

IMPORTANT DATES

October 5th - Cross Country 3:30 p.m. at Clover Point
October 6th - Fire Drill at 10:00 a.m. with Saanich Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week
October 6th - Parent Info Night @CTS 7:00 p.m.
October 9th - Save Around Coupon Books Deadline
October 12th - Thanksgiving - No School in Session

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal Message

Thank you for your support with our first month of school. We continue to marvel at all the complexities and goodwill that is behind the scenes of our smooth operation here at the Richmond site. Parent volunteers have organized those final shelves in the teacher resource room, and support staff have completed unpacking those final art boxes. Our wonderful custodian has been tireless in the many requests and actions to ensure a clean and safe building. We salute each of you.

This month our focus has been on safety: bus safety, playground safety and safety for our students with medical concerns. We have our **first fire drill** on Tuesday at 10am and it will be conducted by the Saanich Fire Department.

We want to say welcome to the **Grade 3 students** who now have the opportunity to join the Grade 4 and 5 students in some of the school teams we offer here at the school. Grade 3 students may now join Choir, Cross Country, and the Swim Team.

We appreciate all that has gone on to make things run smoothly here at our school.

Welcome New and Returning Staff

We welcome new and returning staff members to our professional team:

Mrs. Heather Oughtred as our school assistant in the office

Mrs. Jacqueline Tanner as our new EAG

Mrs. Ginny Woodfine as our noon supervisor

Mrs. Jasmin Dance as our new Grade 1 teacher who will teach Grade 1 with Mrs. Darling

Mrs. Mo Kheari as our new Grade 1 / 2 teacher.

PAC Thank-You

We want to thank our PAC who have continued to lead our community school culture with family friendly events and timely and professional communications on these events. What a terrific turn out for our Open House Barbeque and PAC meeting. We look forward to seeing all of you at the [Parent Information Night](#) and the [Halloween Dance](#).

Additional Staffing to our School

The Educational Fund allows for additional teachers to be hired in a school. Our staff forwarded a request for more learning support teaching time and technology mentor time. With this budget uplift as well as our special education fund we were able to do both! We currently have a teacher position posted for a new half time Learning support teacher to join the team of Mrs. Breanne Glover and Mrs. Maggie Bird. This will allow us to increase our daily intensive service for our students who need the extra boost in reading, writing and numeracy. The tech mentor time will be overseen by Mrs. Jost, our vice principal, who has already started working with the Grade 3 classes. The model for this support will be

co-teaching and supporting teachers with incorporating technology into their program. All teachers will be able to benefit from this tech mentor time.

Safe Arrival/Attendance Line

Please remember that if your child needs to be away from school it is very important that you let us know. The attendance reporting line can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 250.384.5661.

If your child is recorded on the daily attendance as being absent and you have not left a message on the attendance line the school office will call to ensure your child is safe. If you receive a message, please be sure to return our call as we will continue to try to reach the parent/guardian(s) and any emergency contacts you have left with us throughout the rest of the school day.

Bussing

While bussing is still a concern for our staff and parents, we have been working with Garden City Transport on a solution for this. Thank you for your patience and support.

If you need to make a change to your child's usual bussing routine on a specific day, you must notify either the bus supervisor in person (during pick-up or drop-off), or the school office (by 2:00 p.m.) either by phone (250.382.7231) or by email (cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca). To make a long term change to your child's bussing routine please contact the school office in advance of when the change is required.

School Parking Lot

There is no parent designated parking on school property. Parking can be found on neighbouring streets, although you will need to come early. The Victoria Alliance Church on Townley Street has offered our parents use of their parking lot (except for Wednesdays). There is an easy to access parent pick up and drop off loop on the school site. Please remember that this is not a place to park and get out of your vehicle.

Cross Country

Cross Country Runners had their first of 4 meets on Monday at Lambrick Park. Great start to the season. Well done runners!

Terry Fox Run/Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our Terry Fox School Run last Friday. The final total was \$303.27 in our 'Twoonies for Terry' fundraising drive.

Board Game Club

We are hoping to start a lunch time Board Game Club. We have two Grade 5 students who will lead the teaching of these games. We are looking for a parent volunteer to supervise. We are also looking for donations of the following board games: chess, checkers, and backgammon. Please only send games that have all the pieces. Feel free to contact Miss Pick by email (rpick@sd61.bc.ca).

CTS PAC UPDATES:

FREE Parent Information Night in October

Join us Tuesday, **October 6, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the CTS Library @ Richmond for **Homework Help: Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home**, presented by *Janine Roy*, District Principal of Learning Initiatives. Complimentary child minding in the gym for parents in attendance. To register to attend email cts.pac@vcpac.ca

Save Around Coupon Book - Fundraiser Deadline!

Just a reminder to return your Save Around Coupon Book orders and payment, or unsold books to the school by **Friday, October 9**. Orders will be filled ASAP, or by October 16. Please note that parents will be charged for any unsold/unreturned books. If you have any issues with your order please be sure to contact CTS PAC before the end of October. After this date all unsold books will be returned to the supplier.

Thrifty Food Smile Cards

Cloverdale Traditional PAC is part of the ***Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising program***. Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the money loaded onto CTS PAC Smile Cards back to our school. There is absolutely no cost to you to participate in this fundraiser. ***Simply order your Smile Card from cts.pac@vcpac.ca***. Take the Smile Card with you when you shop at Thrifty Foods. Ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before paying for your grocery order. Pay for the card load with cash, debit or credit card. Then pay for your groceries with the CTS Smile Card. All money raised from the Thrifty Food Smile Card Fundraising program will be put towards Home Reading books for our school.