



Staff and students are off to a great start for the 2024-2025 school year. Highlights from September include:

- Meeting a variety of teachers and exploring different spaces and activities in our first week rotations
- A very successful (and sunny) Terry Fox Run on September 18th where we raised \$714 for the Terry Fox Foundation (surpassing our goal of \$500)
- A well-attended (and sunny!) Cliff Drive Open House on September 20th, which included an amazing BBQ hosted by our PAC
- Our first *Walk for Truth and Reconciliation*

This is amazing community to learn, work, and play – thank you for your part in the positivity!



Mr. D'Angelo leads a pre-Terry Fox Run warm-up



Primary students on their Walk for Truth and Reconciliation



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 9	Parent-Teacher Interviews – dismissal at 2pm
Thursday, October 10	Parent-Teacher Interviews – dismissal at 2pm
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Monday – schools closed
Friday, October 25	Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)
Tuesday, October 29	Photo Re-Takes
Friday, November 1	Spookfest (note date change)
Friday, November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day – schools closed
Friday, December 13	Term 1 Learning Updates (report cards)
Wednesday, December, 18	Cliff Drive Winter Concert (matinee)
Wednesday, December 18	Cliff Drive Winter Concert (evening)
Friday, December 20	Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation





PHOTO RETAKES

Individual school photos should be sent out soon. Not looking your best?

PHOTO RETAKES ARE SCHEDULED FOR:
OCTOBER 29



THE MAD SCIENTIST OF CLIFF DRIVE

DATE CHANGE

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER
1, 2024**

5:00 - 8:00
CLIFF DRIVE
ELEMENTARY

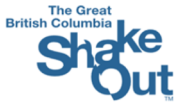
Which means there is still time to sign-up to help! [Click HERE to learn how!](#)



Is your child not feeling well?

We find ourselves back in cough/cold/flu season. Please keep your child home if sick, and let the office know before 9am if your child will be absent.

e-mail or call
cliffdrive.elem@deltaschools.ca
604.943.2244



October 17



**DROP
COVER &
HOLD**

Emergency Preparedness – Great British Columbia ShakeOut

On Thursday, October 17 at 10:17a.m., students and staff across the district will practice how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” during the Great British Columbia ShakeOut Earthquake drill. B.C. is the most seismically active area of Canada, and experiences thousands of minor earthquakes each year. The Great British Columbia ShakeOut is an annual opportunity for individuals, communities, schools and organizations to practice essential earthquake safety measures. Beyond the drill, everyone is encouraged to review and update their emergency preparedness plans and supplies.

Reminder: This year, the district has introduced a new annual Emergency Preparedness Fee of \$10 per student. This is to cover the maintenance and replenishment of emergency provisions, including food, water and first aid items, to help care for students in case of a large-scale incident such as an earthquake. If you haven't paid the \$10 fee already, please send cash or a cheque (made payable to the name of your child's school) to the school office or by paying online through Parent Connect where available. If your family requires financial support in relation to this fee, please contact the school office. Discretion will be maintained.

**WE ARE
HIRING**

OPEN POSITION

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

- CLIFF DRIVE ELEMENTARY
- ONE HOUR PER DAY

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**

Have you always wanted to be a noon-hour supervisor at Cliff Drive? We are looking for a few more people for 1-3 (paid) hours per week. Call Mr. Campbell at the school if you (or someone you know) are interested.

Back in the August Newsletter, Mr. Campbell outlined
5 Tips for Finding Success Heading Back to School.

The first tip was, **“READING ROUTINES”**.

For more on this, we reached out to our Teacher Librarian, Ms, Sadler:

Reading Routines

Ideas from the Library

Hello Families & Welcome back to another year at Cliff Drive. I have put together the following list of ideas to help you and your child(s) when it comes to setting up Reading Routines at home. For some families, the thought of reading at home with their children is easy as pie, however, for many more families, the thought of reading with their children at home can create quite a bit of anxiety. Here at Cliff Drive we would like to help alleviate the pressures of creating a fun reading routine at home. The students can also talk to me during their Library time during the week and we can find the perfect book for you to read together at home.

- A good place to start is have your child pick out a few books that they would like to read with you. Have them tell the story through the pictures and then the parent can read the words. Discuss is the pictures and the words seemed to tell the same story.
- When your child feels comfortable enough to read to you, have them use a bookmark to use as a guide for the words they are reading.
- Make sure that you have a nice small and cozy space to read in. It doesn't have to be fancy, a quiet corner of the sofa with nice soft lighting will do the trick.
- No tv's on or electronics. Make this time all about the books.

The following websites have tons of fun and animated stories and activities that are easy to access and easy to follow:

<https://storylineonline.net/>
<https://www.ryanandcraig.com/read-alouds>
www.abcya.com
www.roythezebra.com

Happy Reading! Mrs. Sadler

“I wouldn't be a songwriter if it wasn't for books that I loved as a kid. I think that when you can escape into a book it trains your imagination to think big and to think that more can exist than what you see.” – Taylor Swift