



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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HANDSWORTH PROGRAMMING Grade 7 to Grade 8

It's time to start thinking about the transition of our grade 7's to grade 8 at Handsworth. Grade 7 parents are invited to an orientation at Handsworth on Tuesday, February 24th, in the small gym.

- 6:15 p.m. – optional tour of Handsworth – meet in Cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. grade 7 parent programming meeting

On March 5th at 9:00 a.m. the Handsworth staff will be at Cleveland to talk about programming with our grade 7's.

GRADE 6 FIRST AID TRAINING

One of our annual school goals is to train all Grade 6 students in the St. John Ambulance, Basic Lifesaving First Aid Course. In addition to emergency scene management, the course teaches four of the most basic skills needed to save a life:

- What to do when breathing stops
- What to do when a person is choking
- How to control serious bleeding
- First aid for poisoning and burns

The treatment of minor wounds and first aid for shock is also included in the course.

A certificate of attendance is awarded upon completion of the course and students receive a St. John Ambulance Pocket Guide to Emergency First Aid.

The course will take place at school, during school hours on March 23rd and 30th.

PINK SHIRT DAY – FEBRUARY 25th

On Wednesday, February 25th all students will be asked to wear a pink shirt (or piece of clothing) to show that they are against bullying in any of its forms. This national "Pink Shirt Day", will be advertised throughout our school by our Student Council.

SMALL HANDS, BIG CHANGE

A big thank you to Dorli Duffy, for celebrating an evening of social responsibility. The gym was transformed into an art gallery with a fabulous slide show and information booths manned by students. It was as informative as it was inspiring!

USED BOOK SALE

Tuesday, February 24th to Friday, February 27th
12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All books 25 cents

Greeting cards 25 cents

Novelty items too!

Proceeds to Rose Charity

CLEVELAND GOES GREEN

Keep Ink and Toner Cartridges out of the Landfill

What: Staples Canada is collecting empty ink and toner cartridges for recycling

Why: Reduce your garbage and keep these chemical inks out of the landfill

Where: Staples (1999 Marine Drive, NV or 2105 Park Royal South, WV)

How: Just bring your empty ink cartridges to the store. Of course, by refilling your ink cartridges, you will reduce your waste even further!

STRINGS EXTRAVAGANZA ~ will be held on March 12th. This is the annual showcase for all strings students at our school, Handsworth and the other elementary schools in the Handsworth area!

All strings students are practicing their selections. Come out and support our strings students with the whole family and bring your friends. Featured guests are professional musicians, Infinitus Strings Trio, who will also team up with the Handsworth Toccati Strings.

Tickets are available at lower rates of \$7.00 students/seniors, and \$10.00 adults from Mr. Van Ooyen. Make cheques payable to the "Royal Strings" and leave at the school office. After March 9th, all tickets will only be available at the Centennial Theatre with an added surcharge.

Parents of Strings Students:

Performers do not need to have a purchased ticket.

Students are required to be at the Centennial Theatre at 2300 Lonsdale Ave. from 3:30- 4:45pm on March 12th after school for an important staging rehearsal. Use the back stage door down the ramp of the front east side of the building.

Please arrange carpools for children from school that afternoon. If you need to know who else is in the school strings program to catch a ride, email Mr. Van Ooyen at pvanooyen@gmail.com and I will send you a list (your child also should know).

CPAC NEWS CPAC TREASURY UPDATE

Over the past month we have received many new reading resources for our classrooms and library, thanks to the proceeds from the December Scholastics books fair, the hot lunch program and other fall events. Recent purchases include \$892 worth of library books, 3 class sets of Int. novel studies (\$629), specialized french reading resources (\$4,300) and approx. \$300 worth of home/guided reading books from Scholastics for each primary classroom. More resources are on the way as we begin to make our budgeted resource purchases with the funds raised earlier this year.

FOOD DAY CORRECTION

There was a misprint on the food day form that went out in the fall and the website food day calendar. **Please note that Magic Lunchbox is on February 17th and Sushi Day is February 24th.**

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND!

As we noted last week, many people missed reading the newsletter last fall when it "went electronic". We are happy to offer this column once again with more excellent information about looking at traffic from a child's point of view.

Research on children in traffic suggests that children perceive traffic very differently than adults.

Traffic from a child's point of view: Part 2 – Did you know?

Children make potentially dangerous decisions about "gap acceptance" - they do not have the ability to estimate whether there is sufficient time to cross the road and avoid a collision - especially as vehicle speeds increase.

Children cannot perceive complicated traffic situations, nor can they anticipate what movements a vehicle might make.

As children are short in stature; parked cars, utility poles, newspaper stands, real estate signs, etc. easily obstruct a child's field of vision.

A child's peripheral vision is not fully developed; their field of vision is one-third narrower than that of an adult.

Children have difficulty discriminating the direction of sounds.

Children are easily distracted when searching for traffic: they concentrate on one thing at a time, often focusing on what is of interest to them at the moment.

Children have no sense of danger - they intertwine fantasy and reality and tend to overestimate their knowledge and physical strength.

Most pedestrian traffic injuries occur to 5 - 9 year olds at mid-block crossings, and to 10 - 14 year olds at intersections.

Speaking with children about traffic rules does not lead to safer behaviours. Walking with children and negotiating neighbourhood streets with them provides an experience and opportunity to develop traffic safety awareness, and to practice safe pedestrian behaviours.

This list has been adapted from the [Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia](#) and a list distributed by the Canadian Institute of Child Health.

For more information please visit the following excellent ICBC website <http://www.waytogo.icbc.bc.ca>

NEW THIS MONTH IN THE CPAC LIBRARY

As a follow-up to the recent CPAC-sponsored workshop, *Sexual health and your school-aged child*, CPAC has purchased **The New Speaking of Sex : What Your Children Need to Know and When They Need to Know It**. Written by Meg Hickling, R.N. this book was highly recommended by Alix Bacon, certified sexual health educator and workshop presenter.

Aimed at providing the knowledge and support that parents need, Hickling offers age-appropriate information, guidelines on how to talk to children at various stages of their development, and examples of how to answer tough questions about sexuality. Hickling touches on the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual aspects of sexuality – a "whole" person approach to sex.

This book is now available for loan from the CPAC Library in the main hallway.

SMALL HANDS, BIG CHANGE

What a wonderful way to showcase the various acts of kindness that the kids at Cleveland are involved in locally and internationally. Kids told their stories of volunteering their time and or hard earned money as part of a school group, or on their own time. It was an inspiring evening, where kids and adults were reminded that small hands can make big changes in our world!

Thank you to Dorli Duffy and Dale Bonsall-Jevning for organizing the event, and the various parent volunteers who assisted in making the evening possible

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Adler School of Professional Psychology is offering a: FREE Parenting Course North Vancouver location April 2 – May 7 (6 Thursday's, 6:30pm-8pm) For parents or caregivers of children 13 years or younger.

This course offers a practical approach to parent-child relations, with a democratic philosophy of child rearing. Topics covered include: different parenting styles, personality development and the impact of birth order, the impact of encouragement and self esteem, misbehavior, communication, natural and logical consequences and problem solving.

Limited Space. See attached poster for details or contact adlerparenting@shaw.ca or 604 985 9340.

WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, February 17th – Food Day Magic Lunchbox
Friday, February 20th – District Wide Professional Day
School Not in Session