

# OCTOBER 2021

## THE EAGLES' NEST

### Clifton School Newsletter

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#### THE AVIAN REPORT

##### Susan Drysdale, Principal

Hello Clifton families! My name is Susan Drysdale and I am honoured to be the new principal of Clifton School. I have already felt so welcomed by all the students, staff and community members that I have met and for that I am truly grateful! I have worked in the Winnipeg School Division for over 27 years in different capacities... I have been a music teacher, a support teacher, a consultant, a vice principal and now a principal at schools all over our division so I feel that, with your support, I am ready to serve the Clifton School community!

There have been changes in the school due to the pandemic and the change in leadership and we appreciate your willingness to embrace these changes. One of the biggest changes you might have noticed is the way the school is communicating with you. We are using School Messenger exclusively to send notes home. This is an efficient and ecologically friendly way for us to keep families up to date on what is happening in the school. Teachers are also accessible on line through their email as well as through the See Saw and Google Classroom platforms. On-line is wonderful but always feel free to call the office if you have questions. Our school clerk, Vanessa Balitaan, is always there if you need further assistance. One thing that hasn't changed at Clifton School is the calibre of teaching and learning. Please read further to see some great student learning that has been happening throughout the month of September.

If you are reading this on your phone, waiting to pick up your son or daughter, why don't you take a moment to rest on our brand-new benches at the front of the school. We are fortunate to have an excellent relationship based on learning with a company in the community called Bird Construction. They paid for and installed these three benches and the trees that are behind them. It will be a beautiful place for our students to learn outside and notice the differences in the three trees and how they change from season to season. We are grateful for this relationship.

Please note that the gate onto the school grounds on Sargent Avenue might TEMPORARILY close soon. We have noticed that this opening is very large and close to the play structure. We feel that it will be safer to move the opening to the side facing away from the structure. The Winnipeg School Division will create a sidewalk leading to the new exit. Please be patient as we are working to make this entrance as safe for our community as possible.

One other thought about safety... Please remember that the bells to enter the school are at 8:50 and 12:55. Outside supervision does not begin until 8:45 and 12:45. Please do not send your child earlier than this time. When your child arrives at 12:45 have them check in with the Educational Assistant on duty. This will give us a chance to check how they are feeling and make sure we know they have arrived at the school safely. Finally, always drop your children off at the front of the school and, please refrain from doing "u-turns" on Clifton Street. We understand that life is busy, but it is never too busy to be safe! Thank you to all for your support and we are looking forward to the exciting learning that will take place in October!

Sincerely,

Susan Drysdale  
Principal



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Reis - Rm. 4

In room 4, we have been learning a lot about Orange Shirt Day and the effects residential schools had on the children that went there. Orange Shirt Day is important because it reminds us about the kids who went to residential schools and felt like they didn't matter. Those kids weren't allowed to be themselves. They couldn't wear their own clothes, they couldn't speak their own language, they had to cut their hair short and some even had to change their names. In room 4 we talked about why every child matters and we were able to work on an art project together. Each of us traced our arms and hands and wrote a message on it describing why we mattered. Some of us felt we mattered because we are free to be ourselves, we matter because we have families and friends and teachers who care about us. We matter because we are unique and talented in our own way. Everyone in our class had their own reasons why they knew they mattered and were able to decorate their arms and hands anyway they wanted to express themselves. Every Child Matters here at Clifton!



## AERIE SPOTLIGHT

### Mrs. Lagadi & Mrs. Schultz RM. 10

The Nursery/Kindergarten program is guided by a play based learning approach. Students have the opportunity to explore and discover many different areas of the classroom in their learning journey. Each activity center in the classroom is intentionally set up by myself or Mrs. Schultz with specific learning objectives. One example of this can be seen in the picture below...

This is our Math/Numeracy activity center. Today, two students are playing with a Connect 4 game. There are many learning outcomes being addressed here. These are: developing of social/emotional skills such as sharing and taking turns; developing language skills and vocabulary as the two students are carrying on a conversation as they are playing; developing numeracy concepts such as counting objects, building patterns and problem solving; and developing fine motor skills such as finger dexterity and eye-hand coordination.

As you can see, play is the way!

Mrs. Lagadi & Mrs. Schultz



## FLIGHT INFORMATION

### Permission Click

This year we used an online tool called Permission Click which allows parents to have the ability to pay online for school supplies. We did receive some positive feedback, and hope that more of you will also use it in the future.

### School Messenger

#### What is SafeArrival?

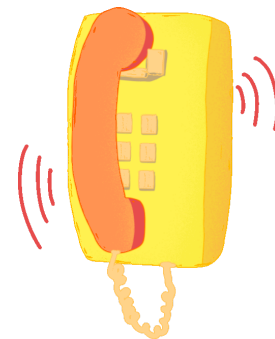
SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

#### SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
  2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>).
  3. Tap Sign Up to create your account.
  4. Select Attendance from the menu, and then select Report an Absence.
- Web and Mobile Web: [go.schoolmessenger.com](https://go.schoolmessenger.com)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click Sign Up to create your account.
4. Select Attendance from the menu, then select Report an Absence



#### Interactive Toll-free Phone: 1-855-278-4513

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence. Call complete when confirmation number given.

Absences can be reported in advance:

24 hours/day  
7 days a week  
For any school day in the school term  
Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence



## FLIGHT INFORMATION

### Covid-19 WSD and Provincial Guidelines

## COVID-19 Screening Questions



### Symptom and exposure screening questions (check all that apply)

A. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever > 38°C or subjective fever/ chills		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat/ hoarse voice		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of taste or smell		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours		
If "yes" to any one of the above, DO NOT ENTER			
B. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Runny nose		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscle aches		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skin rash of unknown cause		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or loss of appetite		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor feeding (if an infant)		
If "yes" to any two of the above, DO NOT ENTER *			
* If you have only one symptom in section B and it has been less than 24 hours since it started, stay home and avoid contact with others. Re-evaluate after 24 hours, and use the on-line COVID-19 Screening Tool. <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a> .			
Exposure history		Yes	No
1.	Have you, or a member of your household, been in close contact (within 2 metres / 6 feet for more than 10 minutes total over 24 hours) in the last 14 days with a confirmed COVID-19 case?		
2.	Have you been exposed to COVID-19 in a work or public setting?		
3.	Have you or a member of your household, traveled outside of Manitoba in the past 14 days and are required to self-isolate (quarantine) **		
4.	Is a member of your household sick with COVID-19 symptoms, and waiting for COVID-19 test results? ***		
5.	Are you, or a member of your household, waiting for COVID-19 testing results? ***		
If "yes" to any of the above, DO NOT ENTER. Take the online screening tool <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a>			

\*\* Exemptions from self-isolation (quarantine) orders include some essential workers and those that are fully immunized, if they have no symptoms.

\*\*\* Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are an essential worker required to wear medical grade PPE while at work, such as health care workers and first responders.

If the checklist advises you Not to Enter: stay home, isolate and refer to the **online COVID-19 Screening Tool** at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> or call Health Links – Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll free at 1-888-315-9257 for further guidance.

Up to date information on COVID-19 can be found at: [www.manitoba.ca/covid19/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/index.html)

## CLUTCH CORNER

### Parent Council

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that it is already October!

Clifton School Parent Council had our AGM on September 15th. Your Parent Council Executive for the 2021-2022 school year is:

**Donna-Lynn Walder and Colleen Creasy - Co-Chairs**

**Vanessa Bartlett - Secretary**

**Dana Holt - Treasurer**

We have planned some exciting fundraisers for this school year to go towards phase 2 of the play structure and to go towards the grade 6 farewell.

Our first fundraiser for the year is the Peak of the Market vegetables. Order forms and instructions will be sent home with your child on Friday, October 8. As with the previous Peak of the Market fundraiser, you have the option of picking up your package or buying it and donating it.

For those parents who have children in the lunch program, this year you will be issued 2 receipts electronically. One for September to December 2021 and one for January to June 2022. Please keep a record for yourself, as these will also be your Tax Receipts. More information on that will be sent out.

Once again we will be collecting tabs from canned drinks. Please send them with your child to be handed in to their classroom teacher.

Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to attend our monthly Parent Council meetings. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 at 5:00 pm. We will let you know if it is allowed to be in person or if we will do it virtually.

Parent Council can be emailed with questions or concerns at [pac.cliftonschool@gmail.com](mailto:pac.cliftonschool@gmail.com)

### Lunch Program

The Clifton School Lunch Program (1281546-0 Canada Association Inc.) is responsible for those students who wish to stay for lunch (12:00-12:30) as well as outdoor time (12:30-1:00). If you would like your child to participate in our supervised outdoor play time (12:30-1:00), it is a fee of \$10/month as this is provided directly by the Parent Council and not the school.

Best Regards,



Clifton School Lunch Program





# October



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Day 1 <b>PICTURE DAY</b> 
4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6
			<b>Terry Fox Run</b> 	<b>PAC Fundraiser Peak of the Market</b> 
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4
<b>Thanksgiving Day - No School</b> 				
18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3
				<b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</b>
25 Day 4	26 Day 5	28 Day 1	29 Day 4	29 Day 2
		<b>PAC MEETING 5:00 PM</b>		