

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 6th - Welcome Back! First Day of School for the 2016-2017 School Year. Students in session from 8:44 a.m. - 11:54 a.m. Students return to their last year classrooms.

Kindergarten 1st Day of School - information will follow via email and printed letter home

September 13th - First PAC Meeting of the Year (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the school library)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

What an adventure this year. We have had the most unique year our 99 year old school has ever had - we moved here! We had to be brave, we had to try new things, we had to problem solve; and throughout it all, we grew even closer as a school community. I would like to thank each of you for what you did to make that work. We return this September as scheduled to a safer building that looks a little more shiny and new. We move back to new provincial curriculum and new report cards. We move back to a new front door, a new drop off area, new drinking fountains, to some new picnic tables and buddy benches, and yes the long awaited sports logo will be unveiled when we return.

I would especially like to thank our office team of Mrs. Jenna Haywood and Mrs. Sandra Jost whose humor and skillset represent our school in a professional and caring manner. I would like to thank our PAC Executive: Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Piasta, Mrs. Haase, Mrs. McAskile, Mrs. Cumming, and Mrs. Knight for their countless hours of team work and support of our students and programming. Your outstanding communications and inclusive nature have made for wonderfully attended events all year long. We didn't know what the year would bring, and students, we were so thrilled that thanks to your parents and the hard working and flexible teachers we were able to offer all of our sports, clubs, and family events and make it a special year for you. Everyone helped out - thank you Cloverdale Traditional School community!

A wise and dear student of this school once said, 'everyone is kind in their own special way'. And that is so true of all of you here.

One of the more interesting things I get to do as a principal is read each and every report card. I was so especially pleased to see the reading scores increase throughout this year. Thank you for working hard, for your parent's daily support, and for your teachers helping you along the way. Please consider joining the summer reading program at the public library like Miss Devyn talked about on Monday. If you would like, please bring a record of this program, or a reading log you made yourself, or your summer journal, or any other summer academic program, and we would like to recognize you in September.

We'd like to now recognize staff members who are leaving to new places:

Mrs. Jasmin Dance, Mrs. Carlyne Darling, Grade 1 teachers

Mrs. Ginny Woodfine, Lunchroom Supervisor

Mrs. Lauren Williamson, Learning Support Teacher

Mrs. Charie Dollar, Bus Supervisor

Mrs. Mo Kheari, Grade 1 and 2 Teacher

Mr. Ray Poilievre, Crossing Guard since 2011; Thank you for your years of safety and service to the students, families and Cloverdale community. We will miss your friendly manner!

Mrs. Lidia D'Angelo, Grade 2 Teacher

Mrs. Kathryn Harcourt, School Counselor

And we would like to recognize Mrs. Sue Harris, who will be retiring after 23 years with our School District, ALL of which were at Cloverdale. Thank you Mrs. Harris for your invaluable service to the students and our school and your keen interest in the wellbeing of each and every child. Congratulations on your retirement!

Happy, Safe Summer! Best Wishes Grade 5 students!

Cloverdale Strings Update

This is Mrs. Horwood's final message to the grade 5 class:

"String Spring Fling" in the Cloverdale Gym last Thursday was a great concert! I know the audience thoroughly enjoyed your music. It was really special that all of the Cloverdale music groups were featured. It was definitely one of the **BEST YEAR-END STRINGS' PERFORMANCES EVER!**

It was such an honor to work with such a committed school strings group! I am amazed at how focused you were while playing, and you all looked so comfortable playing your instruments and sharing your music with the audience. This is hard to do with only having one year of strings training. Well done!

I will always remember how your performances shone through this year! Overall, you have stronger skills than ANY strings' group I have taught in my 8 years at Cloverdale.

It's been a pleasure working with you all throughout the year. You are an enthusiastic and wonderful group of students!

Go "Classical Clovers", go!

Mrs. Tina Horwood

Volunteer Packers

Thank you so much to the following parent volunteers who were on hand last Thursday for our packing extravaganza. Ms. Sara Nichol, Ms. Bethany Campbell, Ms. Kris Vanderham, Ms. Mikki Rogalski, Ms. Mariko Yuguchi, Ms. Karen Pavich, LJ Ducharme, and Ms. Tara Poilievre. We were able to pack the entire library by noon. We could not have done it without you!

We would also like to thank Ms. Carla Gray for packing up the entire art room.

Thank you in advance to the parent volunteers that will be in our school next week helping us finish our packing.

If you are interested in volunteering to help us unpack in August when we move back, please email cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca to let us know.

Summer Reading Club 2016

For kids 12 and under! Travel the universe page by page with GVPL's Summer Reading Club! Whether you're reading at home or on holidays, you can track your daily reading on your reading record and enjoy weekly incentives along the way. Staying in town? GVPL offers free library programs at branches throughout Greater Victoria. Click here to see the poster for more details: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/2016-SRC-School-flyer-bw.pdf>

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Able Cresting Uniform Orders - Delayed Delivery!

Due to a delay in delivery the Able Cresting uniform items that you ordered at the sizing event on May 18th, will unfortunately NOT be delivered to the school by the end of the school year. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes. We will contact you when your order arrives and let you know when and where you can pick it up - hopefully sometime next week. If you have any questions please contact us at cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

Now Accepting CTS Christmas Craft Fair Vendor Applications

Are you interested in having a table at the CTS Christmas Craft Fair? Do you know any local crafters, artisans or businesses that would like to participate in our Craft Fair? Our 8th annual CTS Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday November 26, 2016 (10 am to 3 pm). This is a fun community event that draws a large crowd and is a fundraiser for our school. To learn more or to download a vendor registration form go to: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/craft-fair-2/>

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone at CTS (parents, guardians, students, teachers, support staff, and administration) for another fantastic school year. We hope you have a wonderful summer break and can find some time to relax and enjoy the summer sunshine with your family and friends. See you back at "home" in September!