

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country - 3:30 p.m. at Lambrick Park  
October 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 11:54 a.m.)  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - Shake Out Earthquake Drill - 10:00 a.m.  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Student Dismissal at 11:54 a.m.)  
October 21<sup>st</sup> - Professional Development Day - No students in session  
October 24<sup>th</sup> - Student Photo Orders Due  
October 24<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Finals - 1:00 p.m. at Beacon Hill  
October 26<sup>th</sup> - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Library  
October 27<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the library  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the gym  
October 31<sup>st</sup> - Black and Orange Day  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Dance (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the school gym)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### **Principal's Message**

The wind is blowing us through October! We are sending the students outside for recess even in the rain so thank you for sending hooded jackets and rubber boots. Our neighborhood Saanich Fire Department gave our school an 'Excellent' rating on our fire drill on Tuesday as we vacated safely and quickly in one minute, forty-five seconds. We have had field trips this week to Francis King Park to study bats and the Grade 1 classes continue their Wednesday Nature walks in the neighborhood. Thank you to Mrs. Camden who is conducting our Norman Foote Choir each Wednesday and to the coaches Mrs. Petrovic, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Glover who run twice a week at noon hour with our Running Club. Congratulations to our runners at the Clover Point Meet this week. Our swim team has expanded to 45 swimmers at Crystal Pool! Byte Computer camp has attracted 9 computer coders on Wednesdays and 18 scientists joined the afterschool Mad Science club. We have had Trustee Tom Ferris visit us this week as well as Associate Superintendent Deb Whitten. We are now enrolled in the 'Active and Safe Routes to School' program thanks to a nomination by the District of Saanich. There will be a kick-off at the October Assembly and more information in future newsletters. We hosted 18 UVIC student teachers today and they helped our many writing and reading lessons and stayed to supervise a rainy recess. Thank you to the Emergency Preparedness Committee (*Ginny Woodfine, Ryan Burrell, Erin Acton, Andrew Sly and Starr Munro*) who organized the Comfort Kits this week. They sent home forms for those parents who still need to send their kits in. Welcome Shelby Boutillier to our school. Mrs. Boutillier joins our Learning Support department as a Learning Support teacher Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. PLEASE remember to adjust your week as we finish school at 11:54 am on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for Parent and Teacher Interviews. Please bring your questions for your child's teachers. We are offering the gym to drop off your children during the scheduled time slots. It is also the Provincial Professional Development day next Friday and therefore school will not be in session. With the weather warnings it is a good time to rehearse emergency preparedness as a family including exits and the location of flashlights and supplies. Stay dry, everyone. ~Miss Pick

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

During the last school year, we raised a total of \$2850.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation with our Jump Rope for Heart event. Part of this program allowed the school to receive some funds for sports equipment. We received \$266.58 which will be put towards new playground balls for recess and lunch time use.

### **Agenda Planners**

Please consider donating the suggested \$6 for agenda planners if you have not already done so. We have had a significant decrease in our received donations this year. Please send cash or cheque made payable to Cloverdale Traditional School. The outstanding balance after donations is split between the school budget and the PAC. In previous years we have only had to top up \$200.00. This year we have a shortfall of \$1000.00.

## **Inclement Weather**

It is nearing that time of year that weather is getting colder and wetter. This is a reminder to parents and students that we do go outside at recess and lunch (and before school). Please make sure that your child comes to school prepared to be outside when it is wet and/or cold. Rainy weather is a fact of life in Victoria! Rubber boots, rain coats with hoods, umbrellas, toques, mittens, and spare dry clothes (including socks) are all essentials of getting through the cold wet season. Please also note that the school gym is not open before school for children when the weather is less than favorable. In the event that the outside supervisors deem the weather unsuitable, the office will ring the rain bell and children can proceed to their classrooms to engage in quiet, self-directed activities until the start of the school day.

## **Before and After School Supervision**

Please remember that there is NO supervision on the school grounds before 8:29 a.m. or after 3:07 p.m. Children are not to be alone on the school grounds before or after these times. Children who arrive before this time cannot be sent into the school for supervision. If you bring your child to school early you cannot take them to their classroom and leave them with the teacher, nor can you stay in the classroom with them waiting for the before school outside supervision. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact the school office.

## **CTS PAC UPDATES:**

### **Looking for Craft Fair Station Coordinators**

The annual CTS Christmas Craft fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 26 from 10 to 3 at CTS. We are in the planning and organizing stages of this event and are looking for parent volunteers that would be willing to help in coordinating specific stations. If you are interested in being a station coordinator for one of the following stations: CRAFTS; FACE PAINTING; PARKING; DECORATIONS ...please email [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca). A special thanks to Kendra Allen and Melissa Piasta for being our main event coordinators. We will also be sending out volunteer sign up sheets for individual shifts in the coming weeks. ***We need the helping hands of many parent volunteers to pull off this awesome community event and one of our most lucrative fundraisers of the year!***

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