

### IMPORTANT DATES:

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Photo Retakes (9:00 a.m.)

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Assembly (11:00 a.m.) Everyone welcome!

November 10<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science Afterschool Program (3:00 p.m.)

November 10<sup>th</sup> - Swim Club Practice (3:30 p.m.)

November 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day - No School

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettia Order Forms & Payments Due (Late Orders Not Accepted)

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Artstarts Presentation Teddy Anderson (<http://www.teddyanderson.com/>)

November 26<sup>th</sup> - PAC Congress (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.). ALL Parents Welcome

### SCHOOL UPDATES:

#### Principal Message

The week after Halloween has been a busy one working with our students on making good choices! Thank you to the teaching staff and to our administration team for your support as we focus on a the appropriate solution and steps for each challenge. We have such few, precious hours here at school, and focused learning is key. Students benefit from home and school working as a team!

This week we have had guest Artists for the Grade 4's and Astronomers for the Grade 3's in the building this week and this makes learning so meaningful!

Thank you again to parents, James and Leslie, for spearheading our school dance and to all the volunteers who made this a spirited family event!

The first week of each month our staff sets up the climbing wall in the gym. It has been another great week of developing our upper body strength!

Families are welcome to the Remembrance Day assembly at 11:00 a.m. on November 10<sup>th</sup> here in our school gym. Students involved in cubs, scouts and guides are welcome to wear those uniforms on this day. Aboriginal students may also wear their regalia on this day.

What a super parent attendance again at the PAC meeting this week. Lots of wonderful energy by our parent group for our hardworking executive, coordinators, and the efforts and activities of the school. Greatly appreciated! Some interesting beginning stats shared at the PAC meeting this month:

<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Our-School-Community-This-Year.pdf>

Two staff teams have come together to work on student learning with support by school district grants. Here is an outline of their first steps for this year:

<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Staff-Teams-Professional-Learning-Communities.pdf>

#### Logo Competition

We are adding some school spirit with a new design and team name of our sports teams! This sports logo will be in addition to the school crest! Please encourage your child to submit a drawing and team name to the office by November 27<sup>th</sup>. More details

here: <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Logo-Design-Competition-.pdf>

### Vancouver Island Parent Conference

This season's Vancouver Island Parent Conference is entitled 'Launching the Framework: Changing our View of Education'. For more information, or to register, please click the link <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/VIPC-Registration-2015.pdf>

### 1000 x 5 Book Program

Thank you to those who continue to donate their gently used books. The bin for donations is located in our school office. Click here to see the November newsletter insert <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/1000x5-November-Newsletter.pdf>

### Connecting With Remembrance Day

Helping students learn about why we have Remembrance Day is an important part of school in the coming days. In school we read, write, and participate in a special assembly. This year we would like to invite families to write a story about their connection to Remembrance Day. This could be a short description about a family member who served overseas or who is currently serving in peacekeeping. Stories may be up to one page and either clearly written or typed. Please drop them off at the office for our display. Parents and family members are welcome to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in our school gym. Here are some samples of previous submissions:

<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Student-Typed-Submission.pdf>

<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Student-Written-Submission.pdf>

### CTS PAC UPDATES:

#### Poinsettia Fundraiser on Now!

Our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser is on now. 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 (3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), December 4th (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) and at the Christmas Movie Night in the gym December 4th (6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

#### PAC Congress November 26 - ALL Parents Welcome

The VCPAC will be hosting its annual PAC Congress on Thursday, November 26, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Spectrum High School Cafeteria. All parents in our district are welcome to attend this event. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00 p.m., followed by 3 sets of round-table discussions on a wide variety of topics of interest to parents. This event is free to attend and is a great opportunity to network and learn more about the various resources available to you as a parent.

### **Vancouver Island Parent Conference Registration Now Open**

Registration is now open for the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. This year's conference is titled: "Launching the Framework: Changing or View of Education." The conference takes place February 27, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Royal Bay Secondary School in Colwood. Early bird tickets are \$80 if registered by February 10th. For more information about this conference go to: [vipc.ca](http://vipc.ca).