

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (10:00 a.m.)

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Naden Band Trip, Grades 1-3 (1:00 p.m.)

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Afternoon Christmas Concert (1:15 p.m.) - Tickets Required

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Evening Christmas Concert (6:15 p.m.) - Tickets Required

December 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School Before Christmas Break

January 4<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School After Christmas Break

January 11<sup>th</sup> - Provincial New Curriculum Professional Development Day - No School in Session

January 18<sup>th</sup> - School Specific Professional Development Day (to participate in a district run math day) - No School in Session

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### **Principal Message**

Movie night was a fantastic family event and attendance was the highest ever! Lots of praise came our way for this school community event and for the respect shown by the audience during the movie. Thank you to the PAC organizers Mrs. Haase and Mrs. Munro and to their support team. Thank you for joining us families!

Term I report cards went home last Friday and it was a joy to read the successes of our readers moving up the levels in the primary grades, and the mastery of math facts happening across the grade levels. I especially appreciate the effort by our teachers to write personalized reports to support school and home communication.

We welcome Miss Brettney Howard to our school who returns for her extended teaching practicum, this time in Mrs. Liddell's classroom.

We wish Mrs. Jacqueline Tanner well as she moves to a permanent position at Oaklands Elementary School.

In the office we are busy preparing to offer spots during the first weeks of January to our future Kindergarten classes.

As you will read in the details below, our gym here at the Richmond site has less capacity than we are used to for our Christmas Concerts. For this year, please consider joining us for the Wednesday afternoon concert. Details are below.

Enjoy the festive time of year!

### **Christmas Concert**

Christmas concert tickets will be coming home today. We were able to meet most first requests for your 2 allotted tickets per family; however we did run short on requests for tickets for Thursday night. If you have had a change in plans and will no longer require your Thursday evening tickets please return them to the school office as we have some families that would be grateful to have them.

If you had originally requested additional tickets for the Thursday night but would like to attend on Wednesday afternoon instead, please call the school office or email [cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca) and let us know. All additional ticket requests (maximum of 2 per family) will be filled in the order they are received (until all tickets have been allocated) and will be sent home on Monday. If you have already requested extra tickets for Wednesday afternoon you do not need to submit your request again.

Please do not show up at either performance without a ticket as there will be no additional tickets available at the door and we will not be able to accommodate you due to our gym capacity/fire safety regulations.

Please remember that our performances are as follows:

Tuesday, December 15th - Dress Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. - No tickets are required for this performance

Wednesday, December 16th - Afternoon Performance 1:15 p.m. - Tickets ARE required for this performance

Thursday, December 17th - Evening Performance 6:15 p.m. (includes grade 5 Strings Performance) - Tickets ARE required for this performance

**Our Christmas Concert is a free event! We do accept donations for our sister school, Lamay Primary School, in Tanzania, to buy books and sports equipment. We also accept donations for our local food bank.**

### **Naden Band Concert**

Students in grade 1, 2, and 3 will be attending the Naden Band Christmas Concert at the Royal Theater on **Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** This annual performance is a wonderful experience and we feel privileged to be given this opportunity. Students are to be in full uniform.

We will be travelling by bus to the Royal Theater, leaving the school at 1:00 p.m. and returning to Richmond campus for normal dismissal time. Students that normally take the bus will continue on to Cloverdale. If we are a few minutes late, please know we should be arriving shortly.

### **Are You Returning in September 2016?**

We don't want to lose you, but if your family is moving away please call the school office at 250-382-7231 to let us know. This helps our school make configuration preparations for September 2016. We will begin our Kindergarten placement process in January 2016 and have a lengthy waitlist.

### **Lost and Found Items**

All of our lost and found items have been displayed on 2 tables in the front foyer of the school. Please make a point of checking through the piles for lost items.

### **Basketball**

Basketball will run for 1 month (January) for any interested grade 5 students with esteemed coach and athlete Mr. Garty! Shoot some hoops over the holidays to get ready! The Basketball Jamboree will be on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill Middle School.

### **Before and After School Care**

For the first time in a long time, there are spaces in the before and after school care at the Richmond Road location for children that attend Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School. If you are interested in knowing more please stop by the out of school care rooms or call 250-995-1766

### **Cloverdale Community Champions**

About 20 grade 4 and 5 students have joined the 'Triple C Group' (Cloverdale Community Champions) this year. This is a group of community minded students trying to make a difference in the world. This year they are **collecting dried up markers** and sending them to Crayola. The markers will be recycled through their Color Cycle Program. Boxes have been set up in classrooms to collect old markers, whether they are Crayola markers or other brands.

Another project they are working on is reducing the amount of clothing that goes to the landfill. They are collecting old t-shirts that have small holes or stains and can't be worn. The students are making these old castaways into **t-shirt yarn** and then will create beautiful rugs etc. with this yarn. If you

have any old t-shirts, please donate them to the Triple C group by bringing them to the school office.

### **Byte Camp At Cloverdale Traditional**

Since 2003, Byte Camp has helped over 10,000 kids improve their creative digital skills in innovative and fun programs. Explore the world of animation, from Stop-Motion Imagery and Claymation to Vector and #D Animation. Students will learn hands-on how these creative processes are used to make some of the TV shows and movies they love. Click the link to view more information and to find out how to register.

<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Byte-Camp-Registration-Form.pdf>

### **CTS PAC UPDATES:**

#### **Poinsettia Fundraiser Another Great Success!**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the annual CTS Poinsettia Fundraiser. We sold 206 plants and made a profit of \$1,106.24 to put towards PAC funded projects for our school. A special thanks to Tara Poilievre for coordinating this fundraiser, and to all the parent volunteers that helped out.

#### **Life in Middle School Info Night**

Just a reminder that the CTS PAC Information Night: Life In Middle School is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library @Richmond. We strongly encourage Grade 5 students and their families to attend, however, all interested parents are welcome to attend. Complimentary childminding is available in the gym. The event is free but pre-registration is required for planning purposes. **To register to attend please fill out the online registration form**

**at:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yI5Cjgd5HZo564tBr5waoIbPBF3x9-C5YIDYqgDycPA/viewform> or email us at [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca).