



Cliff Drive Soars
*Safe, Open-Minded,
Achievement Oriented,
Respectful & Responsible,
With Spirit*



Principal's Message

What a busy, wonderful first month of school we have had! Thank you to all of the families who joined us for our PAC BBQ, Obstacle Opening Ceremony and Meet the Teacher event on September 22nd. The weather cooperated, there was great excitement as we celebrated the new course, and kicked off another year of learning at Cliff Drive with our Meet the Teacher event. It was so nice to see the proud faces of our students to show their parent(s) around their classroom and meet the teacher(s). The District News on the Obstacle celebration really captured the wonderful event we shared together.

Our school is the heart of the community. Families have the first, longest lasting and most significant influence on their children's learning, development and wellbeing. It is our intention to foster classroom connections to cultivate supportive relationships among students, teachers and parents in an effort to work as a team to support student learning. We invite you to work with us to bring out the best in our kids. This includes making sure your children are:

Relaxed – music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing selection and ask them to be ready by the time it's over. Choosing what to wear and packing lunches at night can also contribute to a relaxed start to the day.

Energized – a good breakfast increases concentration, learning and student achievement. Breakfast eaters also tend to get sick less often and miss fewer school days.

Connected – talking about the school day is a nice way to share time together. Ask them to share two good things that happened during the day. Listen carefully to any challenges they faced and help them to problem solve so that they feel capable of handling these.

Terry Fox Run 2016 Thank you for your support!



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Terry Fox School Run. Our thanks to the many volunteers – staff, students and parents, who helped with this event! We were delighted to raise \$514.50, which exceeded our fund-raising goal. Together, we kept Terry's dream alive.

Crazy Hair Day Friday, October 6th

Please mark your calendar. Our senior students met their target fundraising goal for Crazy Hair Day. All students and staff are invited to show us a crazy hairdo on Friday, October 7th!

UBC Student Teacher

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Jordan Steer. Ms. Steer will be working with Madam Ramsbottom and her students during her Practicum experience starting on October 6th.

Early Dismissal - Conferences

Please note that we have an early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on October 6th and 7th. Please book your conference on Parent Connect.

World Teacher Day

"Every year on World Teachers' Day, we celebrate educators and the central role they play in providing children everywhere with a quality education," says a Joint Message on the occasion of the World Teachers' Day signed by UNESCO, the International Labour Organization, UNICEF, United Nations Development Program, and Education International.

World Teachers' Day provides the opportunity to draw public attention to the role of teachers worldwide as well as the crucial importance of the role they play in society. On the 5th of October 1996, a Special Intergovernmental Conference adopted the UNESCO/LO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which for the first time recognized the importance for every society having qualified teachers. The global organizations also insist that teachers should be empowered through the provision of decent working conditions, safe and healthy working environments, trust and professional autonomy.

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates that countries will need to recruit 12.5 million primary teachers to achieve the goal of universal primary education by 2020. Over four million new lower secondary teacher positions also need to be created to achieve universal lower secondary education by 2020. This will be done through various measures including international cooperation around teacher training in developing countries, especially the least developed countries and small island developing states.



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Combined Classes

Combined-grade classes are not new or unusual in elementary schools. They have been in existence for years and will continue to be a fact of school life. Students in combined classes are not held back to the level of younger students, nor are they expected to handle work beyond their ability. In every classroom there is a wide range of abilities, talents and performance levels. Children mature at different rates in various aspects of development. Teachers are aware of these individual differences and structure learning activities according to the needs of the learner.

In combined classes, the range of abilities is not significantly different from that of a single grade class. Within the combined class there will be children of both grade levels with similar levels of performance. Whether a child is gifted or one needing much assistance, each will be challenged towards excellence as much in a combined class as he/she would be in a single grade class.

Children learn continuously; their intellectual, social and personal development does not occur in compartmentalized, grade-specific segments. Teachers of students in combined classes, like those in single-grade classes, employ their skills and strategies so that each student is challenged at the level at which he/she can succeed. Our primary concern as advocates for children is to provide a stable, effective learning environment for all students in our care.

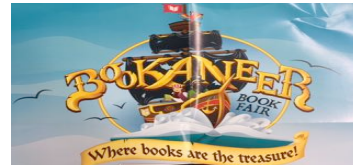
Drop, Duck & Cover Drill

Thursday, October 20th

During October, communities across British Columbia will be organizing activities aimed at the importance of planning for emergencies so that residents can help their families and communities before, during and after a disaster. For our participation in the Shakeout drill this fall, Staff and Students will be engaged in our earthquake response, practicing the “duck and cover” procedure in classrooms.

Non-Instructional Days

Please note that students do not attend school on **Friday, October 21st** or **Monday, October 24th**.



Scholastic Bookaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure is coming to Cliff Drive Elementary!

Arrgh you ready for the Fall 2016 Book Fair? What a better way to promote reading than to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair to our school. This event takes place October 5th – 7th.

Book Fair Hours:

October 5th 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

October 6th 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 7th 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited!

All proceeds from the book fair go directly to your Cliff Drive library! See you there!

Volleyball

The intermediate students are learning and practicing the skills for volleyball in their PE classes, and all Grade 6 and 7 students have been invited to join their grade team to play games against other schools. We are thankful to the coaches, Mrs. Loiselle and Mr. Connaughton for volunteering their time and expertise to afford our participants this wonderful opportunity.

Cliff Drive PAC Hot Lunch Program:

Parents place their hot lunch orders online using MunchaLunch.com, or click on 'Parents' tab and then it is on the right side bar.

There are two types of hot lunches offered this year:

1. Pizza only days (on Mondays, Gluten Free Pizza available this year!). Parents need to provide drinks and sides from home.
2. Pizza, Subway and Sushi days (on the Fridays). A variety of food options are served with sides and drinks.

*Online ordering in September is OPEN for September –December and in December for January-June's Hot Lunch.

We appreciate your support for the hot lunch program and a big thanks goes to the Cliff Drive parent community for supporting this program and to our wonderful Volunteers who help make this program a success.

Calendar Reminders: Hot Lunch

October	14, 31
November	18, 28
December	16
January	16
February	6
March	3
April	7, 24
May	8, 26
June	5, 19

School Safety

One of the most important roles that our staff has is regarding student safety. To that end, we would like to remind families about safety rules that each of our Delta Schools has in place.

Crosswalk Safety



Cliff Drive parents are working hard to make the Cliff Drive crosswalks on 12th Avenue safer for pedestrians. The congestion of being a high-traffic school and park zone used by many children is of great concern. Too many cars are failing to stop for the students at these crosswalks (the one at 12th Avenue and Cliff Drive leading to the office and the one at 12th Avenue and 50B by the tennis courts). For information on how you can help, contact shelley.finke@gmail.com.

In addition, please watch for students in our parking lots. Pedestrians (students/parents) are to use the walkways, paths, sidewalk and crosswalk while around the parking lot. Drivers, please use absolute caution in our lot for the safety of our children.

Guidelines for Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards and Rollerblades

When you enter the school grounds, you must reduce your speed and give pedestrians complete right of way. Bicycles/scooters/skateboards, and rollerblades cannot be ridden on the blacktop near the school, and rollerblades must be removed before entering the school. Students who do not follow this guideline will be asked to leave them at home. The school does not accept responsibility for loss of or damage to bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades.

Please help us teach our students to take responsibility for their safety and the safety of others.

Parent Connect

It is imperative that all families log into Parent Connect to update the information and permission forms that can be found there.

Fast Eddy Canada

Student Leadership at Cliff Drive

Fast Eddy will be visiting Cliff Drive Elementary on *October 26th at 1:15 p.m.* for a presentation. He will shed light on the personal experiences he has had on his journey of jogging across the country and back again (21,585 km) to support Alzheimer's and Breast Cancer awareness. Hard work, focus, personal drive and just how powerful one's personal will can be are core themes in his presentation. Our senior students, together with their teachers, will be hosting a bake sale in order to raise money and support his efforts. All parents are welcome to join us for this presentation.

Every Child Matters

At Cliff Drive Elementary, we embrace the motto "Every Child Matters" – this statement is important in our daily lives as educators, but now it has an even deeper meaning as it was the motto for 'Orange Shirt Day', a day to acknowledge and understand more about the history of residential schools. The history of residential schools in Canada was hidden for many years, thankfully now we are learning more about this history and the impacts of these schools on our First Nations communities. Orange Shirt Day grew from Phyllis' story of a young girl who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion of residential schools happening annually. On September 30th we participated in our annual Orange Shirt Day. Many staff and students wore orange shirts designed by Cliff Drive student Vincent and reflected on the importance of this day.

Dressing for the Weather

Although we enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, fall is now truly upon us. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that the students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet and wind. Here, on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside for recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of extremely poor weather, that we designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an "in day", which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and be physically active before heading back into the classroom. Not only do students need to be dressed warmly enough to enjoy themselves outside at recess and lunch, but also having warm clothing is also essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Many students are still coming to school without jackets; wearing shorts and hoodies ... even on the coldest, rainiest of days. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly for being outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g., with boots and a coat) because our field can get quite mucky and wet at this time of year.

Do You Bring Your Pet to School?

We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. We ask that all pets be kept at a distance away from the students. Just a reminder, please do not stand with your dog near exit doors and try to be aware of children who seem nervous or fearful around all animals and respond accordingly. Also just a reminder, please clean up after your dog and encourage other dog owners you see with dogs to do the same. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Flu Season Is Coming

What can parents do?

1. Arrange for your family to have an annual flu shot if your child has a chronic health condition (call the Health Unit for more information).
2. Prevent illness by maintaining hand washing, eat a variety of foods, exercise and get enough sleep.
3. Recognize flu symptoms—stuffy nose, cough, sore chest, fever, chills, and muscle and joint pains. Vomiting and diarrhea are not usual symptoms of Influenza but may be seen in young children.
4. Keep your child at home away from others and treat the symptoms with bed rest, plenty of fluids and acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) for fever and aches.
5. Call you doctor if your child has a rash, high fever, earache, severe vomiting and/or diarrhea.
6. When calling the school please inform them of the symptoms your child is experiencing. If the school finds it necessary

to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have made alternate arrangements when you are not available. Inform the school of these arrangements.

PAC News

Spookfest is October 28th and our PAC is looking for your help and donations! This is a large team effort – and we hope to see as many families as possible helping out – as this is a fun fundraising event for our school! If you can help, please contact CDPAC@deltasd.bc.ca The LFI Grade 7 class is also hosting a haunted house during Spookfest.

The next PAC meeting is held in the library on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. This is a terrific group of parents who work hard to support school activities. In addition, they are a nice group of people to get to know. Please join in, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before!



Why do we have School-wide behavioural Expectations?

Positive behaviour is a vital part of the learning environment. The Positive Behaviour Support Program (PBIS adopted in 2015-16) is the Cliff Drive S.O.A.R.S Expectations framework shown above. It is a school wide commitment to teaching students appropriate behaviour, acknowledging them when they get it right and supporting them when they don't.

What to expect

All students are explicitly taught what it looks like to be self-managers, and be respectful and responsible in every area at our school. These behaviour expectations are clearly displayed on the walls around our school.

Having a few simple, positively stated rules facilitates the teaching of behavioural expectations across school settings because students will be learning the same language. It is also important for staff because instruction focussing on a few simple rules will improve teaching and consistency across staff through the use of a common language.

Our goal is to teach universal expectations and celebrate positive behaviour in our school.

We have three basic Core Values that apply all of the time, everywhere at school. The Cliff Drive Way is to be:

1. Safe
2. Respectful
3. Responsible

In October, we are focussing on being Safe, Respectful and Responsible on the **Playground:**

Belief	Looks Like...	Sounds Like...
Safety	<p>I keep my hands, feet and body to myself.</p> <p>I use my WITS to solve a problem</p> <p>I tell an adult about an unsafe situation</p>	<p>"I remember slides are only for going down. I use the stairs for going up."</p> <p>WITS – Talk It Out - "Let's meet as a group and agree to play soccer and pick fair teams. Our agreed on rules are no tripping or side checking"</p>
Respectful	<p>I think before I say and do, and use respectful language</p> <p>I share, take turns, ask to play and allow others to join in.</p> <p>I keep the playground clean</p>	<p>"It is your turn to start the obstacle course."</p> <p>"I'm finished eating my snack. We can play once I put my litter in the trash can."</p>
Responsible	<p>I use equipment appropriately and return it.</p> <p>I dress appropriately and wear proper footwear.</p> <p>I line up promptly when the bell rings.</p>	<p>"Let's go line up. The bell just rang to signal us to come in and the Supervisor just reminded us to line up."</p> <p>"We need to play in the primary playground area. Come on, I will play with you there."</p>

Cliff Drive Elementary Extracurricular Band

Beginner Band for students who have never played their instrument
AND
Advanced Band for students who have played their instrument for
at least 1 year



Karen Nakajima has her Masters of Arts in Music Theory and Bachelors of Music from the University of British Columbia. She is an active pianist, trumpeter, conductor and music educator.

Karen has been in bands since her time as a student at Holly Elementary and has since gained experience leading bands, brass chamber groups, and running band sectional rehearsals and workshops. She has been leading the Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra's (RDYO) Junior Wind Ensemble for the past two years. She is also currently leading a beginner brass group class through RDYO and the City of Richmond. Furthermore, she teaches piano, trumpet, and music theory privately in Ladner.

For: Grade 4-6 Students

When: 7:45 - 8:45am Weekday TBD

Instructor: Karen Nakajima

Cost: - \$250/student for the year
(monthly payments possible)
- instrument (owned or rented)
- method book (\$15)

Rental Night Date: TBA

Possible Instruments:

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet,
Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet,
French Horn, Baritone, Trombone,
Tuba, Percussion, Electric Bass

If interested, please contact
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Questions?
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Respectfully,

Mrs. V. Chapman, Principal and the Staff of Cliff Drive Elementary