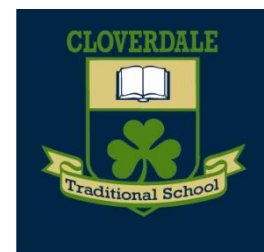


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March 2015

UPCOMING DATES:

March 06 th	Last day before Spring Break
March 09 th - 20 th	☺ Spring Break ☺
March 23 rd	Welcome back to school
March 25 th	Grade 5 Film Class 3-4:30 pm
April 1 st	Report Cards Term II
April 3 rd	Good Friday - no school
April 6 th	Easter Monday - no school

Principal's Message

Term II wraps up this month with report cards coming home on April 1st. We expect to see growth and development in all areas of your child's learning including academic, physical, social and emotional levels. It is an exciting time to showcase our milestones at the Student led conferences on April 15th and 16th.

The definitive excitement in the building has been the iPad mini sets that have arrived thanks to a district grant. As always we ask, 'what do we want the technology to do for our learning?'

Congratulations to our Swim Club who have wrapped up the season this week!

I would like to thank all involved including parents Tracey Knight and Starr Munro, and our tireless Kindergarten teachers for supporting our Ready, Set, Learn night. We had over 80 people including 3 and 4 year old future students who got a jump start to early success in school.

Happy Spring Break everyone! ~ Miss Pick

Dear Grade 4 parents,

Thank you for taking the time over the coming weeks to complete the on-line Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys. Your child brought home all of the information in a letter this week.

Dear Grade 5 parents,

A proposal is going out to all parents in our school to support a dress code change. If supported by the entire school body, the change would allow Grade 5 students to wear special 2015 t-shirts gifted to them by the PAC on Fridays in May and June. The hoodies offered for a fee would not be included in classroom wear at school.

HEAD LICE

We do have cases of head lice in our school. Parents will receive a notice if there is a case of headlice in your child's class. Tips to help reduce the chance of your child getting headlice are listed on the third page of this newsletter.

We need parent volunteers on an on-call basis to help check for headlice. Training is provided. Please contact the school office.

Lego Volunteer

Lego Club is in need of a volunteer for next year. If you are able to help out, please contact the office at: 250-382-7231

SPELLATHON News

\$4181.21 raised during our annual January event. This amount will be split evenly between each classroom to support field trips and class activities.

Thank you Parents!

Way to go Spellers!

New British Columbia Curriculum!

Recently Updated!

<http://www.bcedplan.ca/>

Cross Country Running

Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch hour

- **Grades 3,4,5 Cross Country Team members give signed form to Miss Glover**
- **All K-5 Times Colonist 1.5km runners bring signed form to Mrs. Petrovic**
- **Everyone welcome to run with the team whether you are on a team or not**

Traditional Key Visuals: What you will see when you walk our hallways

Our Guiding Principles:

- Students achieve their fullest potential in a structured environment where skills and concepts, in distinct subjects, are presented in a sequential manner and consistently applied throughout the school.
- Students will strive for individual excellence and maximize their individual achievement when high standards and expectations are reinforced both at home and at school.
- Behavioural expectations, clearly defined and communicated in our school code of conduct, create an environment in which students act in a respectful and responsible manner.
- The goals of the school community are best met when parental involvement is expected and the PAC and school work together in a systematic, cooperative and thoughtful manner.

Key Visuals and Expectations	What are we doing?	#1 Structured environment Sequential manner	#2 High standards home and school	#3 Behavior clearly defined Respectful, responsible	#4 Parental involvement Work together
1. Lining up - Line straight before walking into the school - Hands to yourself - No talking in the halls (except teacher greetings) - Hats off upon entering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students line up and wait for teacher - Students remove hats when entering - Teachers are waiting for compliance before students enter - Specific practice - Reminders 	X		X	
2. Uniforms - Daily checks Infraction slips sent home - Vests stay at school, send home on weekends for washing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First offence: note in agenda by teacher, second offence: blue slip signed and returned, repeat offender: office makes call home 	X	X	X	X
3. Class Presentations at assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most classes involved each year 		X		
4. Homework - Assigned daily - K/1 daily reading - Based on grade level expectations - 10 min. per grade level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework sent home in many forms - Some suggest just reading for a certain time 	X	X	X	X
5. School Wide Virtues - Virtues chosen then teachers sign up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kick off assembly every two months 	X		X	
6. Planners/Agendas - Written in daily - Signed by teacher - Signed by parent - Signed front page - At school every day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signed daily 	X	X	X	X
7. Classroom Activity upon arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silent reading - Math facts - Morning message - Comes in many forms 	X	X		
8. Classroom newsletters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication is a mix of blogs, emails and newsletters 				X
9. Reduction of Interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morning announcement is one interruption - Call for attendance is a potential interruption - Minimize interruption of class time 				

Thank you Times Colonist!

Times Colonist Raise a Reader program has provided our school library with the following donations in the past few years:

2011/12: \$2300
2012/13: \$2200
2013/14: \$2100
2014/2015: \$1700

Consider joining our first ever School Team in the Family 1.5 k event on April 26th, 2015. Forms in our school office.

Dear Mrs. Camden,

Thank you again for taking on the show. Your choir was full of enthusiasm and really knew the material.

I had a lot of fun with them and I hope they did too.

-Norman Foote

Notice: Head Lice Information

We are experiencing cases of head lice in various classrooms. We are sending out newsletters to each class if head lice has been noted. In the meantime and to support the ongoing effort by all of our parents and school personnel, we are sending out these links and pdf attachments of some resources. This information was passed along recently by VIHA school health nurse team members.

1. The Facts About Head Lice (Northern Health) - http://www.northernhealth.ca/Portals/0/Your_Health/Public%20Health/SchoolYouthHealth/10-400-6133TheFactsaboutHeadLice.pdf
2. Head Lice Treatment Options: <https://www.vch.ca/media/Head-Lice-Treatment-Options-2013.pdf>

We have certainly appreciated the phone calls from our parents informing us if their child has head lice. We have also appreciated how quick our parents have been to respond with treatment. Thank you parents. If you are interested in joining our team of head lice checkers please let me know by email: rpick@sd61.bc.ca No experience is needed and training is provided.



e're celebrating the 75th

Anniversary of the Victoria Symphony with a special launch party on Wednesday, March 11.

Enjoy a mini-concert of musical excerpts from this spectacular season, performed by your Victoria Symphony. See what's in store for our 75th! Join us after the concert for birthday cake!

what: 2015/16 75th Anniversary Season Reveal

where: UVic Centre Farquhar Auditorium

when: 6:30 – 7:30pm Doors open at 6:15pm

who: Tania Miller, Mitchell Krieger and the Victoria Symphony

cost: FREE

Seating is on a first come, first serve basis with plenty of space for everyone.

We hope you will be there.

More fabulous music with the Victoria Symphony

- Superstar Jan Lisiecki returns March 2 to play **Ravel's Concerto in G**. Beethoven's 6th Symphony concludes the concert at the Royal Theatre
- Irish Composer Gerald Barry is the focus of this year's **New Music Festival** with concerts March 5th through 9th. More details at victoriasymphony.ca/barryfestival
- Help Maestra Tania catch the imposter in **The Mischievous Adventures of the Rascally Rhythm**, the final performance in the Concert for Kids Series, March 8 at the Royal Theatre.

Call 250.385.6515 or visit www.victoriasymphony.ca for tickets!

Staff member SPOTLIGHT: Mrs. Tina Horwood

Student Interviewers: Jasmine, Jillian, Lauren

Editors of the Cloverdale Collage

Hope you enjoy!

How old were you when you decided to be a music teacher?

In grade two I liked to play school with my brother, and that's when I realized I wanted to become a teacher.

What was your favourite children's book?

I really enjoyed the book series Little House On The Prairie

What is your favourite place to read a book?

My favourite place to read a book is on the wharf on Shawnigan Lake

What do you like the most about Cloverdale Traditional School?

The excitement and hugs of the students I teach

BEST WISHES to:

Mr. Mark Atkins, Custodian

Mrs. Samantha Bender, Aboriginal Assistant

Mrs. Kristine Marshall, Secretary

As they move to their new schools.

WELCOME to:

Mrs. Andrea Park in the office!

Mr. Murray Gartly, Educational Assistant!

Mrs. Ginny Woodfine, Noon hour Supervisor!