CLIFF DRIVE CONNECTION

Terry Fox Run

When Terry Fox set out on his inspirational run across Canada in 1980, his goal was to raise one million dollars to go towards Cancer research. Cliff Drive is just one school from around the world who carries on his legacy. This year our small school raised over $347.00. Thank you to all who donated and ran in our event!

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. This day recognizes the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential Schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensure Every Child Matters. Please remember to wear an Orange Shirt on Wednesday.

No Visitors this year

This year, we are asking parents to remain outside of the school building. If you are in need of assistance from the school please call to make an appointment. Please drop lunches off at the table outside the front doors.

September

Dear Families,

We continue to be so proud to be a part of this amazing school community. Students are diligently creating new ways of rebuilding their understanding of school and teachers are working hard to help students learn safely, with kind hearts and calm spaces. It is such a joy to hear students laughter and see them on our school grounds again. Students will be outside more and are learning new routines and safety protocols. This may lead to some tired and grumpy days and we know that this is typical for children when they are learning so many new things and working so hard to adapt. Our goal is to ensure that each child feels safe and comfortable at school. Teachers and support staff are wearing their masks and we wanted to be sure that you know we are smiling at you under our masks all the time. Click link HERE for our introduction video.

Ms. Braid and Ms. Larson

Individual Photos

Photos will be taken on **October 1st.** Social distancing protocols will be in place as students have their pictures taken.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 7th and 8th - Students will be dismissed at 2:00 both days. Please go to Parent Connect and click the interviews tab to select a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Thanksgiving

No school **October 12th**. Happy Thanksgiving!

Election

Cliff Drive is a polling station on **October 24**. The gym will be open for voting from 8am -8pm.

NonInstructional Day

Students do not attend **October 23rd**. Staff will attend Professional opportunities.

Safety

A brief reminder that our students are excited to be coming to school and may not be paying close attention to the traffic around them. Please drive carefully and follow the expectations of the parking lot. The parking lot is closed for student drop off and parent parking.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

This year, we are hosting our annual Parent/Teacher conferences on-line, over Zoom and over the phone. Due to Covid-19, we will not have face to face interviews at this time. Times will be booked through Parent Connect. Booking times will open on Thursday, October 1st at 9:00. Parents will need to log onto Parent Connect at https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignone.aspx and find the tab for Parent Teacher Interviews. You will be able to select a time to talk with your child's teacher. We look forward to talking to you about your children.

Life Threatening Allergies

A reminder that our school is nut aware. Please ensure that you are packing nut free snacks and lunches for your children. Please be respectful and protect the safety of all our students by avoiding nuts at school. Several classrooms have specific allergies and classroom teachers have reached out with further information. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Inclement Weather

While this week is a beautiful last reminder of summer, we are expecting Fall to arrive soon. Living here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, we know that Fall brings wet weather. Please dress your children accordingly, as they will be outside at Recess and Lunch as well as throughout the day for fresh air and exercise. Students are encouraged to wear rain coats and boots to help them keep dry though inclement weather. **We will be sending the students outside every day to play.**

Absences

Mrs. McCallum asks when calling in an absence, please leave your child's name and length of absence. The school absence telephone number is 604-943-2244. Please do not send absences by email.

Safety concerns

We are noticing many of our students use wheels to get to school. Scooters, bikes and even roller skates are making their way onto the school grounds in the mornings and after school. Due to

safety concerns for all our students, all scooters and bikes must be walked once they are on school grounds. Our school is a busy place! We have many school children who come with their families to school as well as a day care, pre-school and before and after-school care. As scooters and bikes are not allowed in the school, please remember a lock so that your child can lock up their bikes in our bike parking area.

Please have a conversation with your children about being safe on their wheels. Helmets are expected. Thank you so much for helping to keep all our students safe!

New Playground Area

As you may have noticed, Cliff Drive has a lovely new play space on the primary side of the school. Funding for this project has been generously provided through PAC fundraising and with the support of Rhonda and Mike Aird from Kidzone and multiple community donors including those below.

-Kevin - Frontier Excavating did the drainage, digging, found materials

- Rhonda and Mike Aird - Kidzone donated their money to purchase the outdoor classroom, wood chips and diggers for the project

- Lehigh - Aggregates company in Delta who donated the sand for the sandbox, rock for drainage and supplied materials for pathway

- South Fraser Concrete - built concrete pathway with a large discount in costs

- Ryan Goertzen - built kitchen and helped with multiple other jobs

- Royal Wood - supplied us with all of our logs and stumps

- Mark Thodos - Used his hiab truck to transport our very large tree and put it into place.

- All the Cliff Drive parents who came out to build, sand, re-bar, nail, dig, shovel and rake everything in to place. Without parent help and support this playground would not have been built!

A huge thank you from all of the Cliff Drive community for helping to make the playground a welcoming, fun and exciting place to be!