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Cloverley e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of September 28 to October 2, 2026

Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1	Friday 2
School Based Pro-D Students not in session	Orange Shirt Day Band 8:00 a.m. Room 221 Cross-Country Practice 3:00-3:30 (gr. 4/5)	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation School is closed	Band 8:00 a.m. Room 221 Cross-Country Practice 3:00-3:30 (gr. 4/5)* (may be cancelled due to staff meeting)	

Upcoming Dates

- Monday September 28 – Cloverley Pro-D – **Students not in session**
- Tuesday September 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – **School is closed**
- Monday October 5 – World Teachers' Day
- Thursday October 8 – Cross-Country Meet: 3:30 p.m. – Loutet Park
- Friday October 9 – Terry Fox Run – Two Toonies for Terry
- Monday October 12 – Thanksgiving – **Students not in session**
- Thursday October 15 – Cross-Country Meet: 3:30 p.m. – Loutet Park
- Monday October 19 – Student – Teacher – Family Conferences – **Early Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.**
- Tuesday October 20 – Student – Teacher – Family Conferences – **Early Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.**
- Tuesday October 20 – Cross-Country Meet (Grade 4 Only): 3:45 p.m. – Loutet Park
- Wednesday October 21 – Student – Teacher – Family Conferences – **Early Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.**
- Wednesday October 21 – Cross-Country Meet (Grade 5 Only): 3:45 p.m. – Loutet Park
- Friday October 23 – NVT – Pro-D - **Students not in session**
- Wednesday October 28 – Photo Retake Day
- Wednesday October 28 – Staff Collaboration - **Early Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.**

Cloverley News

It was another great week at Cloverley! Thank you to all of our families who joined us for our first Open House and Meet the Teacher evening. It was great to have so many families in the building, visiting classrooms, meeting staff and getting a better sense of what the school day looks like for their children.

Thank you as well to everyone who attended the Cloverley PAC AGM. We had a really strong turnout, and it was great to see so many families interested in getting involved and helping support our new school community.

We are starting to get into our routines at Cloverley, but next week will be a little different. Monday is a Professional Development Day and students are not in session. Tuesday is Orange Shirt Day, and Wednesday is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, with schools closed.

Our Sport Court is also starting to take shape and the fencing is almost complete. We know there is still work happening around the school, and we really appreciate the patience of our students and families as work continues to get Cloverley completed.

Orange Shirt Day / National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On Tuesday, we invite all students and staff to wear orange as we recognize Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to learn about the experiences of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and placed in residential schools, and to remember that every child matters.

We will also be holding a school assembly on Tuesday to help our students learn more about the meaning of Orange Shirt Day and the importance of truth, understanding and reconciliation.

Wednesday is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and schools will be closed. This day honours the children who never returned home, the Survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. It is also a time for all of us to continue learning about this part of Canada's history and our shared responsibility moving forward.

Professional Development Day – Monday, September 28

A reminder to families that Monday, September 28 is a Professional Development Day and students are not in session. Cloverley staff will be at school for the day and will be focusing on professional learning in literacy. Please make alternate arrangements for Monday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.

Staff Parking Lot Reminder – No Drop-Off or Pick-Up / Walk Bikes on School Grounds

A reminder to families that the staff parking lot is reserved for staff only. The lot is extremely busy during arrival and dismissal, and we currently do not have enough parking spaces for all of our staff. Please do not use the staff parking lot for student drop-off, pick-up or parking at any time.

We really appreciate the large number of students and families who are biking to school. We ask that once you arrive on school property, bikes are walked rather than ridden. We recognize this is a bit of an inconvenience, but student and family safety is our priority. On Friday, we had a close call with a vehicle backing out of the parking lot while a cyclist was riding through the area.

Thank you for helping us keep the school grounds and parking lot as safe as possible for everyone.

Bear Safety Reminder

As we move into the fall, we are entering a very active time of year for bears on the North Shore. The North Shore Black Bear Society has shared some helpful information for families about staying safe when walking to and from school and what to do if you encounter a bear. Please take a few minutes to review the information at the end of this newsletter with your child. NSBBS Letter to Schools

Band and Cross-Country Updates

Band will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m., and Cross-Country practices will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00–3:30 p.m. These regular practices will no longer be listed in the calendar after this week.

All Cross-Country meets will take place at Loutet Park. Families are responsible for getting their child to the meet and for picking them up following their race. More information about race times and upcoming meets will be shared with participating families.

Cloverley Athletics Fee

There is a \$5 athletic fee for students participating in Cross-Country. Payment information will be coming through SchoolCash Online. This fee is new this year and will help offset some of the costs of athletics across all of our school sports, including Cross-Country for Grades 4–7, Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7, Basketball for Grade 7, Floorball for Grade 5, and Track and Field for Grades 4–7.

Athletic costs can include additional equipment, park and facility rentals, referee fees, and staff planning time when events need to be set up before the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support as we continue to build our athletics program at Cloverley. We are excited to provide students with opportunities to get involved, be active and represent our school.

From the Office

A quick reminder to families that if your child is going to be absent, late or picked up early, please let the office know by email, phone or through the SchoolMessenger app. This helps us make sure our attendance is accurate and up to date.

If you have not already done so, please also return your Student Information Verification and Emergency Release Forms to the office. We appreciate your help in keeping our student information current.

Weather and Lost & Found

We have been very lucky with some beautiful weather this September, but we are starting to see some wetter days. It is great to see so many students coming prepared for the weather. Please continue to send your child with clothing that works for the conditions, as we will still be spending lots of time outside.

Our Lost and Found is also starting to grow and is located near the front entrance of the school. If your child is missing something, please stop by and take a look. Please also remember to label jackets, sweaters and other clothing with your child's name. It makes it much easier for us to get lost items back to the right student.

From the CNV

Thank you to our school community!

We have noticed how many students and families are choosing to walk, bike, roll, and take transit to school! Your efforts are helping create a safer and healthier school zone, and ensuring students are ready to learn when their school day starts.

We have also noticed plenty of families embracing “Drive to 5 or 10” – parking a little further from the school and walking the rest of the way. Thank you for limiting congestion at the school entrances and getting a few steps in before school starts.

Thank you to everyone for doing their part to make our school zone safer and support healthy habits for the school year. Keep it up!

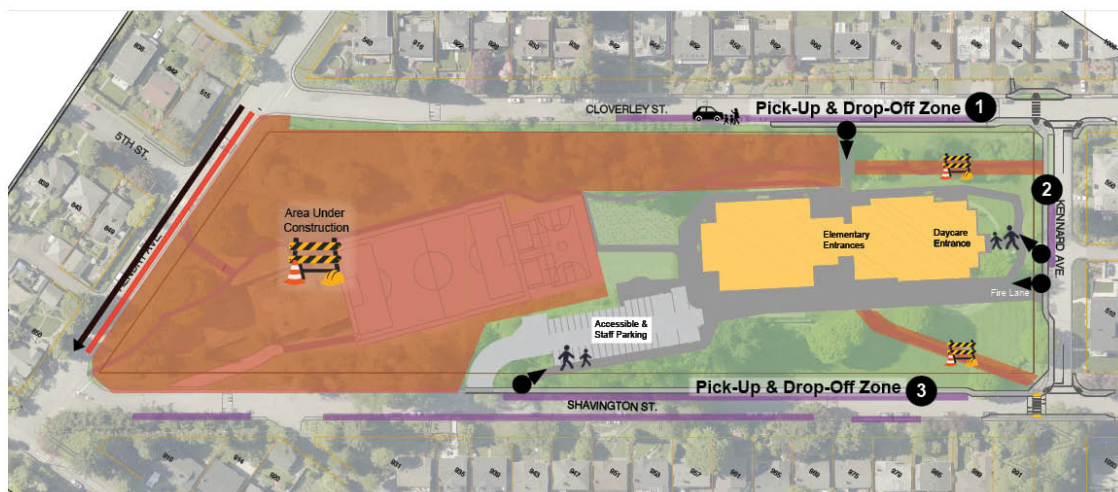


Construction Updates: One-way travel on Hendry Avenue begins

Construction continues on Hendry Avenue over the coming weeks to improve the safety and accessibility of crosswalks, add lighting and upgrade the sidewalk. During construction, vehicle traffic will be limited to one-way southbound travel, and parking will be temporarily restricted.

Please be sure to plan your route to school accordingly. For more information on the planned work please check out the [map](#) of planned improvements within the Cloverley School zone.

Cloverley Elementary School Pick-up & Drop-Off Zones



Queensbury Avenue Crossing Improvements

In addition to the sidewalk and intersection upgrades around the school, other improvements are planned within the school's catchment area to make walking and rolling to school safer and more comfortable. Along Queensbury Avenue two intersections at 4th and 7th Streets will be upgraded with pedestrian flashing beacons, new crosswalk markings, curb extensions and lighting to make these arterial crossings safer. Construction started last week at 7th Street and will begin on 4th Street in the coming weeks. During construction traffic control people will be on site to help families navigate through the area.

Temporary crossing support at Queensbury Avenue and 4th Street will continue from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. to help families safely navigate the area while upgrades are underway. Thank you for your patience.

Reminders

Playground

Our new playground has quickly become a very popular space for students and families. To help keep it safe and in great condition, we ask that students do not ride bikes or scooters on the playground surface or around the play equipment. Please walk bikes and scooters through the playground area so everyone can continue to enjoy this wonderful new space.

Late Arrival and Early Pick-Up

If your child arrives late to school, please bring them to the school office rather than directly to their classroom. A staff member will help get them settled and walk them to class. For early pick-up, please also come to the office and we will arrange for your child to meet you there.

Have a great week!

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Danielle Herschmiller
Vice-Principal



September 2026.

With school back in session, and daylight hours becoming shorter, the North Shore Black Bear Society would like to share some bear safety and awareness information with families.

We have had a very busy year for bear activity all over the North Shore. We are now entering the bears' most active season, where they are looking for as much food as they can possibly eat to prepare for winter (up to 20,000 calories per day!). This means they can be active up to 20 hours per day.

Black bears are calm animals whose instinct when they feel threatened is to retreat and climb a tree for safety. They do not want to come close to us.

When families and children are walking to and from school, it's important to use your voices and stay together as a group. Talking out loud, singing or calling out lets any bears (or other wildlife) know that humans are present. They recognize our voices and use that information to avoid us, or to ignore us, and so we prevent surprise encounters this way.

If you do meet a bear, we recommend that you:

- Stop.
- Gather together as a group.
- Speak to the bear in a calm voice (do not shout or scream).
- Slowly back away (do not run).

The bear will either slowly and calmly move away, or will ignore you (which might mean changing your route). Please share this information with your children.

It is very important to never leave any food unattended outdoors. Backpacks or bags that contain snacks must be kept with a person at all times. Bring food wrappers or scraps inside to be disposed of, rather than using outdoor garbage containers, as the bears can be attracted to them.

Please check our website for more information about coexisting with these beautiful animals. www.northshorebears.com

The North Shore Black Bear Society is available to bring our bear information to schools through interactive presentations. Depending on the needs of the school, we can present to individual classrooms or we can do group presentations in the gym or multi purpose area. For the latter, we ask that primary grades be separated from intermediate.

Our presentations cover basic bear-ology, seasonal milestones, bear behaviour, how to prevent and respond to bear encounters, and our responsibilities towards bears, such as ensuring they cannot access our food sources. Our PowerPoint presentations are tailored towards various age groups. For smaller, younger groups we prefer a circle time type format with artifacts and large format photographs.

We also offer programming for high school students and for school staff. This can be especially effective for outdoor education classes, with more emphasis on bear safety when hiking and camping.

As we are a non-profit society, we very much appreciate donations for our work, *if it is within budget*. Our suggested donation starts at \$50.

Please contact us to inquire or to book a presentation at www.northshorebears.com/workshops

*Cougars,
Coyotes
& Bears.
Oh Yeah!*