

## IMPORTANT DATES:

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Provincial Professional Development Day - No Students in Session  
October 26<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Finals (1:00 p.m. Beacon Hill Park)  
October 26<sup>th</sup> - Drop Everything and Read Day  
October 27<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science Afterschool Program (3:00 p.m.)  
October 27<sup>th</sup> - Swim Club Practice (3:30 p.m.)  
October 27<sup>th</sup> - Strings Concert (Lambrick Park Secondary School at 7:00 p.m.)  
October 29<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Safety Presentations with Constable Hunter  
October 30<sup>th</sup> - Black and Orange Day  
October 30<sup>th</sup> - CTS Halloween Dance (6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Forms Go Home

## SCHOOL UPDATES:

### Principal Message

It was a big day for Canada in our school on Monday. We hosted a polling station in the gym and some of the classes had the opportunity to walk through and see the voting in action. That day we were also audio recorded singing the national anthem for the <http://www.flagofcanada.ca/>. The students were presented a plaque for their contribution to this Canada wide attempt to break a world record. We were only one of two schools in Victoria with this opportunity. Thank you Mrs. Jones for organizing. Great pride shown and wonderful singing everyone!

There is a Pro D Day tomorrow across the province. Our staff have signed up for a diverse set of activities including primary teacher workshops, first aid training, and technology project building for students. It will be another full day of collegiality and skill development. It's exciting to see the tech packages installed in Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Liddell's classrooms this week. These packages came from our Cloverdale Traditional Site thanks to a Modern Languages grant and allow teachers to showcase student work, and enrich teaching with web based resources. We now have tech packages in the library, computer lab and four classrooms with more to follow in the next 2 years.

Super team effort this week with swim club, cross country racing and Mad Science!

### Orange and Black Day

Orange and Black day is one of the 6 days throughout the school year that students may be out of uniform. The choices on this day are any combination of orange, black, or orange and black. Costumes of any type are not permitted. No hair dye or make-up. Students may also opt to wear their uniform. We look forward to seeing your costumes that night at the school dance.

### Earth Rangers Presentation

Thursday afternoon the Grade 1-5 students will be treated to a <http://www.earthrangers.org/> presentation. The program is science curriculum based and educates students on the importance of biodiversity and highlights conservation efforts across Canada. The power of live animal demonstrations help relay the messaging of being actively involved in protecting the environment.

### Photo Day Proofs

Student photo proofs were sent home last Friday for all students that had their photo taken on September 28. If you choose to order photos online, or choose not to order photos, you do not need to return the photo proof to the school. If you choose to order photos by submitting a cheque or cash please return the provided envelope with the photo proof to the school office. For anyone that missed photo day or would like to have a photo re-take, the photo company will be here again on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Cross Country Finals

Cross Country Finals will take place on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Beacon Hill Park. For more info please contact Mrs. Glover ([bglover@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:bglover@sd61.bc.ca)).

### Coats for Kids

Autumn is here and it is time for our annual Coats for Kids program. Last week's newsletter shared information on the Coats for Kids program, including information on how to donate (<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/CTS-Weekly-News-October-16-2015.pdf>). If you are in need of a new or nearly new coat for your child(ren) please email Mr. Reid ([areid@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:areid@sd61.bc.ca)) as soon as possible and indicate your child(ren)'s name, gender, and coat size (child small/size 5 - 6, child medium/size 7 - 9, child large/size 10 - 12, youth small, youth medium, youth large, adult - please specify size).

### Healthy Kids Program

The "Health Kids Program" is available for children aged 0-18 living in low income families. This program offers some coverage for the dental care and prescription lenses to those who qualify. You can find out more information about this program online at: <http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/publicat/pdf/HealthyKids.pdf>

### Drop Everything and Read Day

Each classroom teacher is arranging their own classroom event for National Drop Everything and Read Day. Sometime during the day students will stop (drop) whatever they are doing and read. This is in addition to regularly scheduled reading time. This might be done as an individual activity (students read to themselves), whole class (with the teacher reading to the students), or there may be a special guest to come in and read (perhaps even another staff member or volunteer). Some classes may choose to read a Halloween themed "spooky" story by flashlight with the lights dimmed. Some classes may partner up with another class and have students read to each other. The possibilities are endless! Make sure to ask your child what their class did for Drop Everything and Read Day on Monday.

### CTS PAC UPDATES:

#### Halloween Dance - Friday October 30th

Join us in the CTS gym @Richmond from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for the CTS Halloween Dance. Admission is by donation. Pizza, drinks and treats for sale. The entire family is welcome. Come in costume. No weapons please. Parent supervision required.

### **Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins November 2**

Watch for Poinsettia order forms coming home on or around Monday November 2. The deadline to return your order with payment will be Thursday November 12. Please note: this year we **cannot** accept late orders after Thursday November 12, due to tight timelines. Be sure to return your order form early. Pick up will **ONLY** be available at the Richmond School site December 3rd (3-6 p.m.), December 4th (8:00-9:00 a.m.) and at the Christmas Movie Night in the gym December 4th (6:30-7:00 p.m.)

### **Next PAC Business Meeting - November 3**

Mark your calendars for our next CTS PAC Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Complimentary child-minding is available in the gym for parents in attendance at the meeting. This meeting we will be discussing future CTS PAC funding priorities, so please come and share your thoughts.