

Teaching and learning update: One week until we welcome students!

As we approach the opening of Cloverley Elementary, I am excited to share an update on our readiness for teaching and learning.

I am pleased to report that the hiring of all teaching and support staff is nearly complete. Our dedicated team is looking forward to welcoming students and families and creating a positive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment from the very first day of school.

The physical learning spaces are rapidly coming together. Student desks, chairs, and other classroom furnishings have been delivered and are being assembled, helping transform our beautiful new building into a vibrant learning environment. In addition, learning resources have been purchased and transported to the school so they are available to teachers as they set up their classrooms and begin planning meaningful learning experiences for students.

One space we are particularly excited about is the gymnasium, which rivals secondary schools in terms of aesthetics, space and quality of the playing surface.

We're also excited about the Library Learning Commons, which is coming together, and we are getting closer to realizing our vision of shelves filled with brand-new books. We look forward to this space becoming a hub for curiosity, collaboration, innovation, and a love of reading. Additionally, student technology needs will be facilitated by iPad carts and laptop carts that can be signed out by teachers to enhance instruction, support student creativity, and expand learning opportunities across all grade levels.

We recognize that transitions can bring both excitement and questions for students and families. My team and I have done our best to address questions and additional support needs from families, beginning through the articulation process that began last spring. If there are any critical issues or emergent circumstances that need attention, please reach out to me directly. We are committed to working together to ensure every student has a positive and successful start at Cloverley Elementary.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We recognize that this is a significant transition for your family and we look forward to welcoming all students to Cloverley very soon.

Tim MacLeod
Principal, Cloverley Elementary School

Opportunity for parent-facilitated dialogue



We value the home-school partnership, and families can support their child(ren)'s transition through parent-facilitated dialogue leading up to the first day of school.

- What is important to YOU at school?
- How should we treat each other at Cloverley?
- What actions can you take to support your learning?
- What makes a school a place where everyone feels like they belong?
- If you could make Cloverley the BEST school ever, what would you want it to be like?

School supplies

Students' school supplies are ordered in bulk through consultation with teachers to ensure we purchase supplies that match grade-appropriate learning needs. We do this to reduce pressure on families, reduce costs, and ensure that the supplies are in alignment with the instructional plans of the teachers. We encourage families not to bring their own school supplies to school.

Each Grade 1-5 student will receive a planner for the school year to support executive functioning and communication

between home and school. You will receive an email from the school regarding payment for school supplies. Payments can be made using School Cash Online starting Saturday, August 29, for Grade 1-5 students. Families will receive information directly from Cloverley's Administrative Assistant. The cost of school supplies is \$79, and the cost of the student planner is \$8.

Kindergarten school supplies, totaling \$55, will be available on School Cash Online in September during the first week of school. Details will be provided directly to all Kindergarten families shortly.

Construction update

August 28,
2026

With just one week remaining before students arrive, we are excited to share that Cloverley Elementary is nearing the finish line and looking beautiful.

The project team is currently completing the final inspections required for occupancy. Inside the building, construction is complete and the transformation has been remarkable. The bright, modern learning spaces, welcoming common areas, and thoughtfully designed classrooms have come together to create an inspiring environment for students and staff. As families enter the school for the first time, they will see a building that reflects our commitment to providing exceptional spaces for learning, collaboration, and belonging. A comprehensive "white glove" cleaning is now underway, ensuring every space is prepared for opening day. At the same time, furnishings continue to arrive and are being assembled and installed throughout the school. With each passing day, the building feels more like a vibrant school and less like a construction project.

While the interior of the building is complete and ready for occupancy, there are some non-essential deficiencies that remain to be addressed. These are typical on projects of this size and do not affect the safe operation of the school. Contractors will continue to complete this work over the coming weeks, with repairs and adjustments scheduled outside of the instructional day to avoid disruptions to student learning.

When school begins on September 8, families will notice that some construction activity remains underway on portions of the exterior grounds. While the school building itself is complete and ready to welcome students, work on the surrounding site will continue into the fall.

This remaining work includes sidewalks, landscaping, the planting of trees and shrubs, and earthworks in designated areas around the school. The earthworks areas are highlighted in red in the diagrams on the following pages.

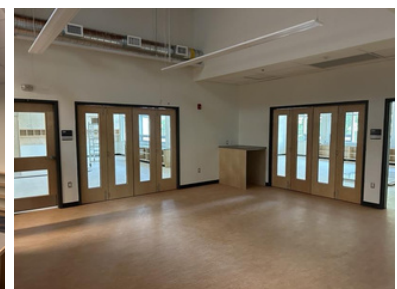
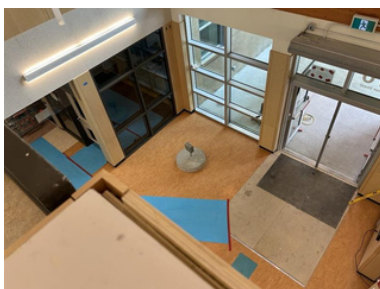
To ensure the safety of students, staff, and families, construction fencing will remain in place to clearly separate the active construction zones from school operations. These fenced areas have been carefully planned to maintain a safe and secure learning environment while allowing contractors to complete the final stages of site development.

Throughout the month of September, construction activities will progressively move westward toward Hendry Ave. We are particularly excited about the anticipated completion of the sports court area, followed closely by the all-weather field. Additional pedestrian pathways will also be completed, including connections from the corners of Cloverley St and Kennard Ave and Shavington St and Kennard Ave, increasing access to the school grounds and improving arrival and departure routes for students and families. These outdoor amenities and access improvements will further enhance opportunities for recreation, physical activity, and community connection.

In October, construction will continue moving westward as crews complete the Hendry Ave stair system and the connecting pathway to the school grounds. These improvements will enhance access to the school and strengthen connections between the school and the surrounding neighbourhood.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as this work is completed. While some areas of the site will continue to evolve over the coming months, we are confident that students and staff will enjoy a safe, welcoming, and beautiful learning environment from the first day of school. We look forward to sharing updates as these exciting final phases of the project are completed.

Michael Chapman
Director, Facilities and Planning
North Vancouver School District



Safe and active travel to school

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.

Walk, roll, and limit vehicle use when possible

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

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.



Walking School Bus (WSB) 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.

Recommended walking routes to school - Week of September 8, 2026

While construction is wrapping up around the school site, please use the map below to understand what the school grounds will look like during the first week of school and how your family can best plan to arrive at and depart from the school. Check out the principal's Sunday newsletter for regular updates as construction wraps up.



These improvements are intended to both support school access and improve general pedestrian access throughout the area.

Please use the map to understand what the school grounds will look like during the first week of school and how your family can best plan to arrive at and depart from the school.



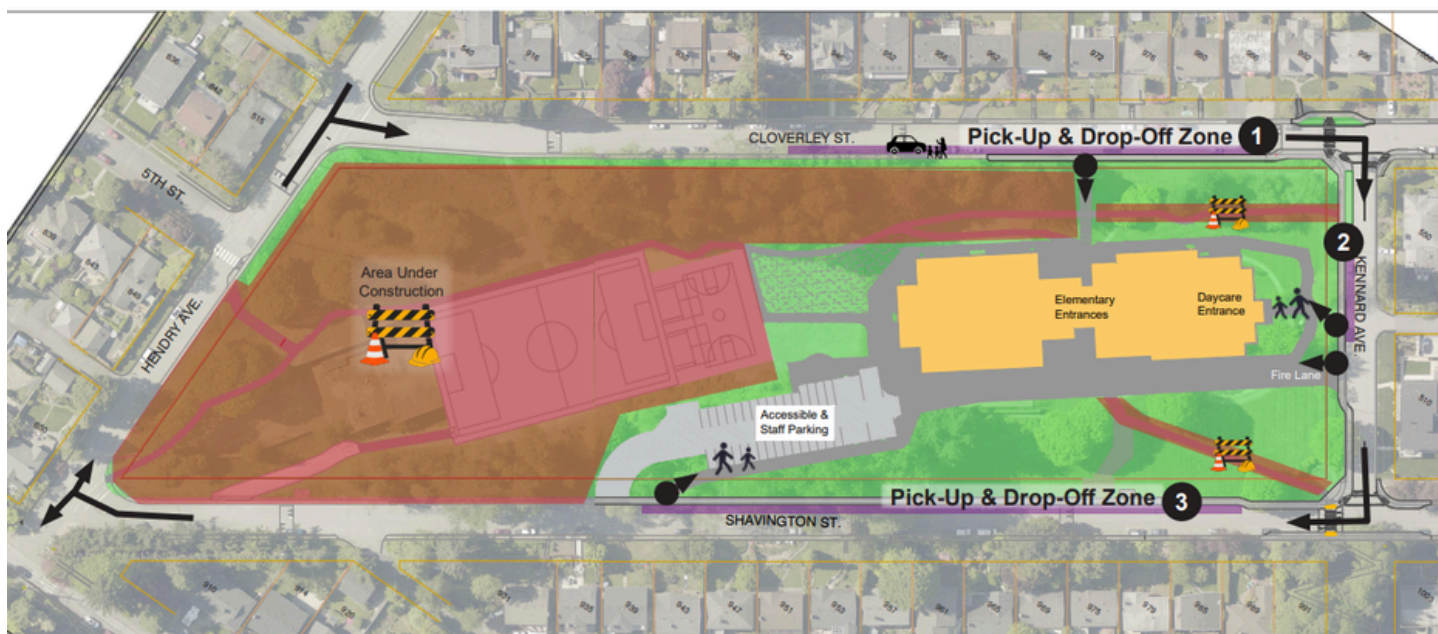
If you are choosing to drive to school for drop-off and pick-up, you can help make this process smoother by:

Vehicle drop-off and pick-up zones

As work wraps-up around the school over coming weeks, curb space along Kennard Avenue and the eastern end of Cloverley St and Shavington St will be in high demand.

As a reminder, several pick-up and drop-off zones are available on the school side of the streets surrounding Cloverley St.

- Driving in a clockwise pattern around the school. This helps children to safely enter or exit from the passenger side of the vehicle directly on or off school grounds.
- Making use of the curbside space on the western ends of Cloverley St. and Shavington St. to pull up. This keeps direct access space free for families with accessibility needs and families accessing the childcare space with strollers or carriers.



Driving to Cloverley Elementary School? Please use the drop-off and pick-up zones by driving clockwise around the school so children can safely enter and exit the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk.

Practicing your route to 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.

Practice Walk and Roll event

We're looking forward to welcoming students and families to the Walk and Roll event on Thursday, September 3. Limited participant spots remain - please contact engagement@sd44.ca if you have questions or would like to RSVP for this event.



As we prepare to welcome students to the new Cloverley Elementary School, families are encouraged to make a plan for getting to and from school safely, providing the school with the necessary medical information, and having a back-up plan for those occasions when schedules change or the unexpected happens.

Emergency contacts

As part of school start-up, families are asked to provide several emergency contacts. Emergency contacts are trusted adults, other than a parent or guardian, who are authorized to pick up a child from school if needed.

These contacts may be called if a parent or guardian cannot be reached, if a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, or if an unexpected situation requires a child to be picked up from school. Emergency contacts should be people who are familiar with your child, can be reached during the school day, and are able to arrive at the school in a reasonable amount of time when requested.

Keeping emergency contact information up to date helps ensure we can support students quickly and safely whenever the need arises. If your emergency contacts change during the school year, please notify the school office so that your child's records can be updated.

Student Verification Information Form

Early next week, each family will receive a letter by mail containing a copy of their child(ren)'s current Student Verification Information Form.

Please review the information carefully and make any necessary updates directly on the form. If the information is correct, simply sign the form to confirm its accuracy.

For new students and Kindergarten students, we may not yet have complete information in our student information system. Families are asked to complete the form fully so that we have the information needed to support their child throughout the school year.

Please return the completed form to the school office or your child's teacher during the first week of school. If you have any questions, please contact us at cloverley@sd44.ca.

Create a safe pick-up plan

Many Cloverley students, particularly those in Kindergarten and the primary grades, are picked up by an adult at the end of the school day. For students who require adult pick-up, school staff must ensure they are released only to a parent, guardian, or another authorized adult.

If you are unable to pick up your child, the "emergency contacts" referred to above let the school know which trusted adults are authorized to pick up your child. Providing this information in advance helps ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process when someone other than a parent or guardian is collecting your child.

Planning for Traffic and Pick-Up

The Cloverley neighbourhood can experience periods of traffic congestion, particularly during afternoon dismissal. On busier days, travel times to the school may be longer than expected. We encourage families to plan ahead for days when traffic or unforeseen circumstances may delay arrival. Having current emergency contact information on file and identifying trusted adults who can assist with pick-up, if needed, can help avoid unnecessary stress for students and families.

Families may also wish to allow extra time for afternoon pick-up and consider parking a few blocks from the school and walking the remainder of the way. This can help reduce congestion immediately around the school and contribute to a safer environment for all students.

A little planning goes a long way toward making arrival and dismissal safe, smooth, and manageable for everyone in our school community.

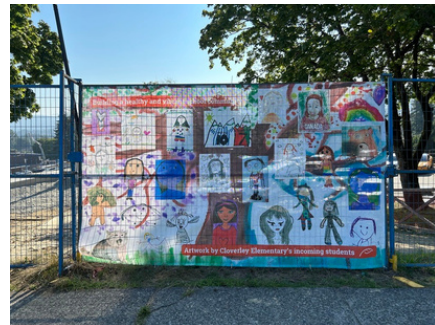


Building community: Cloverley Community Mural



Have you walked past the new school grounds this summer? There's been a lot happening – concrete trucks rumbling in and out, electricians installing lighting, and construction crews hard at work getting the new school ready for the first day of the 2026-27 school year.

One of our favourite additions this summer is the community mural now installed along the construction fencing. Many talented student artists contributed self-portraits and other artwork to brighten up the neighbourhood.



Summer 2026 photo slideshow

Students are invited to send ONE photo of their 'Summer 2026' highlight to Vice Principal Herschmiller by email (dherschmiller@sd44.ca) for inclusion in the Welcome Assembly slideshow! Please note that no names/grades will be shared. Staff are invited to participate too!



Spending some time with the family at the cabin before the start of an exciting new school year.

-Principal MacLeod



This was during my stop in Sooke along a 16-day camping trip on Vancouver Island.

-Vice Principal Herschmiller