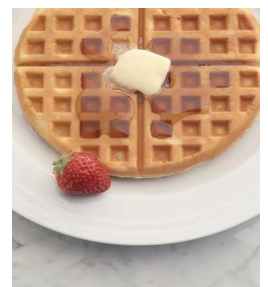
### GRADE 7 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 - 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

The magic of Christmas is upon us! This year's Gr. 7 Elves are busy in their workshops making all kinds of gifts for the young and young at heart. Mark your advent calendar for Cleveland's annual Christmas Craft Fair to help our senior students raise funds for their year end trip. Shoppers of all ages are lining up for this exciting event where gifts can be purchased at such great prices that even Scrooge can't complain. Come and get caught....up in the holiday spirit.

### CLEVELAND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HO! HO! HO! It's that time again! The annual Cleveland Christmas Breakfast is being held Friday, December 12th from 7:30 - 9:00 am! What a great way to kick off the holiday season, and thanks

to the generosity of our sponsors, Super-Valu, Delany's and Premium Brands, raise some money for our school. Please join us for great food, music, and lots of Christmas spirit! Order forms were sent home today - don't delay in sending your order in to the office as we have sold out before the deadline for the past two years. We hope to see you there!"  
Your Cleveland Pancake Reindeer



## WAY TO GO CLEVELAND!

Is your child ready to walk to school without you? We all want to raise confident, responsible children. One way we can foster this is by empowering them to walk to school with some friends or a group of students from their neighbourhood. At a talk last week, parenting expert Kathy Lynn offered the following steps to help ready your child for eventually walking without you: With your child, identify a safe walking route to school. Walk regularly with your child, talking about road safety and street awareness as you go along (crosswalks, driveways, etc.) When your child is ready, ask them to walk you to school, taking you by the hand and telling you about road safety and street awareness issues that they understand to be important. Find friends or neighbourhood children that your child can walk with. Walking with a group of children is easier, more fun and safer than walking on their own. When your child and their group are ready to venture off on their own, let them do so, with you following them from a bit of a distance. This isn't a secret -- they know you are there! Eventually the following won't be needed. And they will have achieved a big step towards responsibility and independence. This is a process that will vary in length for each child. Considerations like dangerous intersections and other factors may require that you walk with them for part of the route, but in most cases, there will be some segment of the walk that they can work towards doing on their own. Good luck!

## HANDS-ON LEARNING UPDATE

THANK YOU to the over 80 families who have already donated to this year's major fundraising campaign. We have raised \$5,695 so far and are 70% of the way towards our goal. Next week is the last week of the campaign! If another 50 families donate an average of \$50 each, we will reach our goal and be able to fund the full list of math manipulatives, strategy challenge games, oral language tools and science experimentation tools requested in the proposal. If you would like to help purchase these learning tools for Cleveland, please hand in your donation by Thursday. Thank you also to those families who have donated strategy challenge games - the drop off box will remain in the school lobby until next Thursday for anyone else that would like to contribute a game.

## CLEVELAND SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE

Thank you to all those who placed orders for Spirit Wear. A pick-up/delivery date for next week will be announced shortly online. Look for it in the CPAC Cleveland Spirit Wear Section. Thanks for your patience!

## DRUGS & YOUR CHILD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

RCMP Constable Chelsie Isobe will be our guest speaker at Tuesdays CPAC meeting to be held in the Cleveland library between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Constable Isobe will address the following topic *"Drugs 101: A Primer for Parents of School-Age Children"* and she has graciously offered to address your questions during her presentation. What would you like to know? Please email any questions in advance of the meeting to [duffrose@shaw.ca](mailto:duffrose@shaw.ca) or bring them with you on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on Wed. Dec.3rd and Thurs. Dec.4th and we are looking forward to seeing you there! The Book Fair will run from 9:00 am to 5:00pm on those two days in the front lobby of the school. It happens to be on the same days as the Parent Teacher Conferences...what perfect timing! You can, not only find out about your child's progress in school, but also do some Christmas shopping at the same time! If you cannot attend, the students will also be visiting the Fair during class time and they will be able to purchase books during that visit. Thank you for encouraging your child to read. By purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable Cleveland Elementary to obtain new resources for the school and classroom libraries.

## BABYSITTING AT CLEVELAND

Take advantage of babysitting services provided by Grade Seven Students during early dismissal times **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. \$5.00 per child per day.** Book now while space is still available Contact Dina at [HYPERLINK](mailto:dina5@telus.net) "mailto:dina5@telus.net" [dina5@telus.net](mailto:dina5@telus.net)

### WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Food Day Magic Lunchbox  
CPAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Reports Home  
Talent Show 7:00 p.m. large gym  
**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** – School Not in Session  
Curriculum Implementation Day