

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 30th - Parent Teacher Interview Forms Sent Home
October 3rd - Cross Country - 3:30 p.m. at Lambrick Park
October 4th - FREE Parent Info Night - The New Curriculum & Our Kids (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
October 5th - Parent Teacher Interview Forms Due Back
October 6th - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. in the school library
October 10th - Thanksgiving Day - No school in session
October 11th - Cross Country - 3:30 p.m. at Clover Point
October 12th - Parent Teacher Interview Confirmations Sent Home
October 12th - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. in the school library
October 13th - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. in the school library
October 19th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 11:54 a.m.)
October 20th - Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 11:54 a.m.)
October 21st - Professional Development Day - No students in session

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We were thrilled to have the Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education visit our school on Thursday. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10154739007214610&substory_index=0&id=183958174609&tn=%2As

Minister Bernier was greeted by Lillian, Gr. 5 and Chloe, Gr. 4 and then taken on a tour of the school by tour guides Jon Gr. 4 and Zoe Gr. 4. The media and school district personnel also joined the tour which included: the music room (Mrs. Clifford's K class), grade 1 (Mrs. Camden's class), grade 5 (Mrs. Jost's class), and kindergarten (Mrs. Petrovic's class). It was truly joyful to showcase our students and their learning as well as our beautiful school! We wished we could have had him visit all of our classes to see the wonderful hard work throughout the school.

See you next Tuesday at the Information Night the PAC is sponsoring. Mrs. Jost and I will be leading an interactive, action packed session where you will learn more deeply about your individual child's new curriculum.

Our monthly assembly this week featured students who celebrated a birthday in September. We also reviewed the playground zones and expectations. Have your child tell you 3 things about playing in their playground zone. Mrs. Petrovic gave an encouraging message about the upcoming Cross Country run. We also watched a Terry Fox video which helped to give background to a Canadian hero. At 2:15 we ran at the back of the school and raised money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Running Club

Running Club starts Tuesday! Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:20 teachers will be out on the field running with students from grades 1 through 5 (kindergarten students will have the chance to join running club in January). Please talk to your child about the benefits of exercise and encourage them to participate. It is a drop-in club where they may come out as often as the like.

Swim Club

Swim club starts this coming Tuesday, October 4th from 3:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. at Crystal Pool. A reminder to parents that they are responsible for their children before and after the practice. It's not too late to join - please see our website for more info: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/programs-clubs/swim-club/>

New Gender Identity and Gender Expression Policy for Greater Victoria Schools

A link to the policy is available here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/new-gender-identity-and-expression-policy-for-greater-victoria-schools/>

KATS Announces Free Indoor Tennis Classes

The Kids At Tennis Society is offering free indoor tennis lessons from October 5 through December 15 at the CDI College (950 Kinds Rd) from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. To register call Vic West Community Centre at 250.590.8922 or Victoria Parks and Recreation at 250.361.0732

Active Transportation Events In October

October 3rd - 7th: International Walk (or Bike) to School Week, with Walk on Wednesday the highlight of the week. [More info.](#)

October 4th & 5th: Fall Bike to Work Days, Greater Victoria. There is a [Celebration Station at UVIC the morning of October 4th.](#)

Walktober: It is a great website with loads of guidance. The point is walk and then log your steps (or time walking) to collect leaves. The more leaves = more points. [More Info on their website.](#)

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 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.. 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 Wednesday, October 12th, 1.5 hour sessions (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) 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).

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Support Your Child's Learning at CTS

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 at CTS. This is a great opportunity to learn some tips and techniques on better supporting homework, and helping your child to succeed under this new curriculum model. 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.

Halloween Dance - Calling All Volunteers

We are looking for a whole bunch of volunteers to help out at the CTS Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28, 2016. The dance is one of our annual PAC fundraisers. We need volunteers to help with set up and take down of decorations. As well as volunteers to assist with a variety of 1/2 hour shifts during the dance. To sign up for a shift click on the following shared Google Doc and insert your name and contact information in your preferred

shift. https://docs.google.com/document/d/11YHxbW37_VomOQ44h8W2NAwWyKpQqa3dUfgOPv8iu1k/edit?usp=sharing

If you have difficulty accessing this sign up sheet, email cts.pac@vcpac.ca and let us know when you are available to help out. Thank you for your support.

Save Around Coupon Book - PAST DUE!

The Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser is officially over. If you have any unreturned books please send them into the school office ASAP. All families with books/orders that have not been returned will receive an invoice for \$25. Please return the coupon book or payment immediately to the school office. If you have any questions, issues or concerns please email: cts.pac@vcpac.ca. Thank you for your support.