

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 18th - Cross Country Meet (3:45 p.m. at Clover Point)
April 18th - Rugby Practice (3:00 p.m. Richmond School field)
April 21st - Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival - Grade 5 Strings
April 21st - Jr. Jazzercise - Richmond Gym - Last Lesson!
April 22nd - Class Photos and Whole School Photo
April 22nd - Lights Out Canada and Earth Day 2016
April 22nd - PAC Family Social Night Inflatable Fun Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
April 22nd - Rugby Practice (3:00 p.m. on school field)
April 25th - Rugby Practice (3:00 p.m. on school field)
April 26th - School Choir Workshop at the Music Conservatory
April 26th - CTS PAC Executive Committee Nominations Due
April 29th - Rugby Practice (3:00 p.m. on school field)
May 3rd - CTS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Thank you for your support of our Student Led Conferences. This model encourages student ownership in their learning. In addition it helps parents recognize the child's ability to explain and demonstrate their learning. Having the gym open for siblings allows parents an opportunity to focus on one child at a time. We want to thank you for your support of this week's book fair organized by Mrs. Nicole Aerts, our teacher librarian. This year we supported a local bookseller, Russell Books. Thank you as well to the parents who purchased books for classroom use.

We are busy with Rugby and Cross Country running club and winding down Jr. Jazzercise. Please keep in mind your child's school goals for Term III as we move into a new season of activities.

Best Wishes to Mrs. Brettney Howard, UVIC student teacher in Mrs. Liddell's Gr. 4 class, on the completion of her practicum and teaching degree. We wish you the very best in your teaching career! Thank you for all your contributions to our school!

Please join us at the April 29th Assembly where we will unveil the exterior paint colours as part of our upgrade to Cloverdale Traditional School.

Please join us at the May 3rd PAC meeting as we share results from our provincial FSA tests.

Grade 4 Parents:

Your child has come home with a letter regarding the Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey. Each Grade 4, 7 and 10 parent has an opportunity to complete the survey to provide their level of satisfaction on a number of topics including curriculum, school safety and nutrition. The letter contains your anonymous code to contribute your opinion. This survey closes April 30th. If you would like access to a computer to complete the survey please contact the school and we will be happy to set you up in a private setting here at school. Gr. 4 students have already completed their student surveys here at school.

Crossing Guard Absences

The pedestrian crosswalk at Linwood Avenue will not have a crossing guard on April 14th, 15th, and 18th. Please be extra careful. We will still have a crossing guard at the regular Cook Street and Quadra Street intersection cross walk.

2016/2017 School Calendar

At the Board of Education Meeting held on March 29th, the school calendar for the 2016/2017 school year was approved. Click the link to view the approved calendar:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/printable-2016-2017-school-year-calendar/>

Junior Jazzercise

Congratulations to the group of dancers that will complete the Junior Jazzercise program next Thursday. The participants were: Dryden B, Payden B, Zoe C, Olinka C, Brooke C, Payton E, Sebastien G, Kenzie M, Ella R, and Dylan S.

T-Shirts and Batteries for the Triple C Club

This group is collecting dead household (nothing industrial) batteries in April. This is a program/contest started by Eco kids. Please visit <https://ecokids.ca/> for more information. There are collection containers in the school entry for your old batteries in or you may bring them to Mrs. Gleeson's class. We have had to add a second container! Thank you for all your support!

Benefit for Emma Smith and Family

Emma Smith is a Cloverdale Traditional alumni. Her brother Charlie is a grade 5 student in our school. The Great Community Chili Fest is a fundraiser to help support the Smith family as they continue to deal with Emma's health issues caused by the cancer in her body. Click the link to see the poster for this upcoming chili cook off, silent auction, and 50/50 draw. <http://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Emma-Smith-Chili-Cook-Off.pdf>

Thrifty Foods 1.5 K Family Fun Run

EXCITING NEWS!! Once again, Cloverdale Traditional School will be entering a team in the Times Colonist 1.5km Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run! We are very excited about the opportunity and hope that many of you will join us for this fun family event. Last year's group had a great time and we were the proud recipients of the School Spirit award. Yea Cloverdale! The run takes place on SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH @ 11:00. Training will be available to all participating runners (K-5) during the lunch hour 12:20-12:40. Proper running footwear is required (no boots or heeled shoes please). This year, we will be asking families to register online on the TC 10K website. All entry fees include a t-shirt with the Cloverdale Traditional logo on it! The TC10K provides funding for several organizations, including Raise a Reader, which has donated a total of \$6,025 to our school library over the last 3 years. This is just another great reason to get on board and support those who support us! Specific information regarding practice days and the online registration process will be coming home soon. We hope to see you there! Questions ?? Please contact Mrs. Petrovic at school or at smpetrovic@sd61.bc.ca. To register online please click the link: <https://www.raceonline.ca/events/participants/?id=1029&t=Cloverdale+Traditional+School>
UPDATE: We have 67 members registered to date. We beat our goal of more than 47 members! Let's see how many more team members we can get.

TC Run Team T-Shirts

T-shirts for those that have signed up for the run will be distributed at the school on Friday, April 22nd, 2016.

14th Annual Quadra Village Day

This event is organized by a committee of dedicated community volunteers. Kings Road will be closed between Quadra and Dowler Place where all the activities will take place. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a choice of pancake or continental breakfast and continues with free fun-filled activities for children and adults. There will be interesting community tables to visit and fantastic music and dance performances on our main stage. The event will wrap up at 1:00 p.m. Pop by for a free craft at the the Cloverdale Traditional Booth operated by our parent volunteers and their coordinator, Mrs. Tanya Creed.

Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association Picnic:

Come join us for music, children's activities, food, and fun! Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association Picnic in Cedar Hill Park - new location and date!

We want to start your summer off on the 'right foot' by celebrating together at Cedar Hill Park behind the Cedar Hill Rec Centre. This event will take place on Sunday, June 26th from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come join us for music, games, crafts, face painting, and BBQ hot dogs. Let's celebrate summer!

Dance Without Limits

Free program for children with disabilities to have fun while exploring dance, creative movement, and games. April 19th - June 7th (Tuesdays) from 5:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Click the link to see the poster: <http://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/VicDanceFlyer.pdf>

Island Sexual Health presents 'The Approachable Parents'

Hosted by Shoreline Middle School PAC

Are the kids really alright when it comes to sexual health knowledge and behaviours? Join us for an interactive conversation to increase your approachability as an adult, to the middle school aged youth in your lives. We'll cover healthy and positive sexual development, tips for increasing everyone's comfort and knowledge levels and find out what questions youth really need the answers to in 2016. Click the link to see the poster: <http://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Approachable-Parents.pdf>

Friends of Cedar Hill Park Walk

Rain or shine, Saturday May 14th is a special day at Cedar Hill Park. Come celebrate our beautiful green spaces from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on a self-guided walk. Sponsored by Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society. Click the link to view details for this upcoming event: http://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/CHP-May14-2016-Event-poster-invite_5_final-SH.pdf

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Inflatable Fun Night

Join CTS families for a FREE night filled with fun and bounciness! Mark your calendars for Friday **April 22**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us in the CTS Gym @Richmond. Students can ride their way through a giant inflatable obstacle course. If the weather is nice, we will have some outside activities available as well, in the courtyard by the gym. Be sure to bring a snack and drinks for refuelling. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Accepting CTS PAC Executive Committee Nominations

The CTS PAC is accepting nominations for the Executive Committee for the 2016/2017 school year. The new CTS PAC Executive will be voted in at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **May 3, 2016**. If you are interested in joining the CTS PAC Executive and would like more information about positions email cts.pac@vcpac.ca. There is also additional information posted at: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/pac-overview>. To nominate yourself, or someone you know for an Executive Position please email Adina, head of the Nomination Committee at: anappenheimer@hotmail.com. The deadline for nominations to be submitted is end of day Tuesday **April 26**.

May 3 CTS PAC AGM - Please join us. We need quorum!

Mark your calendars for the CTS PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library @Richmond. At this meeting we will be voting in the next years Executive Committee. We will also have some motions to vote on, and will be seeking parent feedback on next years budget. We be reviewing the "back to Cloverdale" plan and needs, as well as discussing the year end wrap up activities. Complimentary childminding is available in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there!