



# 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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### GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START!

The start of the school year and the change that it brings can be unsettling for children and parents. Teachers make every effort to welcome children into their classrooms and make them comfortable in their new settings. Parents play a crucial role by providing the reassurance that children need in order to feel secure.

With the start of the school year it is important to establish certain routines, procedures and work habits that benefit all students. The school needs the support of parents in building children's independence, responsibility and confidence as they begin the new school year. For younger children, this means allowing them to enter and exit the building on their own, to carry their back pack and lunch kit to school and to place their own belongings on the hooks at the beginning of the day and to retrieve them at the end of the day. By enabling children to assume responsibility for these simple tasks at an early age, parents help their children to develop greater responsibility in the future. As children progress through the grades, they will be expected to record assignments in their agenda, to complete homework consistently and on time, to have the necessary equipment at school (gym strip, band instrument, school supplies) and to be prompt in attending classes, meetings and practices.

Children should be expected to accept age appropriate responsibilities.

### REMINDER: Medical Updates/Medications

Please remember to update the school with health information and medication if your child has a life-threatening or severe medical condition requiring attention. If you are new to the school, it is up to the parents to drop by the office and pick up forms to be filled out by you and your physician.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

We encourage parents who will be driving their students to school to please obey the traffic rules and signs on the road in order to ensure everyone's safety and ease the flow of traffic in front of the school. If you have concerns or need to report an incident, please let the office or the parent traffic patrol volunteers know. There

are many new families in our school community and they may need time to become familiar with the pick up and drop off system in place in front of the school.

Parents are also encouraged to drive to Eldon Park and walk the rest of the way to school. Thanks for your help in keeping our school safe and easing traffic in the front.

### BOOSTER SEATS REQUIRED FOR FIELD TRIPS

Just a reminder that B.C. child passenger laws now align with best practices and provide more protection to children in B.C. The new law requires that all drivers are responsible for complying with the child car seat requirements identified below:

Booster seats are required for all children:

- Who are at least 18 kg (40 lb.);
- Until they are 9 years of age unless they have reached the height of 145cm (4'9") tall

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Starting on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 our school newsletter will no longer be distributed in hard copy to each student. In an effort to save on duplication costs and lessen our environmental impact our newsletter will be posted each Friday on the schools website ([www.clevelandelementary.ca](http://www.clevelandelementary.ca)) under the heading – Newsletter. Please check out our website each Friday afternoon for your copy of the newsletter (add the site to your favourite list). The office will keep about 30 newsletter hard copies in the office for students who do not have a computer in their home to pick up each Friday afternoon.

If you would like our weekly newsletter to automatically show up in your personal email system, at the bottom of the school website, click on **subscribe** and follow the prompts.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual student photos will be taken on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students should dress neatly on this day so that the photo is of the highest quality possible.

## KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1 CURRICULUM EVENING

Parents of English & French Kindergarten and Grade One students are invited to attend a short but important Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about classroom expectations and ask questions about your child's upcoming year. Please meet in your child's classroom. We ask that all parents attend this meeting and that the children remain at home. Kindergarten and Grade One families are also invited to attend our Welcome Back Social on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The grade 2-7 curriculum evening is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> (more information will be sent home as we get closer to the date).

## CLASSROOM CONCERNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

From time to time concerns regarding issues in the classroom will arise. All classroom concerns should be handled as near to the source as possible by directing them firstly to the classroom teacher. Teachers are always open to hearing your concerns and are willing to work toward a resolution, with your understanding and support.

## BAND AND STRINGS

If your child is in grade 4 – 7 and would like to register for the Strings program, registration forms are available from the office.

If your child is in grades 5 – 7 and would like to register for the Band program, registration forms are available from the office.

### ***NO CHILD WITHOUT***

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's ***No Child Without*** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a ***No Child Without*** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the ***No Child Without*** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

## CLEVELAND SAFETY PATROL PROGRAM



Students interested in becoming a safety patrol may get a consent form and information letter at the front office. We will be having our annual Safety Patrol Training on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm in the large gym. The program is sponsored by the BCAA in conjunction with the RCMP. Students who were patrollers last year will get updates and a refresher and also need to fill in the consent form for this year. Come join the safety team!

## TERRY FOX RUN

On Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland students will participate in the Terry Fox Run. At 1:15, we will gather in the gym to honour Terry Fox and to learn more about his quest to raise money for cancer research. After the assembly, we will "warm up" on the school field with our classes and then set out one class at a time on our designated route. Parent volunteers will be needed to help ensure the success of this event. If you are available to help, please submit the attached form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Families who wish to donate money to The Terry Fox Foundation are asked to do so on-line at [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org) and under the Terry Fox National School Run Day section, selecting "donate here", and typing in our school name. Another option is to collect pledges using the attached pledge form. Income tax receipts will be issued for these donations. Thank you for your support.

**MAD SCIENCE** will be coming to Cleveland this fall on Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:15 pm with our after school program. Session dates are every week from October 19<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with no session on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Eight weeks of exciting hands-on science based activities. Watch fascinating demonstrations, join in inquiry based discussions, participate in individual and group experiments and make amazing take-homes. Mad Science will spark the curiosity and imagination of children with fun science activities that will help them understand the Science around them. In this years program **CRAZY CHEMWORKS** you will use your very own Lab Bench, create a tiny work of atoms, see the results of your very own chemical reactions, explore the pH extremes, learn all about glow-in-the-dark technology, manipulate matter in all of it's 3 states, discover the mystery of Dry Ice, and there may even be some ooey-goopy slime. Cost is \$105 for the eight weeks including all materials and GST. Registration forms will be going home with every student after the exciting and edutaining Mad Science school assembly on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Register for the after school program early as space is limited. [www.madscience.org/vancouver](http://www.madscience.org/vancouver)



## **GRADE 7 PIZZA FUNDRAISER NOTICE MISTAKE**

The grade 7 Pizza Fundraiser pink notice that went home this week stated that the money raised from the Grade 7 Pizza Day will go towards funding for Playland as a grade 7 year end activity. A decision was made last year not to have Playland as a Grade 7 year end activity. In the event that the classroom teacher decides to go to Playland, it will be as a class field trip celebration for the year end for all the students in that class. Students will have to pay for their own way for this event. We apologize for the mistake in the notice sent home this week.

## **WHAT IS CPAC?**

**CPAC** stands for **Cleveland Parent Advisory Council**.

Every parent with a child at L'Ecole Cleveland Elementary is a member of this council.

The main goals of CPAC are:

1. To promote & facilitate communication between parents, the school (teachers/administration) and the District.
2. To actively and positively support Cleveland school spirit.
3. To support the enrichment of the elementary school experience for our children.

In May of each year, at the Annual General CPAC meeting, there is a vote for a CPAC Executive. This group coordinates the talents of the many parent volunteers to achieve the maximum benefit for the students and the school. On the last Tuesday of every month, a CPAC General Meeting is held in the school library at 7pm. Attending these CPAC meetings is a great way to be informed and involved in your children's school experience and community while connecting with other parents (If you have an item that you would like to raise at a meeting please contact the PAC Chair, Andrew Tugwell, [tugwells@shaw.ca](mailto:tugwells@shaw.ca), 7-10 days in advance of the meeting to have your item included on the agenda). This year's **first CPAC meeting is Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to these meetings, CPAC communication is done via the school newsletter, class rep email fan outs, the Parent Information Board in the main foyer & the CPAC website (click the CPAC link on the school website: [www.clevelandelementary.ca](http://www.clevelandelementary.ca)). In the CPAC section of the school site you'll find upcoming meeting dates, event dates for this Fall, CPAC Executive contact info, Tuesday Food Day information and more. We look forward to a great school year ahead!

## **WELCOME & WELCOME BACK**

**Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**

All are invited to this annual event to "kick off" the school year. Come and enjoy mingling with your school community! Please fill out your order form and **return it to your child's classroom by Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>**, in order to reserve your tickets! If you have misplaced your order form, check by the school office for extras. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY NOTICE**

Now that the kids are all back to school, we urge you to use extra caution when driving through the school zone and through the playground zone along Ruby Avenue. To keep traffic flowing smoothly, please **DO NOT** park your vehicles in the drop-off zones in front of the school. The drop-off zones are for stopping to let your kids out, then continuing on your way.

If you would like to wait and watch your kids enter the school, try arriving a few minutes earlier and parking along Bracknell Crescent or Ruby Avenue. Eldon Park also has ample parking space and it's only a short walk to the school.

*Some important traffic safety reminders:*

- If you see someone at a crosswalk - **YOU MUST STOP FOR THEM**. If you are in doubt whether or not they are wanting to cross, **STOP ANYWAY**.
- **Never drive through the patrol stop signs when they are out. You MUST obey adult and student crossing guards. (s.179(4) Motor Vehicle Act)**
- Never stop your vehicle over a marked crosswalk.
- It is against the law to reverse over a marked crosswalk. (s.193 Motor Vehicle Act)
- It is against the law to reverse into an intersection. (s.193 Motor Vehicle Act)
- Obey the 30km per hour speed limit throughout the entire school zone. (s.147 Motor Vehicle Act)
- Wait until pedestrians have completely crossed the street before you proceed. Your stopped vehicle indicates to other vehicles to stop when they may not otherwise see the pedestrian.

Thank you for your help in keeping our kids safe!

## **CPAC TREASURY/FUNDING UPDATE**

On Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Education advised all School PACs (Parent Advisory Councils) that our annual gaming grant will be cut in half this year from \$20/student to \$10/student. This funding has traditionally been used to support the library, technology, playground upgrades and other similar extra-curricular & enrichment initiatives. We now expect to receive approx. \$4,700 instead of the original \$9,400. The CPAC Executive will work to revise our draft budget for presentation at the General CPAC Meeting on September 29th. Parents are encouraged to voice funding concerns by contacting their MLA and/or the Minister of Education directly.

## **SCHOOL TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

There is a By-Election on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seven candidates are running. One candidate is a parent in our school (Sheila Bowman). With all of the changes going on in education, this election matters. You can hear all seven candidates at the all candidates meeting at Windsor Secondary School, Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For voting locations go to <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4533>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**CARPOOL** - We are the parents of Ava Maria (Gr.6 FI). We are located in 300 block of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street. We are looking for someone, who lives around this area to share the driving. As both of us are working in the afternoon, we are looking for parents who could drop Ava home from the school in the afternoon; in return we either could take your child in the morning or just pay for the service. Please send me an email at

info@avamusic.ca if you are interested. Thanks, Heather & Fred

**FOR SALE** – Jupiter Trumpet, good condition \$225.00. Jupiter Alto Saxophone, fair condition \$300.00. For more information contact James after 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday @ 604-985-2899.

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## CLASS TEACHERS & DIVISIONS

\* this may come in handy when filing out school forms

### CLEVELAND SCHOOL STAFF 2009 - 2010

DIV E01	Mr. Andy HONE	GR 6/7	B5
DIV E02	Ms. Victoria FEDORAK	GR 6E	B4
DIV E03	Mrs. Linda BALDWIN/Ms. Denise LA PRAIRIE	GR 5E	W3
DIV E04	Mrs. Carol SIMCOX	GR 4E	B7
DIV E05	Mrs. Barbra CARLSEN	GR 3E	A10
DIV E06	Mrs. Monica MEDILEK	GR 2E	A6
DIV E07	Ms. Marie HUGHES	GR 1E	A4
DIV E08	Mrs. Val BATYI	GR KE (AM)	W4
DIV F01	Mme Maria POWER/Mme Suzanne SIMPSON	GR 7F	W3
DIV F02	Mme Janice CORK	GR 6F	B9
DIV F03	Mme Jessica BLUMEL/Mr. Marcel LEBRUN	GR 5/6F	B6
DIV F04	Mme Stephanie WELLER	GR 4/5F	B3
DIV F05	Mme Devon MCHUGH/Mme Sandra PASCUIZZI	GR 4F	B6
DIV F06	Mme Marilyn GAGNE	GR 3F	B1
DIV F07	Mme Carmen BAILLARGEON	GR 3F	B8
DIV F08	Mr. Larry AMUNDSEN	GR 2F	A3
DIV F09	Mme Ghislaine GAUTELIER	GR 2F	A5
DIV F10	Mme Debra CUSANELLI /Mme Arielle DOYLE	GR 1F	A2
DIV F11	Mme Donna KRY/Mme Ashley CHAPMAN	GR 1F	A1
DIV F12	Mme Claire GORDON	GR KF (AM)	W5
DIV F13	Mme Claire GORDON	GR KF (PM)	W5