



We are so excited to welcome you back to another year of learning, growing, playing, and making new friends at Cliff Drive Elementary.

Our staff is busy preparing their rooms and their lessons as the summer wraps up.

A very special welcome to those of you who are new to the Cliff Drive school community – we are so glad that you are here!

As you prepare for school starting next week, please remember that changes (schools, neighbourhoods, grades, classrooms, etc.) can be exciting, but also scary. Please be rest assured that we are here to support the transition back to school and are committed to making this as positive an experience as possible!

**WELCOME TO**

**the first week of school**

SEPTEMBER 03 - 06

The first week of school is an exciting and important time to re-connect with friends, make connections with new classmates and teachers, and prepare for the year ahead.

As in past years, students will spend the first days of this year with a variety of teachers throughout the building. This allows us to accurately determine class lists for the year, but more importantly, allows all students to build connections with trusted adults throughout the building.

Our plan is to have all students placed in their 2024-2025 classes by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 3	First day of school for grades 1-7 (9am-12pm)
Wednesday, September 18	Terry Fox Run
Thursday, September 19	Cliff Drive Open House (Meet the Teacher)
Friday, September 20	Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)
Friday, September 27	Walk for Truth and Reconciliation
Monday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday – schools closed)
Wednesday, October 9	Parent-Teacher Interviews (dismissal at 2pm)
Thursday, October 10	Parent-Teacher Interviews (dismissal at 2pm)
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day – schools closed
Friday, October 18	Spookfest
Friday, October 25	Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)
Friday, November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day – schools closed

### **\*\* note regarding calendar dates \*\***

Our 2024-2025 calendar has been reviewed and contains some minor changes to what was posted in June. For our up-to-date school calendar, please [CLICK HERE](#) for our monthly calendar, or [HERE](#) for our annual calendar of key dates.

### **FIRST DAY INSTRUCTIONS**

*Please watch for a forthcoming email with instructions for our first morning of school on Tuesday. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the school office at 604.943.2244.*

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# Tips for Finding Success Heading back to School

Here are some suggestions that will be helpful in establishing school routines and will make this year the most successful one yet for your child!

01

## READING ROUTINE

Carve out a bit of time each day to read with your child. You can read to them, you can share the reading, or even read alongside them. Need book suggestions? Talk to your child's teacher!

02

## THE POWER OF PLAY

Giving your child daily opportunities for unstructured play (away from screens) helps build resilience, creativity, imagination, problem-solving abilities and social skills. Examples of unstructured play include: building objects, art activities, imagined/made-up games and time at the park.

03

## THE SECRET OF SLEEP

(It's actually not a secret.) Sleep is a significant factor in school success. School aged kids should be getting 9 to 11 hours of quality sleep per night to improve focus, reduce tricky behaviours, and give the body and brain time to grow and develop.

04

## TREASURED TALK TIME

Spend a bit of time each day in focussed conversation with your child about their learning. Ask specific questions that will require explanation. The educational and relational benefits of this are immense!

05

## CONNECT WITH CLIFF DRIVE

The importance of a positive home-school relationship cannot be overstated! Get to know your child's teacher(s) and keep them informed of factors that may be affecting your child at school. Speak positively and supportively about your child's teacher at home and make sure your child knows that you are interested in his/her school. This will send the message that what he/she is doing is important.

More on each of these topics in subsequent newsletters

# WE ARE

# HIRING

## OPEN POSITION

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

- CLIFF DRIVE ELEMENTARY
- ONE HOUR PER DAY
- BE A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

JOIN OUR  
TEAM



Pass this information to anyone you may know who might be interested in working in a school environment.

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