

L'ecole Cliff Drive Elementary

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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Welcome back to another school year! This is an exciting time, as we begin to settle back into routines, follow the structures of the school day and take advantage of the many exciting learning opportunities available.

Before the year begins, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard working staff who have been in this past week setting up their rooms and preparing for the school year. I also want to say thank you to the PAC, and parent volunteers, who also came in to repaint the sensory walk on the side of the school. It looks amazing! Finally, a very big thank you to the hard working custodial team who has been busy through the summer cleaning and sanitizing all areas and materials within the school, so we can start the year safely. This is going to be a great year, and we will be starting on the right foot, due to our amazing team.

I am very excited to be joining the Cliff Drive team and to help lead this wonderful community. As we begin to navigate the school year, I hope families will come and introduce themselves and I look forward to meeting all of the students around the school and during break times. I know that the beginning of the year can bring up a lot of emotions and/or anxiety. Please know that we are here to help ease the transition and are available for support. Do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Mr. P. Klassen

Staffing Changes

As the year begins, you will most likely see a lot of new faces around the building. There has been quite a few new staff members who joined our team and these individuals will be working hard to continue building on the Cliff Drive legacy.



Please welcome:

Ms. Lochkrin - Education Assistant
Ms. Webster - Education Assistant
Ms. Reith - Teacher
Ms. Adams - Teacher
Ms. Perkins - Teacher

Mr. Lai - Teacher
Ms. Jhaji - Teacher
Ms. Littlewood - Teacher
Ms. Goldman - Teacher
Ms. Svenkeson - Teacher

Parking and Road Safety

We encourage all families to walk or ride their bikes to school, as this will help alleviate the congestion on the roads in front of the school. It is imperative that families follow the road rules and use the designated crosswalk for safety of everyone around.



If you need to drive, we request that parents park on the roadway spots available; please DO NOT drive onto school grounds at the beginning and end of each school day. Many of our families walk up and down the driveway before and after school. The parking lot is for staff use only and cannot be used by parents or for the daycare for dropping off or picking up their children. We have very limited space, and need each spot for the staff.

Annual Permission Forms

Each year we require parents to complete the permission forms laid out by the district. These forms look at things like photos, walking field trips and more. Parents are asked to review and respond to all the Permission Forms that are posted on Parent Connect **by September 30th**.

To access Parent Connect, please visit:

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

If you forgot your password or you are logging on for the first time, click on the Forgot my Password or Re-trieve my password button and the system will email you your password. Your pop up blockers must be turned off for Parent Connect to work properly. If you do not have an email address on file please contact Ms. McCallum in the office.

Medical Alert and Administering Medication at School



If your child has a serious medical condition that may require emergency care or medication at school, it is the parents'/guardian's responsibility to inform the school and fill out a Medical Alert Card.

If your child requires medication at school, please ensure that you complete a **Request for Administration of Medication At School** form. Both forms are available at the school office. If you have already completed both of these forms in a previous year, YOU MUST CONFIRM with the office that there is no change in your child's condition or medication.

Allergy Awareness

Please be aware that there are many staff and students that have severe allergies at Cliff Drive Elementary. We ask that parents plan ahead when packing lunches and or sending their child to school.

At Cliff Drive, we are nut and scent aware. This means that we ask students to try and avoid bringing nuts (peanuts, tree nuts, etc...) to school in their lunches. We ask that students try to use unscented products, and refrain from wearing cologne or perfume to school.



We understand that this may be a challenge for some families. We greatly appreciate your care and your support, as this will reduce the risk of exposure and will create a safer and healthier environment for all students.

Health and Safety Protocols Across the Delta School District



- Students and staff will be required to complete the **Daily Health Check and stay home when they feel sick.**
- The mask mandate will remain in place. All K-12 staff, visitors, and students in grades 4-12 will be required to wear masks in schools and on school buses.
- All students will be encouraged to wear masks indoors.
- Students and staff will be required to practice diligent hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day, or when visibly dirty.
- School Districts will ensure all mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are designed, operated and maintained to their standards and specifications, so they continue to work properly.

Changes for the 2021/2022 School Year

- Students will no longer be organized into cohorts/learning groups
- Physical distancing of 2 meters is no longer recommended, however schools can continue to use strategies to create space between people, for example, spreading out students, using virtual options for gatherings, staggering transitions to recess and lunch breaks, taking students outside more often and managing the flow of people in common areas including at pick up and drop off times.
- Sports music and other extra-curricular activities may resume in alignment with Public Health Orders.
- Gatherings and events can occur in alignment with Public Health Orders.
- Community use of school district facilities may resume.
- Health authorities will have the ability to introduce additional regional health measures specific to individual schools, groups of schools or entire school districts where community transmission rates are higher.

Nature Playground/Outdoor Classroom

Please be aware that the nature playground/outdoor classroom has been closed for the time being. Over the summer, some members of the community have used this space after hours and have caused some damage.

Currently there is broken glass mixed within the bark mulch, and we want to ensure students are safe. As soon as it is ready, cleaned and given the go ahead by the district, we will reopen it. Thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding in this matter.



Cliff Drive Connection Activity



Throughout the pandemic, one thing has become abundantly clear: we all need connection. As school has looked differently the last year and a half, it is important that we rebuild this connection

and work on creating a strong community that stands together. Each month I will be posting up an optional opportunity for families to join in and share in a connection activity.

For the month of September, I would love to see a photo of your family doing something you enjoy in the neighbourhood. As I do not live in the area, and am new to Cliff Drive, I would love to see what your family does for fun. This could be a photo of your family in the backyard, going on a hike, down by the water, playing a board game, eating dinner together, or whatever you choose. Please share with me and the community a little bit about your family.

All you need to do is take a photo and e-mail it to pklassen@deltaschools.ca, with the family name and a brief description of what is happening. I will then take that photo and add it to a photo gallery on the school website.

I look forward to sharing in your excitement and family adventures!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7	First Day of School - 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Dismissal
Sept. 17	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 20	Federal Election
Sept. 22	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Meet the Teacher Night - Cancelled Due to Current Covid Protocol
Sept. 24	Pro-D Day - No School in Session
Sept. 30	Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School