



**SCHOOL:** Cilaire Elementary

**YEAR:** 2024-25

**PRINCIPAL:** Lisa Frey



## OUR SCHOOL

Cilaire is a vibrant and nurturing learning community for students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. With a total of 184 students, we are a school where every child is known, valued and supported in their academic and personal growth. Our school is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of Snuneymuxw people. We have access to amazing natural learning spaces such as Departure Bay, Beach Acres Park, and an on-site small forest. Our families come from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds and our community has some ethnic diversity. We celebrate and honour different cultures. Our dedicated staff take great care in planning engaging, purposeful learning opportunities that focus on developing the core competencies of communication, thinking and personal and social skills. Our school is more than just a place to learn - it's a community. We have a strong and active parent group that plays a vital role in supporting the school and enhancing student experiences.

At Cilaire, we pride ourselves on providing access to natural learning spaces that are thoughtfully integrated into our curriculum. These spaces are actively utilized by staff to foster curiosity and hands-on exploration. Students are encouraged to learn through inquiry, whether working individually or collaborating in group settings. Both in class and outside of class time, students are given a range of opportunities to explore their interests through sports, art and music opportunities. This approach nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and a love for learning.

We are deeply committed to knowing our students as individuals. Our staff take the time to understand each learner's strengths, challenges, and goals. Through open communication with students and their families, we ensure that everyone is aware of current progress and next steps in the learning journey.

At Cilaire, we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to grow, succeed and thrive in a supportive and dynamic environment.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

### Student Success

Increase numeracy success rate for all students

Year 1: Developing number sense and increasing growth mindset in math—subitising and decomposing numbers using stories and consistent instruction—and mathematizing First Nations stories to engage students in mathematical thinking.

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## OUR CELEBRATION STORY

Celebrating Our School Community: A Story of Growth, Connection, and Achievement

At Cilaire, our staff work together to create a positive, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment where all students can thrive. We take pride in the collaborative spirit of our school community and in the ways we support each other—students, staff, and families alike.

Highlights of Our School:

**A Positive Learning Community:** We foster an environment where respect, responsibility, and safety are at the forefront of everything we do. Our students are encouraged to embrace their roles as learners, and we support them in setting and achieving personal goals.  
**Collaboration and Teamwork:** Our staff work closely together, sharing expertise and ideas, to ensure we meet the individual needs of each student.

**Engaging and Challenging Programming:** We offer a variety of programs—sports, clubs, outdoor education, music opportunities—that are both motivating and engaging for students, helping them develop new skills and passions.

**Building Relationships:** At Cilaire, we place a strong emphasis on connecting with each other. We celebrate our collective strengths and create meaningful relationships with students, staff, and the wider community.

**Supporting Holistic Development:** We believe in the importance of supporting the full development of each child. From music and extracurricular opportunities to academic support, we aim to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of every student.

**Active Parent Community:** Our parents are an essential part of our school, participating actively in school events, supporting students at home, and helping us strengthen the connections between school and home.

One of the most exciting traditions at Cilaire is our Cyclone Celebrations, held at the end of each month, where we come together as a whole school to recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments and positive qualities. These celebrations are just one of the many ways we highlight the strengths and achievements of our students.

Sports are a big part of student life, and our bantam students are particularly active, participating in a variety of school sports. Additionally, our outdoor education program offers students the chance to explore their local environment, from the immediate school grounds to excursions like the visit to a nearby farm to learn about local ecosystems and food systems.

We also come together for events like the Winter Concert, Spring Showcase, March Music Madness, and Spirit Days. These fun activities, along with our Buddy Activities, Movie Night, and the Entrepreneur Fair, build a sense of community and excitement throughout the year.

Our Culture Club for intermediate students offers a space to explore and celebrate our local Coast Salish Indigenous culture through crafts and activities. This club provides an opportunity for students to connect with the cultural heritage of the area in a meaningful way.

In support of students' emotional and social growth, we focus on strategies for emotional regulation and the development of a growth mindset. School-wide language such as Zones of Regulation and the Successful Learner Traits helps students understand their own learning processes and develop self-awareness, resilience, and perseverance. For students who need additional support, we offer safe spaces to provide comfort and assistance during challenging times.

At Cilaire, we are more than just a school; we are a community committed to helping each child grow, both as a learner and as an individual, while fostering a deep sense of belonging and pride.