

Cove Cliff Elementary



Newsletter #2

October 27, 2010

Principal's Message

Well, October is almost behind us and the feel of Fall is definitely around us. We have had a great start up this year and I would like to commend our school community for welcoming the many new students, who came to us this year. The efforts of teachers, students and the parent community to welcome our new families has been very appreciated and has only reinforced the reputation of the welcoming community that exists here at Cove Cliff.

We are sporting four basketball teams this year!! All teams are playing extremely well and are demonstrating the good sportsmanship we count on here at Cove Cliff. Our choir has begun and they sound fantastic!! It is so nice to hear the sounds of music in the hallways. Ms. Thompson has already begun chess and checkers clubs in the library and attendance has been overwhelming!! Thank you to everyone for supporting these extremely important events for our children. It is one of the many things that make Cove Cliff such a special school.

Please note that the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be in late November (please see dates on the attached calendar) and we hope that all parents will be able to attend. Tracking student progress is an excellent way to assist students in reaching their potential. We hope to see you there!!

Finally, October is also the month where we brace for the colder, wetter weather. At Cove Cliff we like to have students outside for daily exercise and ask that all children have appropriate rainy day clothes for the unpredictable season patterns we get at this time of the year. We appreciate your help and support.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mitchell

The Callback System

This is a safety check that is in place for your children. Parent volunteers and our office staff monitor children's absences and late arrivals. It is important to use the **Callback number (604-903-3426)** and leave a recorded message for our system to be efficient and our information accurate. All students who arrive late must report to the office to sign in before going to class. You will be contacted if your child does not arrive at school and we have not been notified of an absence. It is essential that we have your current home, cell and work numbers as well as current emergency contacts on file. Please notify us as soon as there are any changes to this information. It is important that students arrive at school in time to be in their desk and ready to begin their days work at 8:50 am. Large numbers of late students slow down the important process of ensuring that all students are accounted for and may also disrupt the learning in the classroom. We really appreciate your help in seeing that your children arrive on time and ready to learn.

Signing In and Out

Students leaving the school for appointments etc. need to sign out at the school office. Upon their return to school, they are requested to sign in at the office. This allows us to maintain accurate attendance in case of an emergency.

Adults visiting the school are also requested to sign in/out at the front desk as well as wearing a visitor badge.

Kindergarten Registration for 2011 – 2012 School Year

Registration Begins	Jan 24, 2011
Deadline for Priority Placement	Mar 11, 2011

Registration for Grades 1-12

New registration/Transfer requests	Jan 31, 2011
Deadline for priority placement	Mar 11, 2011
Deadline for priority placement for transfer	April 1, 2011

October 29th Activities



Join us on the morning of Friday, October 29th for the **PUMPKIN RUN** at 10:45 am. Students will meet in the gym for a warm-up and then run our Pumpkin Route with their buddies. It is important that students come prepared with proper running shoes to minimize the potential for injury on

route. Staff members will be stationed throughout the run to direct traffic

PUMPKIN ROUTE...Out the gym doors...through the Primary playground...along the driveway to Banbury...Banbury to Raeburn...Raeburn to Cliffmont...across the field...across the bridge and back to the gym.

On Friday, Oct 29th kids can wear black & orange all day. In the afternoon we will host a **COSTUME PARADE** at 2:30 pm. Students may choose to wear a costume, but are not required to do so. We encourage students to dress in costumes that are appropriate for the range of ages in our school and are respectful of our Code of Conduct. Accessories for costumes (weapons) and extreme make-up (blood) need to be left at home. We appreciate your support – we want all members of our community to enjoy the **FUN** of costumes at school. Parents will have an opportunity to take pictures when the students pass through the gym.

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE DRESSING UP FOR THE AFTERNOON ONLY.

*The school welcomes any “left over” candy for donations.

Safety Tips for a Safe and Happy Halloween

1. Wear light coloured costumes and use reflective tape.
2. Make-up is much better than a mask for “watching your step”.
3. Wear a short costume so you don't trip
4. Carry a flashlight.
5. Never criss-cross the street. Trick-or-Treat on one side and then the other.
6. Go out with an adult. Older children should go out in groups.
7. Never go into a strange house, apartment, or car.
8. Have your parents check your treats before eating any.
9. Know the Block Parent homes in your neighborhood in case you are frightened, lost or hurt.

Parent Teacher Conferences Sign Up

All students will be dismissed early at 1:50pm on the following 3 days:

Tuesday, Nov 23	1:50 pm
Wednesday, Nov 24	1:50 pm
Thursday, Nov 25	1:50 pm

Schedule sheets for each classroom teacher will be posted the week prior to interviews on Monday, November 15th on tables in the front hallway at the entrance to the school. Parents are expected to sign up for a Parent Teacher Interview time slot here. If you are unable to come into the school to sign the schedule sheet, please send a note to the office with your student requesting a preferred interview time.

Interviews will begin at 2:00 pm as per teachers' schedule.

Student report cards will come home on November 30.

Parent parking – front driveway

Did you know that ...?

PARKING (driver leaving vehicle) is NOT PERMITTED along the yellow curb area in the front driveway.

There are still quite a number of parents who continue to park and leave their vehicles unattended along the front yellow curb drop off/pick up area. This is causing problems for other parents; as cars vie for access to the curb area, **EXTRA CONGESTION** results, **FRUSTRATIONS ESCALATE** and our students are unnecessarily placed at **RISK FOR INJURY**.

Please Be Courteous...Be Safe...

PLEASE!!

Thank you Cove Cliff

OFFICE



Parents, we know that it's not easy finding time to complete the paperwork but we have had a great return rate with about 97% forms completed and returned to the office. Well done parents and Thank you!!

Terry Fox



*A single dream.
A world of hope.*

Thank you to our Cove Cliff families for their generous contributions. A cheque in the amount of \$576.00 has been sent to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of Cove Cliff families.

MPS Jeans Day

Thanks so much to everyone who wore jeans to school on Oct. 15th in support of Canadian MPS Jeans Day. Our son Nicklas was diagnosed with MPS in 2001 when he was a kindergarten student at Cove Cliff and we have been blessed by the outpouring of support from our school community ever since. The \$878.50 raised this year means Cove cliff has now contributed over \$8000.00 to the Canadian MPS society since 2002. That's amazing! In the words of Susane Berger: "*When you care, people notice.*" Your continued support is gratefully received by all families in Canada affected by MPS and provides hope for that one day there will be treatments – or even cures – for all kids like Nicklas.

Thanks again for your continued support - Kirsten Harkins

Food collection

We would like to THANK YOU for your generous donations of food items. We collected 21 boxes of food for the Harvest House. It is a pleasure to be involved in a school community that is so thoughtful and sensitive to the needs of others.

Photo Retakes – Nov 4th – In the Gym

If your child missed photo day, there will be photo retakes starting at 8:15 am (in the Gym)

Here's your chance if you:

- Were absent
- Need a retake

For retakes: Be sure to return your original portraits

To purchase new portraits - pick up a flyer in advance from the school office



Remembrance Day



Our Remembrance Day assembly will be on Wednesday, November 10th at 10:45 am. This is an important event in our school. It is one of those occasions where, as a school, we demonstrate our respect for our country and give our respectful thanks to those who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom. If you know of any veterans who have served our country who would like to attend the assembly please contact Mr. Mitchell.

Poppies will be distributed to each student before the assembly. Your child is welcome to make a donation to the Poppy Fund at this time if you wish, as students will bring collection tins around to each class in the morning.

Don't Forget...we have students who have severe food allergies. Be aware of the Allergen signs posted in our classrooms. We appreciate "Peanut Free" lunches and snacks for your child.

Encouraging students to wash their desks and hands before and after eating is always a wise practice.





NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3	4 Photo Retake Day 8:15am start In the gym	5 Hot Dog Lunch	6
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day assembly 10:45 am	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 School Day Closure	13
14	15 MLB	16	17	18	19 Pizza Lunch	20
21	22 Professional Day (school based)	23 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:50 dismissal	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:50 dismissal	25 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:50 dismissal	26 Subway Lunch	27
28	29 MLB	30 Report Cards Home				