

IMPORTANT DATES:

Quick Dates:

November 26 - CTS 8th Annual Christmas Craft Fair (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
November 30 - Byte Computer Camp (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
December 1 - Student Photo Re-Take Orders Due to Office
December 1 - Poinsettia Pick Up in the Library (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
December 2 - CTS Family Movie Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
December 13 - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (9:15 a.m. in the school gym)
December 14 - Christmas Concert (1:15 p.m., tickets required)
December 15th - Christmas Concert (6:15 p.m., tickets required)
December 16 - Last Day of School Before Winter Break (classes in session all day)

Please visit the CTS website calendar for a more comprehensive list of important dates:

November Calendar

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/2016-11/>

December Calendar

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/2016-12/>

January Calendar

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/2017-01/>

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We are heading full steam into Term I report cards, the Christmas Concert and the Craft Fair. Everyone is very focused here at school on learning new software, a new script and a new format. We are very excited to connect with our community again with our Craft Fair and all of the effort with our seasoned parent volunteers and are many new ones is making this an important event. We invite you here on Saturday to our Craft Fair as a fun family time with vetted crafters, family craft making and of course food and raffle prizes. Thank you to all the parents behind the scenes who have been on top of the myriad of details to put on this event. See more information in the PAC section below.

Our professional development day last Friday had most of our staff at the Primary Teacher's Conference, GAFE Google Apps for Education (GAFE) conference and many of our support team taking Non-Violent Crisis certification. The rest of us were in various locations including the school working on technology.

Students are using the red buddy benches recently installed thanks to fundraising efforts by our former Grade 5 class and Thrifty Foods. The installation was taken care of by our PAC with some support by Leadership Victoria and SD61 Facilities department. What's a buddy bench? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFqxqzI71Ic>

Congratulations to Norman Foote, Mrs. Jill Camden and the Norman Foote choir members on a tremendous show on Tuesday night! We were entertained by well prepared and spirited choir members as well as the comedic skills of Mr. Foote. Thank you to alumni Madi and Mrs. Jones for manning the door. Thank you families for supporting this event and to Mrs. Camden for all of her preparation and organization of this event.

Thank you to Tara Poilievre, Miki Rogalski, Chelsea Larocque, and Ivy Mlalazi for conducting Head Lice checks this week and to Chelo Macay for putting up our Christmas trees.

We wish Miss Laura Paul farewell and good luck as she takes a new position working with teens at SJ Willis.

We conducted a Lock down Drill on Tuesday and it was attended by our liaison officer Cst. Riley Swanson and colleagues. This practice was intended to review safety procedures in the event of an intruder in the school. During the drill students moved to the safest location in their locked classrooms and remained silent with the lights off. Cst. Swanson jiggled classroom door knobs and shouted 'police'. The sobering experience taught students and staff not to open the classroom door under any circumstance. Police and administration reviewed procedures including the location of the police box containing the school keys. Following an actual lock down, police officers would use school keys to open up classroom doors.

Mad Science Scientists have wrapped up their fall program! Six hands-on afterschool sessions brought all ages together with a common interest in inventions. They used their curiosity and cooperation to overcome a series of challenges and created simple machines taking tips from famous inventors. Well done Scientists: Aaron C, Alicia M, Callum R, Charlie H, Diya P, Dylan S, Emily C, Jake A, Keira R, Liam B, Liam D, Noah M, Nolan D, Rachel L, Riley W, Tristan M, Romeo P.

Need to review the new curriculum? Click on a subject area and your child's grade level and take a look. Here is the link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

Christmas Concert Tickets

Thank you for returning your ticket request forms to the school office. As it is with every year, the Thursday evening concert is a highly requested ticket. Today was the cut off for first request of tickets and they will go home on Monday, November 28th. On Monday we will organize the second requests for additional tickets and send those tickets home on Wednesday, November 30th. We do anticipate being able to fill all additional ticket request for Wednesday afternoon. For those who requested additional Thursday night tickets, we were not able to accommodate any of these requests this year. If you would like additional Wednesday afternoon tickets please contact the school via email: cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca and put "Concert Tickets" in the subject line. The easiest hassle free way to see the concert is the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 13th at 9:15 a.m. as tickets are not required. The dress rehearsal often has a whole other level of enjoyment in its first run sparkle.

Triple C Club

Our Triple C club members have asked to have an area in the newsletter on recycling tips for our school community! Here is their first one:
Did you know the CRD has a re-cyclopedia? Check it out at <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/reduce-reuse-recycle/myrecyclopedia> . Find out where you can recycle any item!

Student Writing

Thank you to Mrs. Gleeson's class for submitting some of their writing for inclusion in our newsletter. See writing by Diep N, Jordan H, and Romeo P here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Student-Writing.pdf>

PAC UPDATES:

See you at the Craft Fair!

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the CTS 8th Annual Christmas Craft Fair this Saturday, November 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is fun for the whole family. We have vendors, a cupcake walk, face painting, photo booth, holiday activity sheet, bake sale, concession and an AMAZING raffle. If you are bringing baked goods or cupcakes please have them at the school no later than first thing Saturday morning (deliver to the library). If you are volunteering, we thank you for your support. We couldn't pull off this event without your help and involvement.

Poinsettia Pick Up Reminder

If you ordered poinsettias please remember that pick up is Thursday, December 2 from 3 pm to 5 pm in the library. If you can't make this time for pick up, other options include Friday, December 1 from 8 to 9 am and Movie Night at 6:30 p.m.

PAC Social: Family Christmas Movie Night

You and your family are invited to join us for a FREE family movie night on Friday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school gym (doors open at 6:15). Come in your pjs, bring some snacks and drinks, your lounge chair, blankets and pillows and get cozy. All children must be attended by a parent. We will be showing "Home Alone" (rated PG)(CTS Families Voters Choice). To check out the Trailer go to: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0099785/videoplayer/vi2477195545>.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Quadra Village Emergency Funds

A Quadra Village Emergency Fund has been started to help support families impacted by the devastating Evergreen Terrace fire, Click the link to find out how you can help:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Quadra-Village-Emergency-Fund.pdf>

UVic Student Teachers

Click the link to see what the UVic student teachers had to say about their visit to our school:

https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/0371_001.pdf