

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 19th - Professional Development Day - No students in session
September 21st - Welcome Back Barbeque
September 23rd - Save Around Coupon Book Orders Due
September 26th - Student Photos
September 30th - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the school gym - everyone welcome!
September 30th - Terry Fox Run (2:00 p.m.)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

It has only been two weeks of school and we have had a seamless start. Thank you for your support of our school start-up. There were many layers this year and we believe your help and support along the way was integral. We are also grateful to the many weeks of teacher preparation prior to opening day, the office skills of Mrs. Jenna Haywood and the leadership of Mrs. Sandra Jost. We are in for a fantastic, learning year!

Our thanks to the many parents and grandparents who continue to pop by since school started to organize the last rooms: Karen Grigolato, Starr Munro, Samantha Hoffman, Sharon Plewes and Tara Poilievre. We welcome a new volunteer to our school in the Grade 1 room: Kerri Brain.

Thank you to Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Morrell for starting the first clubs of the year: Swim Club and Green Team!

Stay tuned for Cross Country and Mad Science!

Mrs. Jost has been busy supporting the next phase of the Tech Packages. A tech package refers to the projector, sound system and technology to enhance teaching and learning. We have almost every component now and a few classes are up and running. To name 2 lessons, we have seen a sentence structure lesson and quality children's literature being shown to students. Mrs. Jost will be supporting all classes this year thanks to the school district emphasis on supporting teachers with technology for learning.

The office focus has been general school start up, supporting new families, medical alerts, custody alerts and meeting deadlines for the Ministry of Education. The next focus will be with Verification Forms and data entry. Please return those by Friday.

Our assembly today was one of the most orderly we have ever had. We have only a small handful of students still waiting on their logo wear item. This is school policy that your child has at least one item at school at all times and worn for the assemblies, field trips and school photos. The assembly today also included photos of our construction journey, reminders about the coupon books, planner donations (\$6) and recognition of the students who helped over the summer with the move. At 10:00 a.m. we had our first Fire Drill and it went smoothly with the onsite Daycare and Preschool participating with us. What a tremendous PAC meeting! We look forward to the leadership of our PAC Executive and the inclusive nature of our team!

It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us! Happy New School Year 2016-2017!

Playground Zones

We have an incredible play area for our student for recess, lunch and DPA (Daily Physical Activity). Some of our zones are natural play areas with rocks and trees while others are commercial adventure climbers specific for the 5-12 age range. There are many years of hard work in fundraising for the adventure climbers and we feel very fortunate.

Here is how we have set up our play areas for the fall:

Natural play area at the back between the gym and portable: Kindergarten students

Adventure Climber - North play area (nearest Thrifty Foods): Grade 1 and 2 students

Adventure Climber (on Quadra Street), front of school, basketball court and soccer field: Grade 3, 4, 5 students

Students will move to new zones a few times in the year.

Thank you to our supervisors: Mr. Gartly, Mrs. Skakun, Mrs. Woodfine, Mrs. Paul

Summer Reading Program!

Well done summer writing students: Zoe, Chloe, Ohenewaa, Maheen, Ria, Sawyer, Chase, Seamus, and Ashley. What enjoyable summer journals! Thank you for sharing with your teachers and Miss Pick! Anymore out there? Please bring them to the office. Journals will be returned!

Aboriginal Cultural Programming

Our school offers Aboriginal Cultural programming. Our Aboriginal Assistant this year is Ms. Laura Paul. If you have Aboriginal descent or are Non-Status we offer academic support, cultural groups, home connections and much more. Please notify our school office if you haven't identified yourself/your children in the past.

Absent, Arriving Late, and Leaving Early

Please note that if your child needs to be absent from school or will be arriving at school late you must contact the Safe Arrival phone line at 250.361.3706. This prevents the office from calling home to check on children that are not in attendance. The Safe Arrival program is meant to notify parents when their children have not arrived at school and checked into their classrooms at the morning bell. It ensures that everyone is safe and accounted for in case of emergencies or other situations that can arise in the day to day operations of the school.

If your child does arrive to school late or leaves early a parent must bring them to the office to sign in or out of the school. Beginning next week all entrance and exit doors at each end of the school will be locked during the day time, the only way to enter will be through the front doors. The office is located directly inside the front doors making it a convenient stop when arriving after the bell or leaving early.

Exciting New Swimming Opportunity!

Starting on October 4th, Cloverdale Traditional will have a swim club that is open for ALL students, kindergarten to grade 5. Practices will be run by Tyee Aquatic Club and will be held on Tuesdays at 3:30 at Crystal Pool. Please see our website for more info (<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/programs-clubs/swim-club/>). If you previously registered using the link that was working in June and July, we ask that you please complete the new registration form and re-submit to admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com.

Mad Science Afterschool

Mad Science afterschool programming is pleased to offer, Eureka - Mad Inventors! This program will be offered after school Tuesdays beginning October 3rd and will run until November 7th in the school library. Click the link here for more information and to find out how to register: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/eureka-asp-2016-2/>

1000x5 September Report

Volunteers met last week and sent off 630 books to the Mustard Seed.

1000X5 is thrilled to begin our sixth year of a formal partnership with the Greater Victoria School District and to have donated 110,000 books to homes in need of support with early literacy. We need your books and thankfully every week a new shipment is there. The 2016-2017 year has begun and along side the children entering the building are the 15 retired teachers and principals who meet every Wednesday to sort your donations of books for **babies and preschoolers**. Every month we send 800-1000 books into homes with few resources. 110,000 books in five years! Please give the opportunity for early literacy to more families in our communities

QCHCA Hot Dog Fundraiser

Please join in this Saturday, September 17th for the final QCHCA hot dog fund raiser of the year at Lumberworld on Quadra Street. They will be serving up delicious hot dogs with grilled onions, and your choice of cold drinks. Payment is by donation (whatever you want to put into the coffee can). Monies collected go towards putting on community events as well as the distribution of the Community Roots newsletter. Click the link to see the poster here <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/qchca-hot-dog-fundraiser/>

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Crested Fleece Jackets Available for Purchase

We have 4 Medium and 9 Large crested *fleece jackets* (from our old supplier) for \$24 still available for purchase from the CTS PAC. We also have some Large and Extra Large crested *fleece vests* for \$25 (old Top Marks items). If you are in need of crested items in these sizes please contact Tracey at ctsuniforms@hotmail.ca.

News/Used Uniform Consignment Available for Purchase - September 21

We will have new and used uniform items available for purchase at the Back-to-School BBQ and Open House on Wednesday September 21, 2016. Look for the PAC Uniform station near the BBQ area. Get great deals on uniform items both new and used. This is a great opportunity to add a few extra pieces to your weekly uniform wardrobe!

Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser - NOW ON!

You should have received a Save Around Coupon Book home with your child. If you are not interested in participating in this fundraiser please return the coupon book to school ASAP. If you are interested books are \$25. Half of the cost is donated to the CTS PAC. Keep the book and return your envelope with payment. Please make cheques payable to CTS PAC. Sell 5 books and get 1 free (per student). *All unsold books and orders are due back to the school by Friday, September 23, 2016.*

Ongoing Year Round PAC Fundraisers

We have 4 year round ongoing fundraisers that you and your family/friends may be interested in participating in at anytime:

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards

Pick up a Thrifty Foods Smile Card from the CTS office. Load the card with money and use it when you shop at any Thrifty Foods store. Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the money you spend to the CTS PAC. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 this year, through this program, to put towards new science and social studies books for the library. More information at: https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2013/03/TF_SmileCard-FAQ-2_CONTACT.pdf

Olivers Labels

Purchase labels from Oliver's Labels and 20% of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the CTS PAC. Go to <http://www.oliverslabels.com/cts> for more information.

Bottle Depot

When returning your empty beverage containers to any Return-It Bottle Depot, be sure to ask the cashier BEFORE they ring through your purchase to donate the proceeds directly to the CTS PAC. For more information go to: <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2013/03/Bottle-Depot-Fundraiser-Info.pdf>.

QSP Magazines

Order your favourite magazines online at QSP and the CTS PAC will receive a portion of the proceeds to go towards support various programs and activities at our school. For more information and order codes go to: <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2013/03/QSP-Magazine-Fundraiser-info.pdf>