



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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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

With the close of the school for the Winter Vacation, we will have completed the first term of the 2009- 2010 school year.



Staff and students have worked hard to further Cleveland's goals for intellectual, social and physical development.

Part of our success in furthering Cleveland's goals is credited to the interest and support of our parents and community members. We are very grateful for the contributions of our Parent Advisory Council and all of our volunteers who do so much for the school.

Though the year is young, I am pleased and proud of our achievements this first term. A sound base has been established for a continued effort in the New Year to achieve the best for all of Cleveland's students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful holiday season and a peaceful and "Happy New Year."

Sincerely,
I. McWilliams
Principal

FRENCH FOR FUN PRESCHOOL

Please check out Cleveland's website (www.clevelandelementary.ca) for information about a French For Fun Preschool.

CHRISTMAS BUREAU & HARVEST PROJECT

Thank you again to all Cleveland families who donated so generously to the Harvest Project and the Christmas Bureau. The Cleveland Express Train will make Christmas a lot brighter for many families across the North Shore.

THE SGWs AND THE BC GREEN GAMES!

The Students Gone Wild, Cleveland's environment club, is open to students in grades 5-7. We meet regularly on Thursdays at lunch. This year, we're participating in the BC Green Games, a contest for school's and their environment projects, presented through the use of technology. The Students Gone Wild are excited about this contest and we need your help! We could win \$500.00 or \$1000.00 to put towards an environment project at the school!



Starting Thursday, January 7th, we're challenging all students to participate in our garbage-free lunch challenge! What does this mean? We'll be coming around to classrooms every Thursday to see who has no garbage in their lunch! How do you do this? Some suggestions are...bring a water bottle instead of a juice box; use reusable containers; buy in bulk, and then make your own smaller portions; eat lots of fruits and vegetables.

Parents can help too! Talk to your child about making good food choices for lunch, and buy some neat reusable containers and give them as stocking stuffers this Christmas. We are also looking for prizes to reward those students who participate in the garbage-free lunch day. If you have a small prize you can contribute, please speak to Mme McHugh or Mme Power.

Look for more information about the BC Green Games in January. You can look at the website to see some of last year's contest winners:
<http://www.bcgreengames.ca/>

Don't get a lump of garbage in your stocking from Santa this year; make garbage-free lunch day a part of your New Year's resolution!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

This year's Christmas Choir Concert was a big success. The students sounded wonderful. It was a fun and festive time for all involved. A "BIG" thanks to the students for their hard work and many hours of practice. It definitely paid off.



A special thank you to our pianist Alison Roberts who worked many hours to accompany our students with various music selections. Thank you Mr. Lebrun for your leadership with the help of Mme Cusanelli and Mrs. LeNoble in putting together this fantastic concert for the enjoyment of all. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

A big thank you to Nathalie Davis for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair and to all of the parents who helped out during the two day event. Sales were \$6,944 and thus we earned a Scholastics Book credit for the school of \$3,887! Plans are underway to purchase these books in January. What a great success it was!!

THANK YOU FROM SAFETY PATROL

A special thanks to Susanne Tholl for her fabulous donations of prizes for the safety patrol students and for baking delicious cupcakes!

THANK YOU GRADE SEVENS!

Thank you Kim Mackie for organizing the grade seven babysitting service last week. This service was greatly appreciated! What a lovely group of grade sevens who came well prepared with energy & planned activities. The kids didn't want to leave!! Thank you!

FLYING FLAPJACKS!!

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success due to the many helping hands involved. Thank you to our Cleveland reindeer who put in lots of volunteer hours starting at 5:45 am!! Santa was even able to take time from his busy schedule to make an appearance - the smell of pancakes and holiday cheer must have made it's way to the North Pole! Thank you Tina Swinton for doing an amazing job of organizing this festive event.

Special thanks to sponsors of the event: Super Valu in the village, Delany's & Grimms. Thanks to their amazing generosity we were able to raise \$1800.00 towards our new intermediate playground. What a great

way to start the day!

FUN-AT-LUNCH

If anyone has ideas or would like to teach a course in the New Year, the small gym is available during the lunch hour for 4 weeks in January and February. Please contact Cathy at catherine@bravo-zulu.com.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CLEVELAND'S PAC EXECUTIVE

Wishing all Cleveland Families and Cleveland staff a restful & happy holiday! See you in the New Year!

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND!!!

Congratulations to the many families who made the effort to participate in our Winter Walk to School Day this Wednesday, December 16th. On a mild, wettish winter morning, 35% of Cleveland students walked to school!! Thanks to all of the participating families for supporting our Walk to School Program and to the student and parent checkpoint volunteers who counted participants and handed out candy canes. Way to go Cleveland !!!

We look forward to seeing everyone out walking in the New Year!!

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 4th – Happy New Year!

School re-opens

Tuesday, January 5th – Food Day Subway

