



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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COIN DRIVE

We'd just like to thank everyone who donated and participated in Cleveland School's coin drive for Somalia, Africa. Thanks to all of your support, we raised \$602.65 to support families in Somalia, Africa in need of food, water and medical supplies. Even just a couple of dollars can help a lot!

Thanks!
Celeste, Johanna and Niki

PIZZA DAY

Pizza Day needs two Parent Volunteers to take over the Grade 7 Fundraiser for next September. If you are interested please email Kirsten at backdoctor@shaw.ca

CPAC NEWS

Technology in the Classroom

At Tuesday's CPAC meeting we were fortunate to have Ms. Denise LaPrairie offer a teacher's perspective on the use of new media in the classroom. With a background in fine arts and media education, Ms. LaPrairie is intrigued by the opportunities new technology offers and has been working with her Grade 7 students to incorporate it into their day-to-day studies. To highlight the kind of creative thought that can be facilitated, she showed a student-produced slideshow recording a recent afternoon when students used bongo drums and GarageBand software on the laptops to record their own African beats in conjunction with an African studies unit.

Ms. LaPrairie emphasized that the students have been active participants in setting the rules and expectations related to the introduction of laptops and personal electronic devices into the classroom, and they have used their Internet access to spark authentic, collaborative discussions. She also noted that part of her role as a teacher of 21st century learners is to direct them into purposeful, safe learning environments and to do this she uses lesson formats like WebQuest, applications like EverNote and web site directories like the North School District's Web Sites page.

You can find this website by going to www.nvsc44.bc.ca and clicking on information Technology under Programs on the top right. Students at Cleveland also use the online version of the World Book Encyclopedia, which can be found at www.worldbookonline.com. NVSD has a subscription and all students in the district can login using ID: nvsc44 and PASSWORD: northvan.

Bonjour d'Anjou

This Wednesday our students enjoyed the sweet flavours of Anjou Pears as part of the Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program. Did you know that this high-fibre fruit's full name is Beurre d'Anjou, which is French for buttery pears of Anjou, a region in France where the ancestors of these pears were first grown? Because these pears need at least 1 or 2 months in cold storage to mature enough to be eaten, they can be found on your local grocer's shelves well into the winter.

On February 8th, Cleveland Walks...

For our health!

For a safe and fun way to start the day!

To help reduce our environmental footprint!

Come and be counted February 8th as we welcome the return of Walking Wednesday! The theme this time will be "Embrace The Wet!" So, rain or shine, put on your best and brightest super soaker protection and have some fun. (Pssst, there will be some prizes awarded for this event also!)

This will be our first counted walk of the year and we want to know: Do you and your children walk to school? If not, could you? Do you or could you walk the whole way or part of the way?

New this year, join the "Walking School Bus" as it guides the kindergarten students and their siblings from Eldon Park to school. It is a short walk to the school and there is lots of parking for families who need to drive at least part of the way. Departure time is 8:30 a.m.!

Let's make 2012 our biggest walking year ever!

Book a Ride on the Knight Bus for This Year's Adult Evening

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft welcomes you to **The Pinnacle Hotel on March 3rd, 2012** where an evening of wizarding fun awaits you. There will be live music and dancing, fortune telling by Professor Trelawney, a wine bottle ring toss and much, much more.



Buy your tickets today to take advantage of the **early bird price of \$40 per person.**

This is Cleveland's biggest fundraising event of the year and will support a very worthwhile cause: helping the school's students and staff survive an earthquake or another major disaster. With few current supplies in our emergency container, money raised will buy blankets, food, water, first-aid kits, portable toilets, and other essential items.

The Silent Auction is the major money-maker at this event. If you have an item or service you can donate, please contact christinebuckley@shaw.ca.

In the spirit of J.K. Rowling's purple triple-decker Knight Bus, which rescues wizards in need, there will be a return shuttle bus service to the Pinnacle for the event. Leave your car at home and start off the evening chatting to fellow parents, with driver Ernie Prang behind the wheel! The shuttle will leave Cleveland at 8 pm and return at midnight. Bus tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased on the CPAC website when you order your adult event tickets. Don't delay: seats are limited and discounted event tickets are only available until February 17th!

Emergency Preparedness Challenge

WEEK 3 – Stock your kit with several varieties of packaged foods, canned meats and dried fruit. Include a manual can opener. If needed, include infant supplies including disposable diapers, disposable bottles, formula, etc. Plan for at least a three-day supply of food for each family member. (Some agencies are now recommending stocking up to a one-week supply)

As we work to equip the school for a natural disaster, the CPAC is also encouraging Cleveland families to prepare at home. Join our 23 Week Emergency Preparedness Challenge and start getting organized. Last week's tip can be found on our website at www.clevelandpac.com.

Thank You to Our Hard-Working Safety Patrollers

Despite the dark, dreary weather of winter, our safety patrollers have been out every morning and afternoon to keep the crosswalk in front of the school safe. As a thank you, the patrollers were treated to a pizza lunch today. Keep up the good work!

CPF News

Calling all French Immersion Graduates

Help support our efforts to keep our children enrolled in French Immersion by telling us what career opportunities, travel experiences or other benefits you've enjoyed as a result of being able to speak French. Please send a short e-mail to our Canadian Parents for French Representative, Polly Lim at cpfrep@clevelandpac.com, prior to February 15th when CPF will be hosting a "Staying in French" event at Handsworth School for Grade 6 and 7 FI families. Nous attendons avec impatience votre réponse!

French Summer Camps

It's that time of year to start planning for the summer break. Check out the CPF North Vancouver Chapter's website at www.cpf.bc.ca/northvan/ for details of some of the exciting French Camps on offer in and around the Lower Mainland this summer. Organizations offering camps include Alliance Francais de Vancouver, French International School of Vancouver, and the popular BC Family French Camp, with camps located on Vancouver Island, Shusway Lake and Gwillim Lake. Please contact our CPF Representative, Polly Lim at cpfrep@clevelandpac.com if you have any questions regarding CPF events, membership or benefits.

WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, February 7th – Food Day
Magic Lunch Box

Wednesday, February 8th –
Garbage Free Lunch Day