



Cleveland Parent Advisory Council (CPAC) welcomes you to L'École Cleveland Elementary!

Here is some information that we hope you will find helpful if you are new to the school.

What is the PAC?

PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council. **Every parent with a child at L'École Cleveland Elementary School is a member of the Cleveland Parent Advisory Council (CPAC).** CPAC meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, via Zoom with Covid-19 restrictions, or in the school library and via conference call with no restrictions. **All** parents are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Our mission is to:

- Promote/facilitate communication between parents, the school (teachers/administration) and the district.
- Actively and positively support Cleveland school spirit and social responsibility.
- Support the enrichment of the elementary school experience for our children through volunteering at the school, coordinating events and programs and fundraising.
- The CPAC Executive Committee coordinates the talents of the many parent volunteers to achieve the maximum benefit for the students and the school.

How will you receive information and updates from the school?

- **FreshSchools:** All school communication from CPAC will come to you through FreshSchools, a web-based platform that simplifies communication between the school, CPAC and parents. We suggest that you sign up for FreshSchools before the start of the school year using the following link: https://www.freshschools.com/app/users/sign_in
- **Cleveland Elementary Emails:** The school administration sends out school-wide email communication about events and programming organized by the school, as well as important dates, forms and a quarterly newsletter.
- **Teachers/Class Representatives:** Class specific emails and printed messages about important dates, volunteering opportunities and assignments will come from teachers or class reps. You may occasionally receive information about school-wide events and volunteering requests through your child's teacher/class rep.
- **SchoolMessenger:** North Vancouver School District (NVSD) will send communication about district-wide news, meetings, policies and events via an application called SchoolMessenger.



How can you get involved at L'École Cleveland Elementary School?

- Become a class rep. It's a great way to meet other families and get to know your child's teacher.
- Volunteer at events. The first event will be a welcome event held in the first two weeks of September.
- Volunteer for weekly programs such as the Hot Lunch Program and Safety Patrol.
- Attend monthly CPAC meetings. It's a great way to keep informed and find out how you can support our school community.

What do I need to register for?

Please visit <https://clevelandpac.com/> to learn how to sign up for the following accounts. They will be used from kindergarten through to grade 12:

- **Munch-A-Lunch:** Used to pre-order hot lunches and for various other items like purchasing school t-shirts, fundraising or the Enrichment Supplies Contribution (see below).
- **SchoolMessenger:** NVSD communication platform as previously mentioned.
- **School Cash Online:** To pay for occasional school-based items such as field trips or special programs.

How do we get school supplies and what else do we pay for?

- If your child is in **kindergarten**, school supplies are bought by the **classroom teacher**. Parents will need to pay \$50 per child through School Cash Online.
- If your child is in **grades 1 to 7**, school supplies must be **purchased by you**. Although it isn't mandatory to order through Staples, the ordering list emailed to you can be used to purchase directly from Staples. The classroom teacher will advise if further supplies are needed.
- **Enrichment Supplies Contribution:** This is a voluntary donation that the CPAC uses to fund extra materials for classroom teachers that support special class activities. For example, art supplies, recognition stickers and prizes and educational materials for social and science experiments.



How should I connect with my child's teacher?

In early September, you will be invited to attend an evening information session with your child's teacher. This is a good time to ask your child's teacher about their preferred methods of communication and any other questions that you might have. Teachers are usually available after 3:00pm for brief meetings with parents, but some may prefer to set up meeting times in advance. Teachers will also communicate via email, and some use the FreshSchools platform to send messages out to the families of their students.

How can I meet other kindergarten students and their families?

If Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, the CPAC will be planning kindergarten play dates over the summer so that new kindergarten students and their families can get to know each other prior to the school year. CPAC members will also be available to answer any questions that you might have. The CPAC will be sending out further information on the play dates in the summer if it is safe to do so. Stay tuned!