#### Cloverdale Traditional School

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January 2015

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

January 12<sup>th</sup> Spellathon lists go home

January 20<sup>th</sup> Spellathon test day

January 21\* Hat Trick for Literacy with the

Royals Hockey Team 12:00 - 2pm

January 22<sup>nd</sup> District Kindergarten Parent Night

SJ Willis 6:30pm - 8pm

January 23<sup>rd</sup> Pro D day - No School

January 28<sup>th</sup> Basketball Jamboree for Grade 5's

January 30<sup>th</sup> Spellathon envelopes due January 30<sup>th</sup> Hat Trick reports due February 3<sup>rd</sup> PAC Meeting 6:30pm

# Principal's Message

Happy 2015! So great to have you all back once again refreshed and ready for 2015! First let's reflect on the final week of school in December and thank Mrs. Karen Grigolato for directing our Christmas concert play and for her hours of commitment and energy given to our students. Students were really showcased well with a humorous storyline between classes. Thank you Mrs. Fiona Thomson for your lead as our musical director and choreographer in this undertaking. Thank you parents for supporting your child with their lyrics and costumes. We would like to also recognize the charity donations from our school community to the Mustard Seed Food bank of approximately 25 bags of groceries and \$468.40 towards school supplies, books and soccer balls for Lamay Primary School, Tanzania. You may have seen highlights of the human chain of students passing the food items one by one from the school gym to the food bank truck parked at Thrifty Foods on various media reports.

We kicked off 2015 with 'Life in Middle Information Night' for Grade 5 students and their families which was attended by 70 students and parents. A lot was learned about some of the middle schools in our school district thanks to 12 Cloverdale Traditional Alumni and their parents who were the guest panelists. Thank you PAC for arranging this informative parent night. We look forward to the next info night on the Power of 10: A Math night for parents. Our virtue this month is Commitment. Please encourage this lifelong lesson with your child. In the office we are busy offering the first 44 kindergarten spots to our long waitlist for September 2015. We are also setting up for the Spellathon so keep an eye open on the lists being sent home next week with your child's teacher. With all these activities we are definitely back into Miss Pick routine!

# © Congratulations ©

To our new Vice-Principal,
Mrs. Barb Gleeson.
To our new Grade 5 teacher,
Mrs. Lara Lewis
And to our new PE Kindergarten Teacher,
Mrs. Rachel Reems
We wish you all the best in your new positions.

**KOOL** would like to thank you and your students for your gracious support during The 8th annual KOOL FM Food For Families Fill Up and helping it achieve its strongest most successful year to date!

More than 10,000 pounds of food was collected for the Victoria area Food Bank Collective from the 11 Thrifty locations during the 3 day live **KOOL FM** broadcast event including the overnight sleep over and broadcast by Danny The Intern.

In addition, more than \$21,000 in cash donations and Smile Cards was collected during the live broadcast. This was all small donations from individuals, kids, moms, schools, small business, local banks, teams, and organizations.

The food has been delivered to the Mustard Seed Food Bank for dispersion. It will help them now, and for months. In addition, the cash allows them to purchase at 1 for 2 making the \$21,000 closer to \$42,000. It also allows The Mustard Seed to buy fresh food for the hampers and continue to operate the many non-food programs they undertake to give citizen's assistance to forge a better future.

Congratulations to Songhees Wellness Centre, École Marigold Elementary and Victoria High School for winning the **KOOL FM** Food For Families Fill Up Challenges and to everyone in Victoria for helping make Food For Families such a great success!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays!
Matt MacLeod | Promotions Coordinator

## Thank You to our Guest Speakers for speaking at: "Life in Middle School"

Parent: Alumni: **School:** 

Veronica Isabella Cedar Hill Lansdowne Stacey Rory Natasha **Arbutus** Karen

Mikki Anita Arbutus French Immersion

Melissa/Brian Jackson Lansdowne Rebecca River Cedar Hill

# Grade 6 Middle School Open House (Grade 5 Info Nights)

School	Date	Time
Glanford	Feb-10	7:00 pm
Central	Feb-03	7:00 pm
Cedar Hill	Jan-27	7:00 pm
Arbutus	Jan-28	7:00 pm
Colquitz	Feb-11	7:00 pm
Shoreline	Feb-04	7:00 pm
Monterey	Feb-05	7:00 pm
Gordon Head	Feb-02	7:00 pm
Lansdowne	Jan-29	7:00 pm
Rockheights	Jan-26	7:00 pm



# **Welcome New Staff Members!**

Mrs. Rachel Reems - Kindergarten PE Prep teacher

Mrs. Reems has three busy boys aged 7 and under so working in Kindergarten as a PE teacher will be a breeze. She has taught in lots of elementary classes as a TOC for many school districts. Welcome Mrs. Reems!

Mrs. Lara Lewis - Grade 5 Teacher Division 1

Mrs. Lewis is a brand new mother and is excited to work in the Grade 5 classroom. She was especially pleased with all the technology in this classroom. Please welcome her to our school.

Thank you parents for your charity donations during the Christmas concert

We were able to donate \$468.40 to our sister school in Tanzania. This will go a long way to purchase books and soccer balls for this school.

We were also able to donate approximately 25 bags of groceries to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

## **Educational Talks 2015**

Monarch House is proud to present the following FREE event for parents, care givers and professionals.

#### **Parenting Skills:**

Tips and Tricks for everyday Parents

In this presentation, we will discuss tips and tricks that all parents can use to create a happy, healthy and safe home environment.

Thursday, January 15th, 2015 Presented by: Eva Boyer, BCBA & Caitlin Malli SLP

6:30-7:30 presentation

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# ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL HOCKEY SKILLS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Individualized skills development, small school setting, professional coaching, for grades 6-8, girls & boys

Hockey Skills Academy Open House

Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:00pm

Contact Joanna Snow 250-384-7125,

#### 2015 VANCOUVER ISLAND PARENT CONFERENCE

Presented by School District Parents' Advisory Councils of Greater Victoria & Sooke

#### **SCHOOL WELLNESS**

Spectrum Community School 957 Burnside Rd West in Victoria

Saturday February 7, 2015 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## Physical Emotional Mental Spiritual

Featured Speaker: Gary Anaka

### The Teenage Brain:

Discover why it's critical to keep teenagers moving, how to grow new brain cells, the six magical brain states for learning and how dopamine drives behaviours and attitudes. Want to help teenagers in today's world... begin with their brain.

Keynote Speaker: Robin Grille

## Emotional Intelligence:

Robin's seminars focus on healthy emotional development for children and parents; while building supportive, co-operative communities. His work is also animated by his belief that humanity's future is largely dependent on the way we collectively relate to our children.

Early Bird Rate \$75\* | \$100 After January 21

\*Must be registered by Wednesday January 21. Includes Lunch & Refreshments. Early Registration Recommended.





Come sing with Norman Foote in his Big Choir at the McPherson Theatre on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Practices start Wednesdays in January. Everyone welcome from Grades 3 to 5.