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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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A MUSICAL SHARING

In the spirit of the season, our intermediate classes are sharing some music with the rest of the school. The classes have been working with Mrs. Baldwin and their classroom teachers on Christmas songs, and will be sharing their work with the primary classes on Thursday, December 15th. The whole school will gather in the gym to hear the older students sing songs.

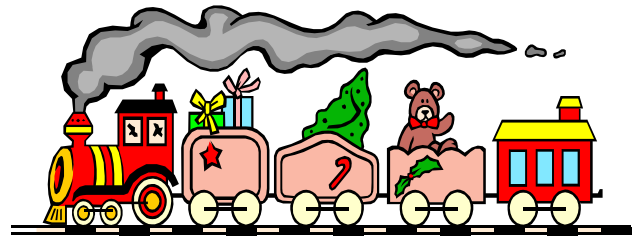
Our teachers thought it would also be nice to include parents in this informal sharing, but the gym would be too full in the morning for parents to join us. Teachers have put aside the afternoon of December 15th for parents or other interested family members to drop in at 1:30 pm to view the intermediate classes sing Christmas songs.



LOST & FOUND

Next week all items from the lost & found cupboard will be placed on display on tables outside of the school office. Please encourage your children to claim their belongings.

All items will be packed up and donated to charity on Friday, December 16th.



THE "CHRISTMAS BUREAU EXPRESS" IS AT CLEVELAND!

Cleveland School is collecting **unwrapped** toys and gift items for the Christmas Bureau which began Monday, December 5th. All items can be placed in the boxes in our front hallway in our Christmas Bureau Express Train. We will accept all donations until Thursday, December 15th. The following is a list of possible gifts:

felt pens/crayons	bus passes
towels	hats, scarves, mittens
candles	coffee mugs
hair products	teas, coffee
cosmetics	certificates to stores
calendars	CDs
board games	playing cards
magazines	boxed cookies/chocolates
stationary	

Please note the last date of collection. We need to end earlier in order to send the items out to families in time. Thank you so much for your caring support at this busy time of year!

CPAC

A HOLIDAY TREAT WRAPPED IN GREEN PAPER

This Wednesday our students enjoyed the traditional holiday treat of Mandarin Oranges as part of the Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program. Canadian families have been enjoying this delicious fruit for over 120 years, with shipments being sent over from Asia each November. While the main goal of the program is to educate students on the importance of eating fresh fruit and vegetables grown locally, this week's treat was intended to spark discussion about BC's climate and the reason that some fruits and vegetables are imported. While buying locally-harvested fruit and veggies whenever possible, it wouldn't be the holidays without these citrus gems from abroad.

BUSY TIME OF YEAR FOR CPAC KITCHEN

Thank you to Andrea Campbell and her kitchen elves for their hard work cleaning out the CPAC kitchen recently and making the space much more usable. We would also like to remind parents during this season of class parties that we want to maintain a kitchen environment that supports our school's commitment to "Food Safe" food handling practices. Since we have no desire for "pets", we kindly request that all food products are removed following events.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS

Our hard-working Cleveland Pancake Elves once again served up a feast for all at our annual holiday Pancake Breakfast. Tina Swinton, Lori Culbert, Tracy Dillon and Kari Kinakin your efforts coordinating the breakfast are much appreciated. Job well done! A very special thanks to our sponsors: Delany's in the Village for the delicious coffee, Super Valu in the Village for all the pancake supplies and juice, and Premium Brands for the sausages. Thanks also to Launi Kraus and Steve Duynstee of Maple Leaf Garden Centre for the beautiful poinsettias and wreath. Last, but not

least, thank you to all the parent volunteers who contributed to make this event possible!

CLEVELAND PLAYGROUND/FREE THE TREES

We want to say a BIG thank you to Bill Hardy and Northwest Landscape Supply for their support of the Cleveland playground and the soon-to-be-built Cleveland Forest outdoor classrooms. They provided special pricing on basalt boulders for seating and donated the cost of delivering them from the Squamish quarry where they were handpicked by Lea Carpenter and Patrick Mooney. Watch for our new basalt seating arriving in the next week or two.

A MEMORABLE EVENING OF MUSIC

The CPAC extends thanks to Mr Kabok and the Cleveland and Handsworth Strings students for a great Christmas concert this past week.

SAVE THE DATES

With January just around the corner, now's the time to save two evenings on your calendar:

Wednesday, January 25th – French Immersion Parent Survival Night at Cleveland featuring guest speaker and noted French Immersion educator, Sallie Boschung

Tuesday, January 31st – CPAC Meeting, 7 – 9 p.m. in the Library. Watch for details about both events in January's newsletters.

WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday, December 13th – Food Day
Bread Garden**

**Wednesday, December 14th – Garbage Free
Lunch Day**

**Thursday, December 15th – Intermediate
Musical Sharing start time 1:30**

**Friday, December 16th – Grade 7 Pizza Day
Red, White & Green Day**