



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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HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND SAFE TRICK OR TREATING!

Here are some safety tips to keep safe on October 31st.

Costumes:

Children should wear bright and reflective costumes to be easily seen at night. (Reflective tape and or glow lights can be added to any costume). The costumes should fit the children and be short enough so they will not trip. (No longer than the child's ankles).

All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft flexible material.

When buying a costume, make sure it is labelled "flame resistant".

Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision.

Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.

Safety tips:

Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Street safety is paramount when crossing streets!

Remember to Stop, Look, Listen & Walk.

Children should stay in well lit areas and should only visit homes that have some form of outside lights turned on.

All candies should be inspected to make sure that no one has tampered with it. Discard anything that looks suspicious.

Children should trick or treat in one well known area and not wander into unknown neighbourhoods.

READY, SET, LEARN FOR PARENTS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Cleveland School would like to invite all parents (or nanny, caregiver) and preschoolers aged three and four years old to the Will Stroet performance on Friday, November 14th at 9:10 a.m. in the small gym. Each preschooler will receive a Ready, Set, Learn gift at the show. This show is an early learning initiative sponsored through the district. Please RSVP at 604-903-3390 if you are attending.

STANDARD TIME CHANGE

It's that time of the year again!

Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOLS

An incident on October 28th, 2008, involving a student at Carson Graham Secondary who brought a pellet gun to school reminds us of the gravity with which we treat prohibited activities and items in the North Vancouver School District. Although this incident was handled swiftly, appropriately and professionally, while ensuring that all students were safe, it was also treated as a serious matter and involved the RCMP.

Please know that the possession or presence of weapons on, or near, school grounds is prohibited. This includes toy or "replica" weapons of any kind. For more information, the School District's policy to support its safe and caring schools can be found at: www.nvsd44.bc.ca> Administration>Policies and Procedures>Series 300.

FREE THE TREES LIVE COVERAGE ON CTV

If you would like to see the news story aired last Friday, please go to the link below:

<http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20080107/WhereWeLive/20080107>

The link below is from the North Shore Outlook

http://www.bclocalnews.com/greater_vancouver/northshoreoutlook/community/33237264.html

Many thanks to Lea Carpenter and all of the parents who helped put together another extremely successful Free the Trees day. We all loved the additions of the donkey and sheep, and the exposure via the many media sources that arrived throughout the day. The weather cooperated with us and all the students willingly pitched in to help remove as many invasive weeds as possibly.

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND

Teaching your child pedestrian safety skills:

Part 1 As parents, we need to teach our children how to safely navigate our streets and sidewalks. Children learn about walking safely by watching the adults who care for them. They need to be taught traffic safety skills. As adults, it's important that we always make safe choices, and set good examples! If you cross diagonally across a corner intersection, walk on the wrong side of the road or jaywalk, your child will do the same when they are on their own. Children do not have the experience or ability to assess traffic situations safely. They need constant reinforcement through practice and guidance. As you walk with your children to school, take advantage of the opportunity to point out dangerous situations, asking them how to respond in each case. Many child pedestrians are killed or injured trying to cross a road from between parked cars. Always cross at a corner, and explain to your child why you make this choice.

A green light indicates that it is possible to cross a road, but children should be taught to pay attention to the traffic, not just the traffic lights. When a light turns green, a pedestrian should stop at the curb, look around to make sure that the traffic is stopped and then proceed. The rule is to look both ways, check again (left-right-left). If a car is coming, and you have to wait for it to pass, double check again. Don't assume the coast is clear. Remember cars often travel faster than you think. Check parked cars to see if a driver is waiting to pull out into the traffic.

Teach children to cross at signalized crosswalks only when the walk indicator or green light is lit. Do not begin crossing when the red hand begins flashing.

Always hold a young child's hand when crossing.

When crossing at a marked crosswalk, teach children to stop and check that drivers are aware of them. Making eye contact with a driver is a way of ensuring that the driver in the car is aware that someone is proceeding across the road. Children should be taught to cross only when all traffic has come to a full stop. Explain that if they can see a car, it doesn't mean that the driver can see them. Walking to school not only provides you and your children with great exercise, it's also an important and often overlooked learning opportunity.

GO GREEN TEAM

Hi, we are back and this week we are going to talk about the three R's, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

If you reuse things that are considered garbage after one time of use, it will take longer for garbage dumps to fill up. Did you know that 380,000,000,000 plastic grocery bags go to the garbage dump every year. That is only in the states, imagine the whole world. If you are a

customer at a coffee shop bring your metal cup, instead of using a paper one.

Recycling is important for many plastic items like plastic bottles. You could either reuse them or bring them to a recycling depot. Remember cloth bags rule over plastic bags.

CROSS COUNTRY – LET'S CELEBRATE!

Thanks everyone for a great season!

Students, Staff, Parents - what a terrific team!

All of you made Cross Country very special this year.

Jersey return

- Monday, November 3rd, 10:20 a.m., small gym

Awards - Please check!

- please check Sports bulletin board to see whether you will receive an attendance award and/or a meet participation award on Friday

Pizza/Awards Lunch

- Friday, November 7th, 12 noon. small gym

- notices go home today (Friday) - **due Tuesday,**

November 4th, 9 a.m.

Thank you!

Keep on running...and being great sports!

CPAC NEWS

Hands-On Learning

Thank you very much to Ms. Julia Waddell for a fun and informative presentation at the recent CPAC meeting.

The parent vote was unanimous in accepting the Hands-On Learning proposal. This week a letter summarizing the campaign and inviting donations will be sent out.

For more information about this campaign, please visit the Current Info Links on the [CPAC site](#).

New This Month in the Parent Library

Do you ever wish your children were more cooperative and responsible? Do you ever question your parenting skills? *It's Not a Plot to Drive You Crazy!*, our newest addition to the CPAC Parent Library, suggests ways for you to create a toolbox of practical, easy-to-use parenting skills for children of all ages. *It's Not a Plot to Drive You Crazy!* describes 70 everyday situations, then provides a parenting skill for each topic to help you tackle the day-to-day challenges of child raising. Written by Fran Kammermayer, a local family educator, author and public speaker, this book has been described as "the definitive guide for raising healthy, happy, responsible children. To borrow this book, visit our Parent Library in the main hall across from the Parent Information Board.

Week Ahead

Tuesday, November 4th – Food Day Subway

