



CLIFF DRIVE ELEMENTARY

Light it Up Blue

The 'Light it Up Blue' campaign marks World Autism Awareness Day to support awareness and research to help Canadians living with autism spectrum disorder. We are inviting students to join the thousands of people across the world to wear blue in April in honour of the millions of individuals and families affected by autism. Here is a wonderful link to check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JdCY-cdgkI>

Track & Field

Running Club is ongoing every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8:15. If an intermediate student wishes to attend the track meet, attendance is mandatory.

Ready Set Learn

Ready Set Learn. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to a multi-school Ready-Set-Learn event with our neighbouring schools. It will be a fantastic event that will include open play centres, reading/storytelling, and a concert with Will Stroet. South Park Elementary will be hosting the event.



Reading Link Challenge

Reading Link Challenge is a yearly event that encourages reading as a fun and recreational activity by Grade 4 and 5 students of all reading abilities to engage in the sport of reading. Interested students form teams of 6 players. Each of the teams is responsible for knowing the contents of six books and every team player is responsible for reading at least one of these books. We are proud of all our participants in the School Reading Link Challenge. The winning team from Cliff Drive will represent our school at the District Reading Link Challenge on April 12th. Good luck to Mary N., Sophia B., Talan T.H., Ella L., Noella Y. and Eileen C.! We are grateful to our teacher leaders Mrs. Uppal and Mrs. Merry for volunteering their lunch hours to lead this fun event for our students.



Track & Field - Mini Meet - SDSS April

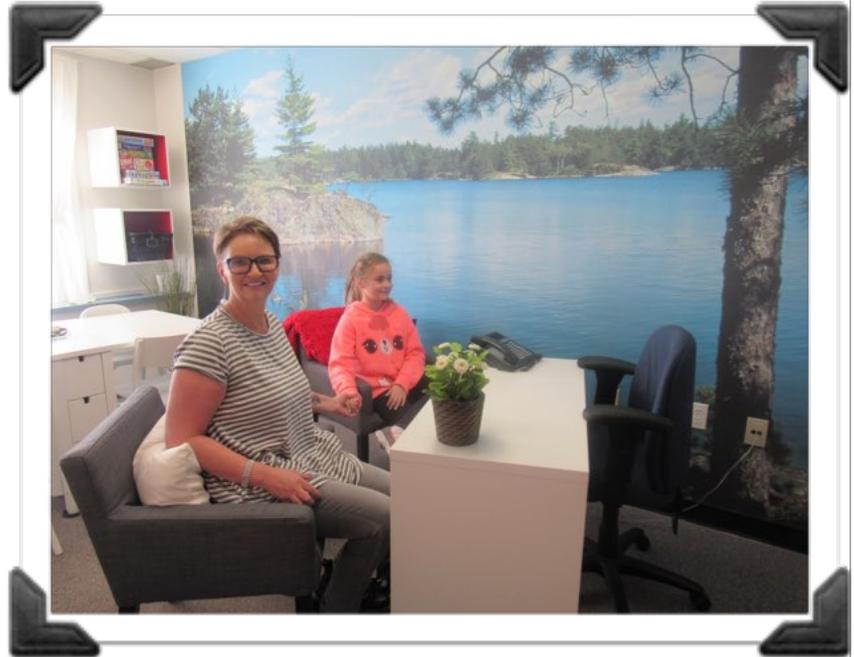


19th starting 3:30 pm

Beach Grove is hosting an informal Mini-Meet at South Delta Secondary School on **Wednesday, April 19th** to allow our students an opportunity to get accustomed to the track and experience the excitement of taking part in a running event. Participants meet at the track at 3:15 and start running events at 3:30. The events offered are: the Shuttle relays (Grade 4's only), 600m/800m and the 4x100m. For this Mini-Meet, parents are required to transport their children to and from SDSS and to fully supervise them while at the meet. We are hopeful that most athletes are able to attend.

Memory Book

We will be sending out order forms for families interested in purchasing a memory book on April 24th. The cost for the full-colour book is 20.00. We will have a display at the office the week of April 24 for your reference. Order forms will be sent out electronically and paper copies will also be available at the office.



Thank you!

We are very grateful to the PAC and Mary, a parent at Cliff Drive Elementary, for their financial support and gift of time, commitment and vision to create a welcoming, calm space for our students receiving counselling support.

Math Celebration

This month Grade 4-7 students come together for the Annual Math Celebration. The celebration is an opportunity for our students to fuel their passion for math. Students work to solve a number of problems; however, each team receives the same problem at the same time from a volunteer math adjudicator, who also observes the work.

Math Celebration would not happen without key people. A big thank-you to Mrs. Crema, our math contact at Cliff Drive. We are grateful for her organization and leadership, and also to Mrs. Schmitz and our student teachers, Ms. Domai and Ms. Steer, for volunteering their time to help Mrs. Crema with lunchtime practices to prepare our students for the event.



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April 14
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Good Friday

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April 17
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Easter Monday

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April 19
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K-7 Performance: Shaun Booth

1:30 - 2:30 pm. All welcome!

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April 20
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School Parent Meeting
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6:30 pm. All welcome!

Constable Atkinson will be joining us to talk about increasing traffic safety.

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April 7 & 24
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Hot Lunch



What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Starting With Stories
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Starting With Stories is a program for parents and their new registered kindergarten students for September 2017. We invite you to meet our kindergarten teachers and counsellor to find out how to help your child get a good start in school. The Sessions are **Monday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 13 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm .** If you would like to register, please email vchapman@deltasd.bc.ca We hope you will join us for these wonderful sessions! We look forward to welcoming you to Cliff Drive.

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Staff News
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Please join us in wishing Mrs. Stewart all the best on her maternity leave. She will be leaving at the end of April. We look forward to hearing the news of her little one and wish her well in her time together with her new family!

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Visitor's Badges
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We would like to remind our parents that Cliff Drive Elementary places great emphasis on the security of your children while they are at school. We ask that any parents who are going to be in the school check in at the office and pick up a Visitor Badge. This applies to those parents who like to join their children on the playground at lunchtime. It is for the safety of your children. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Cliff Drive Students are Learning to be Leaders
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Cliff Drive Elementary has adopted PBIS, a school-wide approach to behaviour management. PBIS is a proactive approach in which students are directly taught behaviour expectations just as they are taught academic skills. Please refer to our PBIS teaching matrix (posted on the Home page of the website) for additional information about our expectations. This month we are reteaching lining up and walking in the hallways. Together, we work each day to practice our core values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Chapman, Principal & the Staff of Cliff Drive Elementary