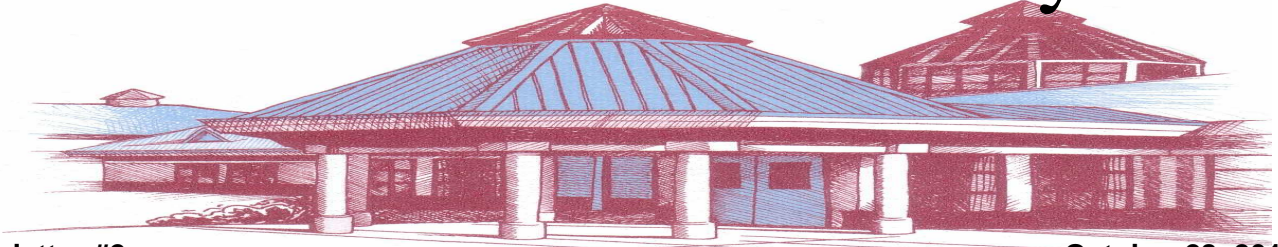


Cove Cliff Elementary



Newsletter #2

October 28, 2011

Principal's Message

Well, October has flown by 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 all your help in making Cove Cliff the great school that it is. The efforts of teachers, students and the parent community to welcome our new families this year has been appreciated and has only reinforced the reputation of the welcoming community that exists here at Cove Cliff.

We are sporting two basketball teams this year and although there isn't a Grade 6 league, we are running an intramural program four days a week and it is very well attended!! 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. Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lund for running this incredibly popular program. Cross country is in full swing and a big thank you to Mrs. Teegan for coaching the team this year. Thank you to everyone for supporting these extremely important events for our children.

Please note that the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be in late November (please see dates on the attached calendar) and we hope that parents will be able to attend. If you are unable to make the meeting times and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher directly for an alternative time. 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. Thank - you !!

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 be signed out by their parent at the school office or have a note giving them permission to leave. 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
Deadline for Priority Placement

Nov. 7, 2011
Dec.16, 2012

October 31st Activities



Join us on the morning of Monday, October 31st 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 Monday, October 31st 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:

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| Tuesday, Nov 22 | 1:50 pm |
| Wednesday, Nov 23 | 1:50 pm |
| Thursday, Nov 24 | 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 can sign up for a Parent Teacher Interview time slot here (each time slot is 10 minutes). If you are unable to come into the school to sign the schedule sheet, please send a note to the office with your child requesting a preferred interview time. Interviews will begin at 2:00 pm and will end at 3:00 pm as per teachers' schedule. If you are unable to attend, or if all spaces are filled, please contact your child's teacher directly for an alternative time to meet.

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...



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 \$600.71. has been sent to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of Cove Cliff families.

Cove Kids Care Club

CKC, the school's social awareness and fundraising club, has got off to a great start this year. The primaries made sandwiches that were distributed to the Homeless in Vancouver and 25 of our intermediate members participated in the huge and inspiring WE DAY event at Rogers Arena!

The CKC students are now putting together a calendar of events for the year, these involve awareness raising and service projects in the local community as well as continued work with overseas projects through Feed The Children. A big group of enthusiastic students are involved and the club is open to all grades. We meet every second Monday and the next meetings will be on the 7th November (bring left over Halloween Candy to donate locally) and the 21st November (planning for the Vow of Silence on November 30th). If you have any questions or are a parent who would like to be involved please email either Jessica at jessgil@shaw.ca or Kim at nowfour@shaw.ca. You can also contact Chanin Leoni at the school: cleoni@nvسد44.bc.ca.

Food collection

We would like to THANK YOU for your generous donations of food items. We collected 21 boxes of food.



Photo Retakes – Nov 10th – at 8:15 am



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.



DEEP COVE PARENT PARTICIPATION PRESCHOOL'S 15TH ANNUAL FALL FAIR

Saturday, October 29th
10am – 2pm
Seycove School Cafeteria
1204 Caledonia Avenue

An extravaganza of fun for the whole family.
Kids Fun Zone with Bouncy Castle, Massive
Garage Sale, Silent Auction, Cake Walk &
Food Concession.

~ November 2011 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Hot Dog Lunch | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Magic Lunch Box | 8 | 9 | 10 Photo Retakes 8:15 am Remembrance Assembly 10:40 am | 11 Remembrance Day School Closed | 12 |
| 13 | 14 School Professional Day Students not in attendance | 15 | 16 Div. 3 AFK Gallery 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | 17 | 18 Pizza Lunch 2012-2013 Kindergarten Tour 9:00 am | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal 1:50 pm | 23 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal 1:50 pm | 24 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal 1:50 pm | 25 Subway Lunch | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Wok Box Lunch | 29 Grade 6 Immunization | 30 | | | |