

Cliff Drive Elementary



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Grade 7 Completion Assembly June 21 9:15 am

There will be a special farewell to our Grade 7 students on June 21st at 9:15 am. At this assembly, all other students will witness the years of cumulative learning and success. It sets a positive tone for Cliff Drive. A special thank you also goes out to parents who are moving on from the school. We appreciate your support and contributions over the years. Everyone is welcome to attend the assembly.

Principal's Message

It's June and school will soon come to a close for the summer break. June is full of fun events and special celebrations that make the last few weeks of school memorable for students, parents and staff. I would like to congratulate all our students who are moving on to high school. May you continue to mature as life-long learners in high school. We thank you for your school service and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

It is also a time to reflect on the successes of the past year; successes that would not be possible without the support of dedicated parents working alongside our staff and students. I also see how our teachers and support staff work together to develop, encourage and support our students. A final newsletter will be sent out toward the end of June.

Respectfully, Ms. V. Chapman

Save the Date!

**Assembly: Gr. 4 to 6
Certificates,
Slideshow & Staff
Goodbyes**

June 17 1:15 pm

**PAC Meeting
Annual General
Meeting**

June 18 6:30pm

**National
Indigenous
Peoples Assembly**

June 20 9:30 am

**Grade 7
Completion
Assembly**

June 21 9:15 am

**Last Day for
Students**

June 27

Final Reports issued
electronically; dismissal
10:30 am



Planning for September 2019

It is the time of year when staffing allocations are made to schools and planning for the next school year begins. The number of staff members assigned to Cliff Drive is decided by the Delta School District and is based on projected student enrollment. Class organization is determined by the number of teachers allocated, the number of students at each grade level, as well as class size limits, and class size designated by the Ministry.

The teaching and administrative staff will begin planning the appropriate placements of students in June. However, we may have a shuffle of teaching assignments due to retirements or other pending circumstances that will influence staffing; thus our staffing assignments may not be finalized until early summer. Reorganization in September is always a possibility. Children may leave or enter the school at different grade levels over the summer.

You can assist us in our planning by informing us as soon as possible if you plan to move during the summer and your children will not be attending Cliff Drive. Please inform the office in person or email Mrs. Bartlett at vbartlett@deltasd.bc.ca. Please encourage any newcomers to our community to register at the school as soon as possible.

Next year's class organization may include both single grade and combined classes. The placement of students for the upcoming year is something we consider very carefully. There are a number of complex factors used to create classes including learning styles and strengths, what a student is able to achieve in relation to the goals of the curriculum, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous placements, gender balance of the class, English Language Levels and students with Special Needs. The goal of school organization at the class level is to create balanced classes based on gender, intellectual development and social/emotional development.

Please speak with your child's current teacher regarding any requests that you have, as the teachers create the classes for next year. The professional staff is in contact with the children in the school setting for 30 hours a week. Therefore, the decision about student placement, based on the above criteria, is a school-based, professional decision. Your child's present teacher, along with other staff members who work with your child, have a year's worth of current, rich information about your child and the kind of learning environment in which she/he works and learns best. As our partners, we recognize that parents have important information that may assist with the placement of their child. It is very important to phrase a request in a respectful manner, which highlights the needs of your child. As well, it is important to note that the parent information would include personal and/or educational information to best support your child rather than a request for a specific teacher. **All requests will be considered, but not assured. If you have information we should consider, this should be placed on a Parental Input form located in a folder outside the office. In September, when classes are determined, requests cannot be accommodated.**

School Calendar 2019-20

The calendar has been set for next year. It has been posted on the website.

At Cliff Drive, We are Safe, Respectful & Responsible

Intermediate Certificates, Slideshow and Staff Goodbyes – June 17 at 1:15 pm

Any intermediate student who provided a service to the school will be recognized. The assembly will also include a slideshow and we will wish any staff leaving Cliff Drive this year a fond farewell. Everyone is welcome to attend the assembly.

At the assembly we will be acknowledging Mr. Weber, our Vice-Principal/Grade 7 teacher and Mrs. Hoskins, a well-known and loved Education Assistant, as they have decided to retire at the end of the school year.

Our appreciation is also extended to the following staff whose assignments end in June:

Teachers:

- Mrs. Emma Cross
- Mrs. Hallie Rockel

Education Assistants:

- Fawzya Elmokayed
- Linda Heaman
- Dana Kaneko
- Jaymie Ostosser

New Staff

I'm sure that the new principal starting in September, Mrs. Nicole Braid, will feel warmly welcomed by all the great Cliff Drive families. The District has not as yet announced the new Vice-Principal for the fall.



Look Everywhere For Library Books!

We are proud so many students make use of the library and read often. We also appreciate the support for reading we receive from parents. All books must be returned on or before **Thursday, June 13th** so that we can do a complete year-end inventory of books. The library is closed to students starting June 14th so Mrs. Albrecht can complete her annual inventory.

Sports Day

On **June 14th** we will be hosting our annual sports day. Be prepared for some fun in the sun with lots of tacky tourists! **There will be an early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.**

Parent Advisory Council AGM June 18th 6:30 p.m.



The PAC Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m.**, during which the PAC Executive Committee for 2019-20 will be confirmed. All PAC Executive positions will be voted on for the coming school year. The new Principal Mrs. Nicole Braid will also be attending the meeting.

If you would like to learn more about how the school is run and how parents support many programs and initiatives at the school, the PAC is a great way to get involved. We encourage all parents at Cliff Drive to consider dedicating time to any of the PAC positions. New faces are welcome!



National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration is annually held on June 21st to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of Indigenous peoples across Canada. The celebration gives people the opportunity to celebrate and share knowledge about the Indigenous peoples values, customs, language, and culture. In our school, we plan to celebrate the day on **Thursday, June 20th with an assembly at 9:30 am.** We hope you are able to join us – all welcome!

Respectfully,

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

Class of 2019

