

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 28<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Dance 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Gym  
October 31<sup>st</sup> - Orange and Black Day - No costumes!  
November 1<sup>st</sup> - Strings Concert at Mt. Doug High in the Gym (6:30 p.m.)  
November 1<sup>st</sup> - CTS PAC Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Library)  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Library  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Library  
November 4<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettia Orders Due  
November 8<sup>th</sup> - Student Photo Re-Takes  
November 9<sup>th</sup> - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Library  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day Assembly  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Library  
November 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day - School Closed  
November 16<sup>th</sup> - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Library  
November 17<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Library  
November 18<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Day - No students in session  
November 26<sup>th</sup> - CTS Craft Fair

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### **Principal's Message**

Pro D last Friday had our staff in many different directions: Vancouver for the BC Teaching and Learning Council conference, Nanaimo for the Primary Teacher's Conference and some stayed right here in our school to expand their learning with the new curriculum. Professional Development is key and our staff is highly involved with their learning journey.

Cst. Robinson and Cst. Swanson were here for Halloween Safety Tips and we heard some great tips on masks, make up, costumes and reflection. We even learned how to best hold a flashlight. Ask your child to tell you a tip on Halloween Safety.

Thank you parents for driving for the Grade 3-5 Fall Cross Country meets as they ended this week. Congratulations to the runners on their successes! Another month long session will take place in the spring.

Thank you to Reyona and Lilly, Grade 5 students, who led our first assembly today.

Except for one lunch hour we have been going out rain or shine. Thank you to Mrs. Jost who has been meeting with teachers in grade groups in order to review the new report card.

The school district has been busy tidying up the school grounds and installing telephones in each classroom. UVIC has returned the weather station to the roof so stay tuned to weather reports from the display temporarily housed in Mrs. Chant's classroom.

Have a good weekend and be Halloween Safe!

### **New Staff**

Please welcome Mrs. Margaret Dzbik as our new Strings teacher for the Grade 5 students. We share Mrs. Dzbik with Oak Bay High School and Lansdowne Middle School. We want to thank Mrs. Tina Horwood for her many years of outstanding, award winning and dedicated work in our school.

Please welcome Mrs. Shelby Bouthillier, our new Learning Support teacher.

We wish Ms. Romaine Jacklin good luck in her Kindergarten position at McKenzie Elementary. Thank you for sharing the Grade 2/3 class with Mrs. Chant and for helping with the strings classes this fall.

We wish Mrs. Andrea Skakun good luck on her new position at Margaret Jenkins.

### **Terry Fox Run Organizers**

Thank you to the Terry Fox School Run Organizers: Paxton, Felix, Ellaine, and Paul who received a special video message from Mr. Fred Fox, brother to Terry Fox

### **Active and Safe Routes to School Program**

We are excited to announce that CLOVERDALE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL is participating in the Capital Regional District's **Active and Safe Routes to School** project. School Travel Planning is a process that involves students, parents and community partners to find new ways to encourage, motivate and support more children and their families to safely walk, bike or roll to and from school. Active transportation is a great way to support increased physical activity and contributes to our region's environmental, economic and social priorities. We are currently looking for interested parents to work with decision makers, law enforcement agencies and community partners to explore barriers and generate solutions that can make it easier for families to choose active modes more often. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Miss Pick. [rpick@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rpick@sd61.bc.ca). For more information on this program, see the poster here: [https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/our\\_school\\_is\\_on\\_the\\_move\\_posterasrts/](https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/our_school_is_on_the_move_posterasrts/). See the banner that was unveiled at our school assembly here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/banner/>

### **Lego Club**

We offer Lego Club Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. the first week of each month from November to April. Tuesdays are Grades 4 and 5, Wednesdays are Grades K and 1, and Thursdays are Grades 2 and 3. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining our parent volunteers for this club.

### **Cloverdale's Big Voice Choir**

Come join Norman Foote and Cloverdale's Big Voice Choir for an evening of singing and entertainment on Monday, November 21, 2016. We will be starting at 6:45 p.m. and be performing for about an hour in our Cloverdale Traditional School gym. Tickets will be available in the office for \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. We have been practicing weekly with Mrs. Camden and are looking forward to a rehearsal with Mr. Foote. Hope to see you at our concert.

### **Parent Teacher Interview Turn Out**

Thank you parents for arranging your schedules to attend Parent and Teacher interviews this year. We are pleased with the support by our parents again this year. 93% of our students had at least one parent attend the interviews during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>. See the statistics from the past 4 years here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/pt-stats/>

### **Waitlist for September 2018**

Our Kindergarten waitlist for 2018-2019 is almost full. If you have a child who is a sibling to a current student in our school please pop by the office to register your child. This is the school year when children are born in the year 2013.

### **Fall Cross Country**

An amazing 994 runners participated in the Cross Country Finals this past Monday afternoon at Beacon Hill Park. This is the largest number of participants that has ever run in the finals! Thank you to Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Bird, and Mrs. Petrovic for helping our runners practice at lunch and making the arrangements to get students to and from the finals. Our team included: Sam L, Olivia P, Madeline D, Mya D, Paul N, Brooklyn N, Sophia W, London W, Cadence C, Genevieve R, Ella R, Julia M, Tehya A, Joshua N, Jordan H, Tikal A, Keira K, Dylan S, Eysa P, Zahra G, Diep N, Tarissa W, and Connor U.

### **Orange and Black Day - October 31st**

Orange and Black day is one of the 6 days throughout the school year that students may be out of uniform. The choices on this day are any combination of orange, black, or orange and black. Costumes of any type are not permitted. No hair dye or make-up. Students may also opt to wear their uniform.

### **Annual Coats for Kids School Collection**

Our school will be collecting new and gently used winter coats until November 10<sup>th</sup>. See the poster for more details: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/2016-school-poster/>

### **Triple C Club**

The Battery Busters program collection deadline has been extended to November 4<sup>th</sup>! Support the grade 4/5 Triple C Club by bringing in your dead household batteries and placing them in the collection container outside the school office, or bring them to Mrs. Gleeson's classroom.

### **Tumblebooks**

Did you know that our school's **Tumblebooks** subscription is available from home (or anywhere with an internet connection)? The core of this web-based service is a wide variety of picture books in animated, read-along format including fiction, non-fiction and other languages. Other aspects of the service include talking chapter books, math stories, videos, puzzles & games.

To log on, please visit [www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com) and enter the following credentials:

Username: clover

Password: books

### **Homestay Families**

The Greater Victoria School District's **Victoria International High School Programs** (VIHSP) is seeking caring families, in your neighborhood, to provide homestay accommodation to international students studying in the District's middle and secondary schools.

We offer the following to our host families:

- Orientation
- Homestay reference manual
- Remuneration of \$875 per month for hosting
- On-going support

To find out more about our homestay program, please visit our website:

[www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Tymon Hsieh at **email: [thsieh@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:thsieh@sd61.bc.ca) tel: 250.592.6871**

### **Free Mini Rugby Jamboree**

There is an upcoming opportunity for students age 7-11 to try **non-contact** rugby on November 6th at Macdonald Park in James Bay. This opportunity is for girls and boys and there is no cost to participate. See the poster for more information: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/mini-jamboree-try-rugby/>

### **CTS PAC UPDATES:**

#### **November 1 - CTS PAC Meeting**

Please join us Tuesday November 1, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for our November PAC Business Meeting. We will be reviewing the upcoming events/activities between now and Christmas and seeking parent input on a variety of different projects. Complimentary childminding is provided in the gym for parents in attendance. Snacks and refreshments are also provided. See you there!

#### **Poinsettia Fundraiser**

Our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser is now on. You should have received an order form home with your child this week. If you require another order form please email [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca). The **deadline for orders and payments to be received in the school office is Friday November 4**. Please NO LATE ORDERS. We have to place all orders by the following Monday. Poinsettias will be ready for pick up in the CTS Library on December 1, 2016 from 3:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m .

### **CTS Craft Fair - November 26, 2016**

It is that time of year again, the planning and preparation stages for the CTS 8th Annual Craft Fair. We are getting to close to having sold out of vendor tables. If you know of any one that may want to be a vendor at the Craft Fair, be sure they get their applications in ASAP. Details about the Craft Fair can be found online at: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/craft-fair-2>. (You can download a poster here too!) We now have all our Station Coordinator positions filled. Thank you to our parent volunteers. Emails will be coming home starting next week with additional details about Raffle Prize donations (including grade specific gift baskets), bake sale and cupcake walk baking sign up, and volunteer sign up at various stations (2 hour shifts). Please keep your eyes peeled for emails and please sign up to help out! Many hands make light work, for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Thanks for your support.