

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 10<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day - No school in session  
October 11<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country - 3:30 p.m. at Clover Point  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interview Confirmations Sent Home  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - Byte Camp 3:00 p.m. in the school library  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - Mad Science 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the school library  
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> - 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> - Cross Country Finals - 1:00 p.m. at Beacon Hill  
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 year is moving along and so many layers are in place to create this thriving learning environment for your children. We check that the planners are signed each day and that the homework is completed and returned. Guest speakers in our school this week included the public health nurses with the Gr. 2 program, 'All Bugs Don't Need Drugs' and James Taylor was here sharing Aboriginal teachings in the Grade 1 rooms. We have several clubs and teams started including our in house activities sponsored by teachers like the Leadership Club (Gr. 5), Cross Country Running (Gr. 3-5), Running Club (Gr. 1-5) and the Triple C Club (Gr. 4-5). We have also started our extra offerings which take place afterschool and are organized by outside agencies: Mad Science (Gr. K-5) and Swim Club (K-5). Our students have also shown leadership by generating ideas they would like to see happen and so we have been working on the organization of the gym equipment room, cleaning up garbage on the grounds and ensuring recess equipment and pylons are readily available. We have heard the first violin notes thanks to the early rehearsals from our Grade 5 strings program. It is truly amazing at where the students start. Thank you Grade 5 parents for arranging the instrument rentals and reviewing proper transport and care of the instrument and also for setting a home schedule for practice times. An exciting afterschool session on Thursday when one of the final pieces of the Technology for Learning tech packages arrived - HP laptops for all teachers in the school. Thank you to the school district! I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Parent Information night and credit our PAC Executive for reaching out to our full parent body for Information Night topics. Thank you to all for returning your Verification Forms. First class in was Mrs. Marshall/Mrs. McIntyre's class. The first class returning the Parent/Teacher Interview forms was Mrs. Gleeson's class. Both classes enjoyed an ice cream treats!

### **Split Classes**

We have lots of combined (split) classes this year! Here is some information to help you understand the thinking behind the numbers.

How do Schools decide which students to place in combined classes?

In an effort to ensure all students are placed in appropriately balanced classrooms, school staff (teachers, Principals and Vice-Principals) use such criteria as age, range of ability, special learning needs, gender, social groupings, and support staff recommendations. Also, just as we do when allocating students to non-combined classes, all members of the school team work together to best match the learning styles and needs of the students. In our school we also offer parents an opportunity each May to submit their preference for a learning situation and learning partner for their child for the next school year. All these factors are considered before allocating classes for students. Some growth areas for students that come with combined classes include opportunities to develop independence, responsibility, study habits and attitude towards school.

## **New Staff**

We would like to welcome Miss Emma Caya as a District Educational Assistant in our Kindergarten room. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Kelsey Shaver as our new Office Assistant and Library Clerk. In addition we would like to welcome Miss Romaine Jacklin (who already teaches in Ms. Julie Chant's grade 2/3 room) to the position of Strings Teacher and she will also be doing some teaching in Mrs. Jost's grade 5 room.

## **Terry Fox**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 'Toonies for Terry' fundraiser in conjunction with our run last Friday. We raised \$460.55! Students participate in a half hour run in the afternoon sunshine. We would also like to recognize Ruby L from Mrs. Dailyde's class for donating \$50.00 from her toonie birthday party to this fundraiser!

## **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

100 YEARS! Cloverdale School turns 100 years old! Please consider joining our 100 Years Committee for behind the scenes input into upcoming events! Contact the school: [cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca)

## **Crossing Guard Update**

Does your child walk, bicycle or scooter to school? We have been hunting for two replacement Crossing Guards for the past month. Please call Nicole at Beacon Community Services if you are interested in the crossing guard positions at 250-652-6686.

## **Triple C Club**

Triple C (Cloverdale Community Champions) have had only one meeting, but we are off with a big project! We are participating in the Battery Busters from Eco Kids again. This time it is a tight timeline. We are collecting batteries from October 17th to October 23rd. I need to get them sent away by October 28th. Please collect dead batteries from your family and friends :) We will set up a collection station soon, but meanwhile you can bring them to me. We will put something in this week's newsletter for parents and their families. We have a chance to win \$1,500 for the most batteries collected per student or \$1,500 for the most batteries collected Canada wide or \$1,500 for the most creative battery busters campaign or \$1,000 in a random draw.

Please note:

- Only single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each) will be accepted.
- Please note that **not all batteries have to be bagged** and/or terminals taped. The only chemistries that have to be bagged or taped are Lithium, Lithium-Ion and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb). You do not have to bag single-use alkaline, meaning AA, AAA, D, C batteries.
- Dented or powdery batteries should not be brought to school.

Thanks for your help in this!!! Here are some resources/lessons for grades 4 & 5 if you'd like.

<https://ecokids.ca/teachers/about-environment/resource-packages/batteries/>

## **Yoga Club**

A new club is starting up on Fridays at lunchtime in the music room! Ms. Chant will be offering an opportunity for Grade 2 and 3 students to relax, stretch, and breathe in her new Yoga Club. The yoga poses based on the Yoga Kit for Kids will be combined with Brain Gym Exercises to connect both hemispheres of the brain for optimal learning. Grade 2 and 3 students keen on stretching, balancing, and quietly refocusing for Friday afternoon learning are encouraged to join yoga for the first time, or come and enjoy the benefits of yoga again.

## **Swan Lake Evening Optimist Club Free Programming**

Swan Lake has received very generous donations from The Evening Optimists Club of Victoria to provide free programming to deserving schools around the city. Their preference is to have the classes come and visit the nature sanctuary and do their programs on site, as they love to maximize time outside for the students and give them a chance to explore a new place.

Four classes at Cloverdale are lucky to be given funding to cover the costs of Science programs at Swan Lake Nature House.

The Grade 2 classes are going to a one hour **Bat Program**. Through story, props, specimens and games we'll explore the remarkable adaptations of bats to their nocturnal lifestyle. Mrs. Marta's class, Mrs. Chant's class, and Mrs. Marshall's/Mrs. McIntyre's class will be going the last week in November. Mrs. Liddell's Grade 4 class will be going in the spring to learn about the creatures of the wetland in the **Pond Program**.

## **PAC Door Prize Winners**

This month's PAC meeting door prizes were awarded to: Samantha Hoffman and Lynda Tan  
Thank you to all 25 participants who attended Parent Information Night!

## **1000 x 5**

Please see the attached poster for 1000 x 5: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/newsletter-links/oct-2016/>

## **Head Lice Awareness**

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk. Head lice can spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet. And they cannot jump or fly. There may be a few or no symptoms, but itching may occur. You can help by checking your child's head with the wet-combing method of detection once a week throughout the school year (review your pamphlet Wet Combing - How to Get Rid of Head Lice, available online, at your school, and at the Public Health Unit). It is also a great idea to encourage your child to wear their hair tied back. If you find live lice on your child's head, promptly treating them will help stop them from spreading. It is important to remind your family and friends about the importance of routine head checks. For more information please see <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice> or contact your local Public Health Unit

## **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!

**Save Around Coupon Book - UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Save Around Coupon Book fundraiser. This year the CTS made \$2,862.50 from your fundraising efforts. This fundraiser is now closed. A special thanks to Unika Attridge, Wayde Guphill, Tracey Knight, Stacey Haase and Starr Munro for volunteering their time to assist with this project.