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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Happy November Cliff Drive families! We hope everyone had a lovely and safe Halloween, however you chose to celebrate and that your families were able to enjoy the merriment that Spookfest brought back to the community. We may not have daylight savings time this past weekend, but it is coming up, so hopefully you enjoy the extra hour of sleep when it arrives.

Typically around November, I like to discuss our School's goals and how hard the teachers are working to meet the needs of your children. Even though I am new to the building, and we have new staff here, we have continued to discuss and share learning and are working on growing together, to best support each child through our shared vision. Currently, our school inquiry that we are investigating is: ***“Will teaching students to make their learning visible, improve their growth mindset and help build resiliency?”*** We will be reviewing and monitoring this goal at our next professional development day (at the end of November) and will be updating it, based on the data we will be collecting. Our focus will be to better understand our students, their learning and to help them see that by talking about their own learning, and by reflecting on what they are doing, they will then be able to see progress in their work, look at learning as a journey, and ultimately show more determination, while believing in themselves. We encourage you to talk with the teachers about their learning and your child's learning and to stay tuned for further information throughout the year.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable November. As we navigate the end to the first term, I just want to put out a huge thank you to all families for your continued support, and trust in us, here at Cliff Drive. We feel your support and we will continue to work hard to put children first and work to make this school the best place we can, as a team. Cheers!

Thank you!

Mr. P. Klassen

Delta Vision 2030

Please see the attached PDF of the Delta School District's new educational vision for 2030.

We're thrilled to unveil our Vision for the next decade. In total, the voices of almost 3,000 individuals were considered in developing Vision 2030 following dialogue with staff, students, families, education partners and local First



Nations Peoples. We're excited to follow this new direction as we support students present and future for the next decade. You can also [visit our website](#) to see our new Vision, Mission and Values.

Remembrance Day

Typically at Cliff Drive we would hold a Remembrance Day assembly on November 10, to reflect, remember and honour the wars past, and the soldiers who fought for our country.

Unfortunately, due to our current communicable disease prevention plan, we have decided not to hold the traditional ceremony. Instead, we will be providing daily lessons, reminders and opportunities to reflect leading up to Remembrance Day and will be providing classes with a pre-recorded ceremony to watch on November 10th, where we will also partake in a moment of silence.



Daily Health Check

It is important that every day, you are discussing with your child about their health. It is important to monitor this and have a back-up plan, just in case your child becomes ill at school and needs to go home.



At Cliff Drive we are being as cautious and careful as possible. Please ensure you are monitoring your child's health daily. If your child needs to stay home, please know they will not be penalized for the work they miss and will have an opportunity to catch up.

If you require a different translation of the Daily Health Check, or would like more information about the ministry health and safety guidelines, please visit this website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/childcare-schools/schools>.

Monthly Connection Activity



Thank you to the parents and families who contributed to October's monthly connectedness activity - there is always time to share your images, so please feel free to do so. It was great to see a couple families share their lives. If you are interested in seeing anybody, please visit the school website and look at the photo galleries. I truly appreciate you allowing me and the community a glimpse into your

lives!

For November's monthly connection activity, we would like to see a photo of your family out in the West Coast weather. Lets take some time to be mindful and get back to nature. This may look like raking leaves, a walk in the rain, or a hike with the family. If that is not possible for you, then maybe you could share a photo of your celebrations for Diwali, or a rainy day activity at home with the family. We are open to anything and everything. The key to this month is to spend some time reflecting on the past, but living in the moment. Celebrating the changing seasons and enjoying what November has to offer.

We just want to see what our community is up to. When you have your photo, please e-mail it to Mr. Klassen at pklassen@deltaschools.ca and we will put it on the school website.

Spookfest

This is just a quick thank-you to all of the parents who spent countless hours going above and beyond for Spookfest and to our PAC Chair, Edina, who organized the event! This was a wonderful night, and it was great to see such a fantastic community come together for the kids and enjoy a spooky carnival together. As this was my first Spookfest, I can say it most definitely won't be the last. What a great night to hear kids laughing and enjoying the many events offered and to see families connecting over games, scares and food. Thank you everyone for making such positive memories for all.



Absences



This is just a reminder to families that when you are keeping your child home for the day, please make sure to phone Ms. McCallum at the office (604.943.2244) or e-mail the school at cliffdrive.elem@deltaschools.ca to let us know. It is important to let us know, as we want to make sure all students arrive to school safe, and therefore we follow up with families with a phone call if they are absent without a reason.

Emergency Release Day

Thank you to all of the families who were able to participate in our emergency release drill in October. It was a fantastic learning opportunity for us, as we are better prepared and have a better understanding of what we should be doing in these situations.

We are most appreciative of your patience and time and support during the rainy day it took place on. If you were unable to partake or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and we will be sure to answer your questions or guide you through the scenario.



Food and Toy Drive



Cliff Drive will be working alongside Delta Assist and the Food Bank to gather toys and non-perishable items for families over the holidays. Please stay tuned for further information, as we will make sure an e-mail or notice goes home before we start our collection, but we wanted families to be aware.

PAC Purdy's Fundraiser



It is that time of year again, the PAC is running Cliff Drive's annual Purdy's Fundraiser. The perfect time to order some sweet treats for the holiday's. The order deadline is Wednesday, Nov.24th and the pick up is on Thursday Dec.12th at the school. Please visit the following link to get your order in: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1011232-88102>



Hot Lunch

Exciting news for all! The PAC has added a new WHITE SPOT hot lunch date: Friday, Dec. 17. If you are interested please place your order by Tuesday, Dec. 7th. It will be a delicious way to go into the holiday break.

Water Bottles and Utensils

We are hoping that parents will be able to remind or pack the students with water bottles daily and the appropriate cutlery they need for their lunches. In the past we have provided cutlery and mini disposable water cups for students to use, but this is not sustainable or good for the environment. We ask that you please take a moment to review this with the students, to ensure they have what they need for successful day.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 4	Diwali
Nov. 7	Daylight Savings Time
Nov. 8	Indigenous Veteran's Day
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day (Pre-Recorded) Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day- No School
Nov. 17	PAC Meeting 7:00pm (Virtual)
Nov. 22	Grade 6 and 7 Vaccinations
Nov. 29	Professional Development Day - No School in Session
TBD	We are looking at adding Spirit Days (teachers will share when decided)