

At Cliff Drive, We are Safe | Respectful | Responsible

Calendar Reminders

February 23 - Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)

February 28 - School Science Fair 1:15-2:30 p.m. All Welcome!

February 28 - Pink Day

Students are encouraged to wear pink.

March 13 - Hoop Shoot Finals for qualifying divisions SDSS 3:45 - 5:00 pm

March 15 - Term 2 Report issued. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you require a meeting.

Spring Vacation Period:

March 19 - April 2 (includes Good Friday and Easter Monday)

School Reopens

April 3



Reading Link Challenge

Grade 4 and 5 Reading Link Challenge students are busy reading a series of books and practicing for the challenges where teams try to answer as many questions about the books as they can. Thanks to Mrs. Merry, Mrs. Uppal and Mrs. Albrecht for their volunteer time and leadership in helping the students join in the fun and participate in the sport of reading!

School Science Fair

Our Intermediate classes will be participating in Science Fair this year. The purpose of the event is to create interest and enthusiasm for Science, help students develop investigation and organization skills and display a project for viewing. Together, these elements include an examination of an area of interest, a collection of new knowledge, or the results of a self-initiated experiment. Our students will be exhibiting their completed projects on the afternoon of **February 28, 2018, from 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.**, and a few selected projects will be on display at Scottsdale Mall, on March 7th, representing our school. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Dressing for the Weather

It is the season for rain, wind, and cold weather. Most days we will try to get the students outside for some fresh air and exercise, so it is important that they are dressed for the weather. As the weather gets worse, please ensure your children come dressed appropriately for all weather conditions. This may include coats, boots, and some indoor shoes if needed. It is also suggested that our younger students have a change of clothes in case they slip or find an extra-deep puddle to splash in. This is especially important as we will try to get the kids outside as often as possible for fresh air at recess and lunch.



What do you do if someone is **BOTHERING** you?



The Role of Parents

Although WITS has been introduced at school, parents have an important role to play at home as well. Talking about WITS at home teaches children to apply these strategies beyond the school walls. It provides a common language for adults, both in the school and in the community, enabling students to communicate positively and respond effectively to a child's request for help.

When parents help children process strategies to deal with conflicts, they:

1. Empower their children to stand up for themselves
2. Show they are available to help solve problems
3. Teach their children the skills they need to solve problems before they escalate

Pink Day - February 28

Each year, on Pink Day, we encourage everyone to wear something pink. In today's digital world, it can be a challenge to escape online negativity, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information, or posting threats. In 2018, Pink Day's main theme is cyberbullying. The day is meant to focus on encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness. Be a leader in our school community and help promote inclusion, respect, and empathy, and together, we can prevent the harm and devastation that cyberbullying causes.

Hoop Shoot 2018

Students in grades 5 - 7 are invited to participate in Hoop Shoot Preliminaries during lunch hour on March 1st and 2nd. Finalist teams representing Cliff Drive will be competing at the District event at SDSS on **March 13th**.

Track & Field

Our last sport this school year is **Track and Field**. Watch for upcoming news on practices starting after the break in April. The Regional Track Meet is scheduled for May 9th (alternate date May 11th). Our school is hosting the meet this year.

Respectfully,

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