

## Building community: Cloverley family ice cream social



Thank you to the many families who joined us for the Ice Cream social at Ray Perrault Park held Tuesday, June 23. We loved seeing everyone show up and enjoy time together, meeting new friends and getting to know school staff.



## Walking School Bus program

NVSD has partnered with the Society for Youth and Children of BC to offer a Walking School Bus (WSB) program.

Much like a traditional yellow school bus, a WSB is a group of students who travel to and from school each day along a designated route, stopping along the way to pick up more students. The bus is staffed by trained adult Walk Leaders, who walk with the group daily.

Walking School Bus will be launched at Cloverley Elementary in September 2026 with first-year support from NVSD while the new school community and PAC are still forming. The program will be delivered by the Society for Children and Youth of BC.

To help support the program in the first year and beyond, participating families will be asked to contribute a small fee. The current fee is \$1.10 per day per student, with a family maximum of approximately \$300 per year. Registration and payment details will be shared once finalized. The longer-term goal is to work with the Cloverley PAC to transition toward a more community-supported model in future years, similar to Walking School Bus programs at other schools. This approach is intended to help keep the program sustainable beyond the funding provided by a one year grant from the City of North Vancouver and Translink BC.

For families interested in this service, please note that space is limited and the route will be determined by the addresses of interested families. The questions you will be asked in the survey linked below will aid in the design of the 2026-2027 WSB route at Cloverley Elementary, specifically the number of interested families and where those students live geographically. If you are not interested in having your child participate in the WSB program, we would still greatly appreciate you completing the survey!

### Walking School Bus Baseline Survey - Cloverley Elementary 2026-2027



## Our colleagues at the City of North Vancouver have shared the following information for families:

Walking, cycling, and public transit are encouraged over driving to and from school. Some benefits of choosing active transport options include improving health and wellbeing, strengthening community connection, reducing congestion around the school, and increasing confidence around independent travel.

### Stepping out safely: Tips for walkers



Together, the City of North Vancouver and North Vancouver School District are working to make walking to and from school easier, safer and more accessible for Cloverley Elementary families within the Cloverley catchment area.

Every student's journey to and from school involves walking on a sidewalk and often times, crossing a street. Wider sidewalks on Shavington St, Hendry Ave, Kennard Ave and portions of Cloverley St, where grade permits, will improve accessibility and comfort for users, and new pick-up and drop-off signage will align with accessible paths, stairs and entrances to the school and daycare.

Along Queensbury Ave at E 4th St and E 7th St, new crosswalk markings, curb extensions, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), and improved lighting will also be added to make these arterial crossings safer for students walking and rolling to and from school.

The [City of North Vancouver's Best Route to School Map](#) details walking distances to the school site ranging from 30 minutes to 5 minutes away, as well as highlighting streets with sidewalks and other suggested pedestrian routes running close to the school site, such as the Green Necklace and Spirit Trail.

Sutherland Ave, between E 4th Street and E Keith Rd, is one of the last remaining areas within the school catchment area with no sidewalks on either side of the street. Work is ongoing to construct a sidewalk on one side of Sutherland Ave, with more information to be shared as the design is developed.

To learn more about planned improvements in the school zone to support independent walking and rolling to Cloverley, see the [map of planned improvements within the Cloverley zone](#) or visit the [City's Cloverley Elementary Transportation Improvements webpage](#).

Cloverley Elementary will also benefit from a Walking School Bus initiative, supported by grants from the City of North Vancouver and Translink BC. More information on this initiative is available on page one of this newsletter.

### Jump on your bike: Tips for rollers

Before every ride to and from school, support students to develop a habit of ensuring their bike is safe to ride by checking tire pressure, brakes, bike bells, chains and cables. Make sure students are also wearing a helmet correctly and have their bike lock with them. A bicycle should be locked anytime you leave it alone outside and out of sight. To lock your bike, lock the frame to a bike rack using a strong lock (such as a U-lock).

Visit [HUB Cycling](#) for tips to get ready to ride and visit the [City of North Vancouver's Cycling Safety Tips](#) page. The City's [Best Routes to School Map](#) includes details of the City's mobility network, highlighting bike paths close to Cloverley Elementary.

### Did you know?

It is illegal for elementary school students to ride e-scooters.

Learn more about e-scooter safety by visiting the [CNV website](#).





## Hop on board: Tips for taking transit

Public transit is one of the most affordable, low emission, and efficient options for the daily commute to Cloverley Elementary. Children 12 years and younger ride free on public transport, making taking the bus a no-cost option for many families to access school. Riding the bus to school also contributes to a healthier and greener school zone and community. The closest bus stops to Cloverley Elementary are an approximately five minute walk from bus stop to school

- On E Keith Rd at Cloverley St (route 232 or 255)
- 10-15 min walk from bus stop to school
- On Queensbury Ave at E 4th / 5th St (route 228)

Stop locations and their walking distance to the school site are available on the [Best Routes to School Map](#). For more information on bus travel including bus schedules, bus stop numbers and route details, visit [translink.ca](https://translink.ca).

Benefits of choosing active transport options include improving health and wellbeing, strengthening community connection, reducing congestion around the school, and increasing confidence around independent travel.



## Vehicle safety around schools

As routines are established and traffic patterns shift in the early weeks of school:

- Please follow all posted signage and traffic flow patterns in school zones.
- Use designated drop-off and pick-up areas and avoid stopping in no-stopping zones.
- Expect increased congestion and allow extra time for travel.
- Consider arranging pick-up or drop-off a short distance from the school to help reduce congestion (see Drive to Five details above).

## Practice before the first day of school

Practicing your new route to school before the first day helps students and families feel confident, prepared, and safe. Whether walking, cycling, or taking public transit, a trial run allows students to learn the route, estimate travel time, identify comfortable crossings and stops, and become familiar with traffic patterns. It also helps reduce first-day stress and encourages healthy, independent, and sustainable transportation habits from the start of the school year.

## Drive to Five and carpooling

If you need to drive to school occasionally, Drive to Five is recommended. This means parking five minutes away from the school and either walking together, or encouraging students to walk independently for the rest of the journey.

Drive to Five reduces vehicle traffic in the school zone and allows students to get their energy out and arrive to school ready to learn.

When Drive to Five is not possible, please refer to the [City of North Vancouver's Cloverley Parking Map](#) to understand the best areas for school pick up and drop off.

Organizing carpooling with other families travelling to and from Cloverley is also encouraged as a way to reduce traffic congestion around the school site and impact on the environment.



## Helmet safety

Helmets protect you during sports and activities, like biking to and from school, where falls or impacts can happen. Helmets are recommended for people of all ages and skill levels. Children are more likely to wear helmets when they see adults wearing helmets. More information about choosing the right helmet and understanding impact protection is available through the [Government of Canada's helmet safety program](#).

## North Shore Neighbourhood House (NSNH) update

### Our colleagues at NSNH have shared the following information for families:

North Shore Neighbourhood House (NSNH) is excited to open new licensed childcare programming at Cloverley Elementary beginning September 2026.

Since 1939, NSNH has been a trusted non-profit organization serving children and families across the North Shore. With eight licensed before and after school care programs and five early learning and childcare centres, we are committed to providing high-quality, inclusive, and nurturing care that supports the well-being and development of every child.

We are grateful for the patience and enthusiasm shown by the Cloverley community and are thrilled to become part of this new school.

Childcare at Cloverley will include:

- School aged, before- and after-school; and,
- Under five years old.

School aged (priority no. 1) will be operational September 8, 2026. There will be a phased increase of placements to meet the total licensed capacity.

Parents are now being contacted regarding child(ren)'s placement(s). Under five years old programming will open once our school aged program is operating.

We continue to work closely with the NVSD, project partners, and Vancouver Coastal Health to complete all required licensing and regulatory approvals to ensure safe and high-quality programming. As these milestones are reached, families on the waitlist will be contacted with additional information regarding registration and next steps.

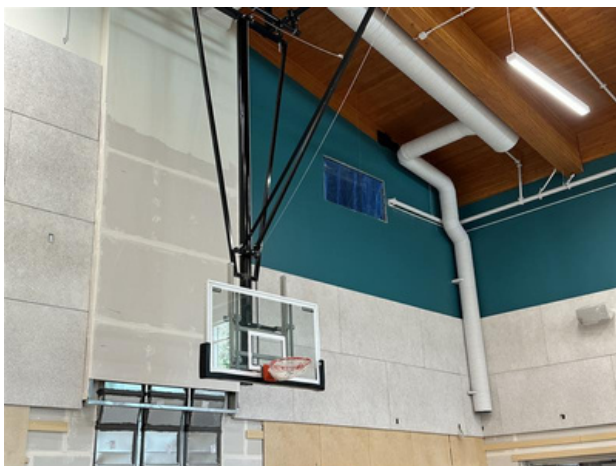
Families interested in the program are encouraged to join the waitlist and learn more by visiting [www.nsnh.bc.ca](http://www.nsnh.bc.ca). Please note that NSNH's Cloverley site is not eligible for \$10/day childcare.

We look forward to welcoming Cloverley families this fall and becoming an active part of the school community.



## Construction update

Construction continues to be on schedule; basketball hoops are now hanging in the gymnasium, solar panels are lining the roof, and lighting has been installed!



Basketball hoops are ready for play!

In other exciting news, Landscape Structures, our playground manufacturer, shared [a video](#) showing how our playground equipment is travelling to the new school!



Interior finishing touches are underway.



## Print this page!

It has been so much fun seeing the beautiful art submissions and reading stories written by incoming Cloverley students. Print this page to colour the picture and/or write your story.



Story Prompt: It is the first day of school and you've just arrived at Cloverley Elementary. What did you see on your travels to school? Who are you meeting at the front door? What do you think you will do on your first day? Use this page to begin your story!

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