



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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REMINDER – Tomorrow is a District Wide Professional Day – School is not in Session

SECOND REPORTING SESSION

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 6th and Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday March 11th. Teachers will indicate whether or not a conference is required. Parents may also request a conference if they feel it is necessary. Please note that all students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11th.

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



FUN-AT-LUNCH FINAL WEEK

We hope that all of the participants of the Fun-at-Lunch Program have enjoyed their activities. This is the final week of this session. Badminton will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week to make up for the missed class. If you have any feedback or suggestions for future programming, please e-mail Terri Davies at terridavies@telus.net.

BC ELEMENTARY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Well done to Philippe Chapdelaine, Kye Shelly, Jonathan Trouwborst, Oliver Wood & Danny Yoo for doing a great job representing Cleveland! A total of 20 schools participated in the event on Saturday February, 14th providing lots of good, strong competition. Cleveland tied with Talmud Torah for 10th-11th place (out of 14) in the B League. For more info and pictures, check out the West Coast Junior Chess site at <http://www.wcjc.blogspot.com>



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.

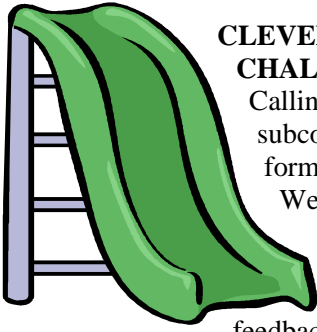
QUEBEC FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

This past week, the grade 7 French Immersion students have participated in a SEVEC (Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada) exchange. Twenty-three students from Carignan, Quebec have been staying with our students, who will be visiting their small community near Montreal, Quebec in June.

The exchange came about as a result of both the interest of Mme. Power and a group of parents. As a student herself, Mme. Power enjoyed participating in a similar exchange. For some parents, the idea of sending their child to live with an unfamiliar family is very difficult. To aid in lessening the worry, we have encouraged open and frequent communication between the families. The children will be staying at each other's homes so there is continuity in the relationships. The benefits of staying with another family include the first hand experience of living in a different community, daily use of French, and cultural enrichment. We believe that the experience will foster self confidence and independence in the children.

The children have been corresponding with their Quebec counterpart through email, phone calls and letter writing. It is most satisfying to listen to our children converse in French with their new friends.

During the week, the students will be visiting the Aquarium, Whistler Sliding Centre, Whistler Cultural Centre, Science World, Grouse Mountain and the Capilano Suspension Bridge. It was important to us that the Quebec students experience our rich First Nations culture. To that end, the students will learn about First Nations Culture through participation in a tour at the Whistler Cultural Centre and a guest lecture by a Cleveland School parent. We're also excited about showing off an Olympic venue. A closing banquet is planned for the Quebec student's last evening in North Vancouver.



CLEVELAND PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE BEGINS!

Calling all parents and students! A subcommittee of parents has been formed to begin planning for a new West Playground at the school.

This subcommittee will conduct a needs assessment before the March Break, and use

feedback from students, parents, teachers and monitors to design a new playground by the end of this school year. Fundraising for this new playground will begin in the fall.

Right now, we need your help in planning and researching our new intermediate playground!! There are two ways to participate:

1) Cleveland Parents

Parents are invited to come to the school, observe students using the “intermediate” playground west of the school, and provide feedback. Over the next month, we will be observing students twice a week as they play in the West Playground. These observations will help us in the process of planning a new and improved play area. If you are interested in assisting with observations, please join us on one or more of the following days:

Tuesday, Feb 24th during morning recess (10:20-10:40)

Thursday, Feb 26th during lunch recess (12:15- 12:40)

Monday, March 2nd during morning recess (10:20-10:40)

Wednesday, March 4th during lunch recess (12:15-12:40)

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Stephanie Jordan stephjord@me.com

2) Cleveland Students

We need your input! What kind of playgrounds and play areas do you like? We invite you to participate in our Playground Challenge. Let us know what you think of our current “intermediate” playground west of the school. Then we’d like you to visit 3 of your favourite playgrounds between now and March Break, and fill out the attached survey to let us know what you like (or don’t like) about those playgrounds. Participation prizes will be awarded to three students who participate in the ***Playground Challenge***: entry passes to the Edge Climbing Centre in North Vancouver.

For more information, please contact Dorli Duffy duffrose@shaw.ca

CPAC NEWS

CPAC MEETINGS

Next PAC Meeting: April 26th, 2009

Please note that there is **no** February PAC meeting next week. The next PAC meeting will be April 26th. See you then!

GRADE ONE STUDENTS & PARENTS ~ HOLD THE DATE!

There will be a “friendship dance” for all grade 1 students and their parents on March 10th, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the school. A formal invitation will go home via the students during the week of February 23rd. It is sure to be ***the*** event of the year – so plan to be there!

LAST CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

Last chance to order your Cleveland Spirit Wear! This coming Monday, February 23rd, is the deadline for orders. Order forms can be found online on the main CPAC page (and in the Spirit Wear section - <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Cleveland/Parent%20Information/CPAC/Cleveland%20Spirit%20Wear.aspx>). If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Briggs: slb@marquardt.bc.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a trail-a-bike in great condition. If you have one to sell, please call Sue @ 604-980-6115 or email davidsue@shaw.ca

SPREADING THE WORD ~ a Quebecois will be reading stories to kids every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the Indigo (Chapters) in Park Royal mall. It is a great opportunity for students to have some French interaction.

DIAL 8-1-1 for HealthLinkBC. This new service combines the resources of BC NurseLine, Pharmacist-After-Hours, Dial-A-Dietitian and BC HealthGuide. You can simply dial 8-1-1 to get 24/7 health information, medical advice and help navigating BC’s health-care system. HealthLink BC website provides information on-line and offers tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle: www.healthlinkbc.ca is the address.

WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, February 24th – Food Day Nobu Sushi

Wednesday, February 25th – Pink Shirt Day

Friday, February 27th – Wacky Hat Day

Grade 7 Pizza Lunch