

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 23rd - Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser DEADLINE
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.)
October 4th - FREE Parent Info Night - The New Curriculum & Our Kids (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
October 10th - Thanksgiving Day - No school in session
October 21st - Professional Development Day - No students in session

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Thank you for attending our Welcome Back Barbeque and Open House! Teachers reported a good turn out and Thrifty Foods Manager, Daryl Fediw and staff, served over 400 hotdogs! We are very appreciative of the generosity by Thrifty Foods for their food donation and cooking skills! See some photos here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/bbq1/>

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/bbq2/>

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/bbq3/>

During the open house portion, teachers reviewed homework and classroom expectations with their students and parents. If you missed this part ensure you read the year overviews being sent home in your child's planner. In addition feel free to write a note in your child's planner if you would like to meet the teacher for questions on the upcoming. Involved parents help make learning a success. You can also find out more by attending the upcoming Parent Info night. Mrs. Jost and I will be presenting the new curriculum and how parents can help with projects at home. Join us on October 4th.

Our staff tried a new model for Class Screenings meetings this year. We were able to hire extra substitute teachers to allow former teachers, current teachers and the full support team (consisting of speech pathologist, learning support teachers and counselors), to attend. These meetings allowed teachers to share first impressions of their students, ask questions and hear from previous teachers about important background information including learning needs, medical information and family supports. Teachers have reported that they appreciated the time spent together and that the mid-September time slot put them 'weeks and months' ahead of understanding the makeup of their class. Thank you for returning the vital verification forms! We need these updated so we can contact you in case of emergency, to allow your child to attend a field trip and, to allow your child to use the computers at school. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. McIntyre's Grade 2 class had their forms all back in 3 days so were treated to ice cream!

Terry Fox Run

Our school's Terry Fox run will take place at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 30th with an inspirational video to help students understand more about this great Canadian hero. This charity event is called 'Twoonies for Terry' so please send your donations at any time. The collection jar is located in the office.

Parking Bylaw

Saanich Parking Bylaw Officer is busy around our school neighborhood. We have just received our new signs. These are the same signs being posted for all schools in Saanich:

Drop Off 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m.

10 mins MAX

TOW AWAY

Dogs on School Grounds

A reminder that the Saanich Animal Bylaw states "Subject to Section 13 and notwithstanding Section 10, no person shall suffer or permit any dog owned or harboured by him/her or in his/her charge to be in any of the following places unless the dog is confined by a leash or chain: highway, school grounds, college grounds, within a 10 metre (32.8 feet) radius of any playground equipment in a Municipal or Regional Park, the Royal Oak Burial Park, lands known as the Lochside Trail within the Blenkinsop Lake are as shown on the map attached hereto as Schedule "B", any lands within any C Zone or Zones M-4, M-5, MFI-CH and MFC-CH, any trail located in Cedar Hill Park as shown on Schedule "G" attached hereto. Please see the following photo that will show the new signage that is being posted at schools in the Saanich area: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/doc1/>

Soccer Coach Needed

We would like to offer soccer this year. Soccer is for the Grade 5 students and practices can take place at lunch or afterschool. We are preparing for the Soccer Jamboree in late October. Please contact the school if you are able to help. Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca

No Child Without MedicaAlert Program

The Greater Victoria School District is very pleased to be a participating member of the Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation's **No Child Without®** school program.

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a **free** program to protect children living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. This program is called No Child Without. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from age 4 to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education.

Each participating school has No Child Without bar-coded brochures specific to the school. If you are interested in having your child participate in the program, please ask the office staff for a brochure and follow the information provided.

Students will have a choice of identity bracelets, listing their medical conditions and membership number. As a member of MedicAlert, you will receive a wallet card with all of the member's information, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contact at the time of an emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call has been made to the Hotline.

Should your child move to another school in Canada, they are still protected.

Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.

ADHD Parent Information Day September 26th, 2016, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

This session is an introduction to aspects of ADHD parents need to know to understand and manage their child's behaviour, liaise with professionals effectively, and promote a positive family environment. We welcome you on behalf of the co-sponsoring organizations: Ministry of Children and Family Development, School District #61, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Island Health, and the FORCE Society for Kids' Mental Health.

Location: Queen Alexander Auditorium, 2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria. **See poster for more details:** <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/adhd-parent-information-day-agenda-sept-2016/>

This event is free and to register please email me : LisaT@forcesociety.com

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 Thursdays beginning October 6th and will run until November 10th 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/>

Byte Camp

This year we are offering a brand new program called Code Your Own Adventure! In this camp, Students will create 2D vector artwork and use the languages that power the web - HTML5 and CSS - to build their very own adventure game. This course is a great introduction to graphic design and web programming. It will involve the students creating multiple web pages that correspond with their adventure game they want to create.

The program is 8 weeks beginning October 12th, 1.5 hour sessions and the cost is \$155 per student. Full sliding scales are offered for any families in need of financial assistance. Please contact Melody Kassiri for more information at 1-888-808-2983 (ext 2).

Audition Opportunity

The Chemainus Theatre is accepting "expressions of interest" for Child Actors for their Christmas production of "A Christmas Story". They are looking for one more female who can play between 7 and 9 years old (preferably looking for a small 11 or 12 year old). If you are interested in auditioning please submit a photo to across@chemainustheatre.ca. If you are selected for an audition you will be required to prepare and perform a couple of scenes from the show for the audition. (scripts will be provided.) Deadline for submission is Monday, September 26th, 2016. Feel free to contact Andrea Cross, Education Coordinator & Artistic Associate Chemainus Theatre Festival

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Save Around Coupon Book Orders DEADLINE TODAY!

Just a reminder that the deadline to return your Save Around Coupon Book and Orders is today (September 23). If you forgot to send in your order, please do so ASAP. We will be processing order forms and sending home past due notifications on Monday. Thanks for your support.

Next Parent Info Night - "The New Curriculum & Our Kids"

Join the CTS PAC on Tuesday, October 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for our first FREE Parent Information night of the year. The topic is "The New Curriculum & Our Kids." Come learn more about what the new curriculum looks like in practice (some actual examples will be showcased) and what you can do to support your child's learning. Complimentary childminding is available in the gymnasium for parents in attendance. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The event is FREE to attend, but pre-registration is required for planning purposes. **To register please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/XauxUQrPke2RF6Fk2> or email cts.pac@vcpac.ca.**

Need Volunteers - Halloween Dance!

We are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of different activities the night of the Halloween Dance (Friday, October 28, 2016). To sign up for a short volunteer shift please go to the following Google Doc and pick your shift:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11YHxbW37_VomOQ44h8W2NAwWyKpQqa3dUfgOPv8iu1k/edit?usp=sharing. Or email cts.pac@vcpac.ca and let us know when you are available to help out!

Looking for Size 3 or 4 Uniform Skorts, Pants, Shirts or Crested Vests?

The CTS PAC has a number of VERY small NEW uniform clothing items available for a great price (e.g. \$2, \$3, \$5 etc.) . If you have a child that is very small (size 3/4) and are looking for some additional uniform pieces, please contact Tracy at ctsuniforms@hotmail.ca.