

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 12th - Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser Begins

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

September 19th - Professional Development Day - No students in session

September 21st - Welcome Back Barbeque

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

We welcome 312 students and their families to our school! What a year of learning we have planned for you!

We are so pleased to be back on Quadra Street! We are very proud of our school and believe we offer a strong choice in the educational programming for your child. This environment has come together thanks to parents and staff who have agreed on a common vision for education of elementary children. We feel parent involvement has a basis in communication. Please stop by and see us. We want to meet you and find out more about your child. The student planner is our daily communication tool. Please read over and sign each night.

Following a yearlong construction phase we are delighted with the changes in safety, seismic, traffic flow, technology and general upgrades to our building.

We would like to especially thank our PAC Executive who supported the process in getting the upgrades. We thank all of the trades for their effort and our school district staff for working tirelessly to prepare for our opening.

Thank you to the hardworking parent volunteers, alumni and students who came during the summer to pack us up and unpack us. Our staff and their partners and children were integral to this move. We couldn't have opened as orderly without you!

Welcome to the 16 new families and 64 new kindergarten families who have joined our school. We encourage you to attend all of our school events and parent meetings. Our parents have great fun at Cloverdale Traditional!

We hold the promise of a new year and journey together in your child's education! There is no work that is more important.

We look forward to working with you!

Volunteer Un-Packers & Organizers

Thank you so much to the following volunteers who were on hand last week for our library unpacking extravaganza. Miki Rogalsky, Mariko Yuguchi, Bethany Campbell, Alicia-Marie Mangano, Janice Mangano, and Tara Poilievre. We were able to unpack the entire library in less than one day. We could not have done it without you!

We would like to extend a big thank you to the following people who have been in to help unpack and organize other areas of the school. Kaitlyn Unger, Connor Unger, Krista Unger, Hope Mukahanana, Patricia Mukahanana, Ria Coates, Juliet Coates, Chief Owusu-Nyamekye, Ohenewaa Owusu-Nyamekye, Kobby Owusu-Nyamekye, Seyram Amegah, Karen Grigolato, Mady Grigolato, Owen Grigolato, Dorothy Reimer, Bruce Reimer, Tracey Knight, Stacey Haase, Melissa Piasta, Starr Munro, Julie Perreault, Charlie Smith, Diane Smith, Darryl Smith, Mio, Yoshi, and countless other children and spouses of our staff that also came to lend a hand.

We also had members of our Earthquake Team in to unpack and organize the bunker and to make sure that we had our Earthquake kits in each classroom. Thank so Ginny, Chris, Ryan, and kids (Belinda, Ava, Jake, Ivy, Mason, and other family friends).

To the teachers and staff that have spent hours upon hours also helping prepare classrooms and other common areas of the school, we thank you too!

We still have areas in the school that need unpacking and organizing. If you are interested in volunteering to help us, please email cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca to let us know.

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 Tye 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/>).

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/>

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Staples School Supply Delivery

If you ordered school supplies last year through the Staples School Supply PAC fundraiser, please note that the majority of school supplies were delivered directly to your child's new classroom on Thursday, September 8. A small percentage of students did not receive their supplies due to a shipping error. We hope to have supplies delivered to these student's classrooms by Monday September 12 (or ASAP). Once your child's classroom teacher has received and reviewed the school supplies, a pink note will be sent home in your child's agenda, notifying you that supplies have been received. If you have any concerns about your child's school supply order please contact your child's teacher first to discuss. It is important to note that some teachers compile supplies to be shared among students within the class.

First CTS PAC Meeting of the New School Year

Join us Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library (lower level of the school) for the first Parents Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the year. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the role of the PAC in the school, opportunities to volunteer or get involved, as well as finding out more about the fundraisers, events and activities that will take place throughout the school year. Complimentary child-minding is available in the school gymnasium for all parents in attendance at the meeting. Snacks and refreshments will also be available.

Save Around Coupon Books

Our annual Save Around Coupon Book fundraiser is scheduled to run from Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 23. Every student in the school will receive a Coupon book to bring home. Each family may decide whether or not to participate in this fundraiser. All unsold books must be returned to the school. Coupon Books cost \$25 each. Sell 5 or more books and receive 1 free book per student. Please make cheques payable to CTS PAC. The deadline to return unsold books and orders is Friday, September 23. Any questions please email: cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards

Each year CTS PAC participates in the Thrifty Foods Smile Card program. Load your gift card with money in advance of making any purchases and 5% of all money you spend on the card will be donated to the CTS PAC to support the purchase of new library books for the school. If you have a card from last year, you can start using it again. If you need a new card we have some available in the school office. All new Kindergarten students will receive additional information in the coming weeks about this ongoing fundraising program.