

At Cliff Drive, We are Safe | Respectful | Responsible

Cliff Drive Elementary

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

November 22nd Library 6:30 p.m.

All parents of the Cliff Drive community are members of PAC. Involvement in PAC is a great way to support our school. Many volunteers make a lighter load for everyone!

Come to the meeting to hear what is being planned to support a sense of community at Cliff Drive and to raise important funds to enhance student learning.

Term 1 CSL Reports



Please note Term 1 Reports will be issued *electronically* on *Parent Connect* on **Wednesday, December 19th**. [More information on online reports will be sent home in a letter to all families.](#)

When you receive your child's report do not comment on it immediately; instead make time for a discussion and goal setting with your child after you have had some time to go over it carefully. [Should you need to discuss your child's report card with the teacher\(s\), please contact the teacher directly.](#)



Cliff Drive Remembers

In the transition of the season and the cycle of the school year, Remembrance Day 2018 has brought to our community a deep sense of reflection. At Cliff Drive, the act of remembering was observed as a collective activity on November 9th. The significance of Remembrance was interpreted by students through artwork and presentations. I felt proud of our students and was impressed with their engagement as they led the assembly with quiet respect through songs, poetry and speeches. Thank you also to our Vice-Principal, teachers, support staff and for their leadership care, thoughtfulness, and time in preparing for the assembly.

We were also well represented by Cliff Drive student Jane W., at the annual ceremony at the Cenotaph, on November 11th, at Ladner's Memorial Park. Thank you Jane for your leadership and time to represent Cliff Drive.

The poppy is a powerful and enduring symbol of remembrance. All students received a poppy just before the assembly. When I looked out at the school assembly, I could see a field of poppies resting on students' shirts as we shared the impactful moments of Remembrance together. We would like to thank the Legion for providing each of our students with a poppy. In support of their efforts, many students brought a donation in for the Poppy Fund, which raises money for Veterans and their families, in their time of need. Student leaders collected 280.00 to support the fund. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.



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.

When to Keep Your Sick Child Home

Flu season is beginning, so for the protection of your child, as well as the health of others, if your child has symptoms, including upset stomach, vomiting and/or diarrhea, please keep your child home from school. If your child has vomiting and/or has diarrhea, it is important that your child DOES NOT return to school until at least 2 full days (48 hours) AFTER the symptoms have ended AND your child feels better.

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



Use Your WITS!



www.witsprogram.ca

WITS is a strategy to handle problems with peers in peaceful ways. It helps protect everyone's right to feel safe at our school. The WITS acronym stands for Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help. It is important for students to know there are people around them who are available to support and assist when required.

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

Calendar Reminders

November

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Neufeld Meats orders due
PAC Meeting library 6:30 pm

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NonInstructional Day Districtwide

30

Hot Lunch - Pizza, Sushi and Chopped Leaf

Last day for Coat Drive Collection for the
Christmas Bureau

December

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Neufeld Farms delivery 4 pm

10

Toys picked up for Deltassist toy drive

14

Hot Lunch - Pizza, Sushi and Chopped Leaf

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Hot Lunch - Pizza

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Term 1 Communicating Student Learning
Reports issued

Christmas Concert - Dress Rehearsal at
1:30 pm. All welcome! Enter via the gym
doors at 1:15 p.m.

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Christmas Concert 6:30 pm. All Welcome!

21 - Last day before Winter Break

January

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School Reopens after Winter Break



Signs of Tolerance to Share With Kids - Michelle Borba

There are many ways people display tolerance, and the more aware kids are of what those actions look like, the more likely they are to incorporate those behaviours into their daily lives. Here are a few examples of tolerance to discuss and role-play with your child:

Signs of Strong Tolerance to Share with Kids

What Tolerant People Say

"Hey, stop it. You're putting her down." That's not funny.
"I'm not joining any club that excludes people."

What Tolerant People Do

Refuse to take part in activities that make fun of people because they are different.

Not laugh at jokes or demeaning comments about someone's race, religion, culture, size, or gender.

Focus on what they have in common with others instead of their differences. Refuse to exclude someone because he is different or not as experienced at something as others.

Stand up for someone who is being put down or ridiculed.

Christmas Concert

Students and staff are busy preparing for our Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m.** Thank you to all the staff and students for coordinating the presentations that are sure to put a smile soon your face! Please line up outside and enter via the gym door, which will open at 6:15 pm to begin seating for the evening performance. The performance is approximately 60 minutes in duration.

Arrival Time and Meeting Information:

Please do not send your child earlier than 6:10 p.m. to report to their classrooms. This is when staff will be available to supervise students. Children will perform and report back to their classrooms after the performance so you will meet them after the concert at their classroom or a prearranged location. We hope you enjoy the concert!

Student Leadership at Cliff Drive

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."

- Margaret Mead

At Cliff Drive Elementary School, we design and give students many opportunities to learn to lead. Our staff believes that if our students are to be leaders and agents of change to make our world better, they must be given the chance to learn and use leadership skills. Students play an important role in building school spirit and developing a "sense of place" at Cliff Drive. Students have leadership responsibilities that are expressed in terms of community.



Annual Toy Drive for Deltassist:

Organized in conjunction with Deltassist, the student leaders in Divisions 5 and 6 are coordinating the annual toy drive for children in need. We have had such a tremendous response in past years and everyone has been so generous

during this time of year. Please send in a **new, unopened toy**. The toys will be picked up on **December 10th**. Thank you for your support!

WE Day Team Christmas Coat Drive

The Cliff Drive Elementary WE Group is hosting a coat drive for the Surrey Christmas Bureau. The Surrey Christmas Bureau is a non-profit organization located in Surrey that is committed to helping bring some Christmas cheer to families in need. The coat drive will be accepting gently used coats for Men, Women and Children until **November 30th**.



Neufeld Farms LFI Fundraiser - Order deadline - November 22nd

Just in time for Christmas! **Delivery Date:** Tuesday, December 4th 4:00 p.m. at school.

The proceeds from this fundraiser supports our Grade 7 Late French Immersion trip to Quebec.



Festive Spirit Day - Friday December 21st

Students are invited to wear seasonal hats, clothing and/or pyjamas to enjoy the fun of the season. In addition, continuing with the Cliff Drive tradition, the Principal will also show a movie for the students to enjoy as a special treat.

Cliff Drive Elementary S.O.A.R.S.

Safe

Open Minded

Achievement

Respect and Responsibility

With **S**pirit

Respectfully,

Ms. V. Chapman, Principal, Mr. T. Weber, Vice-Principal and the Staff of Cliff Drive Elementary