



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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WELCOME/ WELCOME BACK SOCIAL & OPEN HOUSE

We look forward to seeing all the families who have purchased tickets for our *Welcome/Welcome Back Social & Open House* next Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. Your tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

As you sip chai tea, enjoy your ice cream sundaes and connect with old and new friends, you will also have the opportunity to learn more about what is going on at Cleveland. Through an open house format, parents and students will be provided with information about the various school- and parent-sponsored groups and activities at Cleveland, including CPAC plans and events, the Student Council, Care Committee, Students Gone Wild, sports teams, Strings and Band information, and much, much more! The formal welcome address will begin at 6:45 p.m. sharp. Volunteered sundae toppings can be dropped off in the kitchen at 3:00 p.m. or brought directly to the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CURRICULUM NIGHT OPEN HOUSE (Grades 2-7)

On Thursday, September 24th, following the Welcome Back Event, from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. grade 2 to 7 parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. Please try to make an arrangement to have a friend supervise your child during this time. Teachers will be discussing the curriculum with you.

TERRY FOX RUN

We are presently getting ready for our annual Terry Fox Run, which will take place on Tuesday, September 29th. At 1:15 p.m., all Cleveland students 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 and then set out grade by grade on our designated routes.

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help "mark the route", and to greet and direct students as they finish up. If you are available to help, please fill out the volunteer form that was attached to last week's newsletter or by emailing our parent coordinator, Brad Bardua at bbardua@shaw.ca.

Families who wish to donate money to the Terry Fox Foundation are asked to do so on-line at www.terryfoxrun.org or by completing and returning the pledge form sent home last week.

Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT REMINDER – STUDENT EMERGENCY AND STUDENT EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION FORMS

Please return these forms to the office if you have not already done so as soon possible. It is important to have your child's information on hand in case of an emergency release. Thank you for tending to this important issue.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Starting on Friday, October 2nd, 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) 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.

BASKETBALL

The basketball season is beginning shortly. If any parents or older siblings are able to coach a team could you please let Mr. Amundsen or Mr. McWilliams know.



COATS FOR THE COLD

My name is Danika Ahac, and I am a grade 6 student at Cleveland. I have done some volunteer work with the First United Church on the downtown East Side of Vancouver. I have served meals to the homeless, helped with their Christmas parties, worked in their kitchen, as well as prepared individual personal kit bags.

This year I am working on collecting gently used winter coats for the homeless men and women in their community. The coats can be in all shapes, sizes, styles and colors, as the cold does not care about fashion. Many of us are fortunate enough to have a warm dry place to sleep at night however there are a lot of people in our community, as well as in downtown Vancouver who do not have this luxury and resort to sleeping on the streets.

We are collecting **COATS FOR THE COLD** to donate to the First United Church, to help take some of the chill off of the upcoming winter season.

Starting the week of September 21st until the end of the month, there will be a box located in the front foyer of the school marked **COATS FOR THE COLD**

Your donation is appreciated and will be delivered to the First United Church just before Thanksgiving.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or my mom, Karen Koziki at kkoziki@shaw.ca

Thank you for helping the less fortunate.

WAY TO GO CLEVELAND!!

It has been great to see so many students and families walking to Cleveland over the past couple of weeks. The sidewalks have been fairly humming! For those families new to Cleveland and others who haven't made a morning walk to Cleveland part of their routine, we invite you to join Cleveland's Walk to School program as we continue our "Walking Wednesdays". Each Wednesday throughout the school year, parents and their children are encouraged to walk, bike or scooter rather than drive to school. For those who live too far from Cleveland to walk the entire distance, there are a number of places where you can park your car and join other Cleveland families from your neighbourhood in a walk part way to school:

1. Edgemont Village
2. Paisley Road at Ridgewood Drive
3. Montroyal and Capilano Road
4. Talltree and Pelly in Sunset Gardens
5. Sunnycrest and Forest Hills, and
6. East side of McKay Creek trail to Handsworth, off of Cheviot

This is a great way for you and your children to get some exercise, reduce your carbon footprint and get to know other parents and children from school. It's easy to walk, rain or shine, if you dress for the weather. We hope you'll join us in this fun and healthy start to your Wednesdays.

If you would like more information about Walking Wednesdays, please contact Dorli Duffy duffrose@shaw.ca (604-980-1462) or Karen Saunders karen.saunders@impressdigital.com (604-904-7722)

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2009
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Voting will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2009 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at any of the following locations:
Balmoral Jr. Secondary School 3365 Mahon Avenue
Blueridge Elementary School 2650 Bronte Drive
Capilano Elementary School 1230 West 20th Street
Cleveland Elementary School 1255 Eldon Road
Lynn Valley RecCentre 3590 Mountain Highway
Lynnmour Elementary School 800 Forsman Avenues
Parkgate Community Centre 3625 Banff Court
Seven candidates are running. One candidate is a parent in our school (Sheila Bouman). With all of the changes going on in education, this election matters. Please visit the following website for more details: <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4533>

WELCOME EVENT CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

At the Welcome/Welcome Back Event on Thursday, September 24th, childcare is available. If you need a grade 7 to watch your kids from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. while you visit their new classes? – Please contact Kim Mackie KimMackie@shaw.ca to arrange.

PAC GAMING FUNDS CUT IN HALF!

NVPAC (North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council) is concerned about the recent educational funding cuts announced by the BC Government. They will be speaking out against these cuts by writing two letters to the ministries responsible:
-PAC Gaming Funds have been cut by 50%. PACs will now receive \$10 per student instead of the usual \$20. Their letter will be sent to the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.
-There have been financial cuts made to School Boards across the province. NVPAC will be sending this letter to the Ministry of Education to voice their concern.
Please visit the following BCCPAC site to view letters that have been written in regards to the recent cuts and for contact information of where to send your letters:
<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/resources/whatsnew/fundingcuts.aspx> We encourage you to write a letter and make your voice heard!

CLEVELAND SCHOOL DIRECTORY – INFORMATION UPDATES PLEASE

The Cleveland School Directory information received last year will be used in the 2009/2010 School Directory. ***If your family contact information has changed*** since last year's directory, please send an e-mail to Seth Immell (cleveland@immell.com) with your new contact information **by September 25th**. If you were not included in last year's directory and would like to be included this year, or vice versa, please also convey your contact information to Seth. For those families new to the school, a separate form will be sent to you through your youngest child. Please complete this form and **return it to the office by September 25th** if you would like your information included in the School Directory. All 2009/2010 School Directories will be distributed via e-mail. If you cannot receive your copy by email, please contact cleveland@immell.com and we will arrange for a printed copy for you.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD COMMITTEE!

The food committee would like to thank all the people who worked so hard last Thursday and Friday in order to get the lunch forms ready for Monday. In particular, we would like to thank Kathi Hagan, Mary Shaughnessy, Colleen Johnson and Jill Devlin. If you have not completed your forms and need the weekend, we will accept them on Monday. **Ordering will be closed after 3:00 p.m. Monday.** Thank you and we hope your kids enjoy their lunches!

SPIRIT WEAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Last year, a new line of Cleveland School Spirit Wear was unveiled. The cozy sweatpants, t-shirts, sporty shorts and more with the Cleveland logo on them were very popular!! We would like to make them available again for purchase but we need your help. A volunteer is needed to take in orders & consult with the supplier. Please contact Stacey Briggs @ sbriggsy@telus.net for more information.

LUNCHTIME CHESS - FALL SESSION



Chess (for Grade 3-7) with Luc Poitras will begin again on Thursday October 1st for eight sessions. Spaces are limited so sign up early! Forms will be available from classroom teachers and the office. If you have any questions, please contact Su Mei Woo at woosumei@xuede.com.

SAVE THE DATE

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LICENCE TO THRILL
Action,
Adventure,
Intrigue...
FOR PARENTS EYES ONLY
Friday, November 20th

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CAMPS FOR AGES 11 – 18

CISV, or Children's International Summer Villages, is an independent and non-political volunteer organization dedicated to "peace through friendship". Our unique educational programs are fun and bring together young people, ages 11 – 18, from different backgrounds, developing intercultural competence and leadership. On **Saturday September 19th**, we'll have our Information Session for new families interested in CISV. The session is ~ 1 hour long, and will provide you with an opportunity to speak with experienced CISV families. This is followed by a dinner, when all of the youth from our chapter who travelled over the summer, give a presentation about their summer experience. This summer our youth travelled to CISV programs around the world, including Austria, China, Colombia, the Philippines and the US. For more information about CISV see our website, www.cisvvancouver.com and for details about our Information Session, please contact Blair Lockhart, Chair, CISV Vancouver Chapter, at 604.808.3447 or blockhart@zincoremals.com.

During the year, we host two weekend long mini-camps, for youth 10+, which are designed to introduce new members to CISV and to simulate some of the content and programming of CISV's international programs. Our fall mini- camp will be held on the weekend of 16 - 18 October.

If you have any other questions you can always ask Nathan Bice (grade 6, Mme Cork's class) who just spent a month in China at an amazing camp with 47 other 11yr olds from around the world. His email is mimirich@shaw.ca.

FOR SALE: Kun shoulder rest for half or three-quarter size violin, used only one year, \$20 (\$30 new). Prelude violin strings for half size violin, unopened package, \$12 (\$18 new). Contact Kathi Hagan, khagan@shaw.ca.

WEEK AHEAD
Wednesday, September 23rd – Strings Parent Meeting
Handsworth Music Room 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24th – Welcome Back Social
Grade 2 – 7 Curriculum Evening
Friday, September 25th – School Based Pro D Day
School Not in Session