

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

November 4<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettia Orders Due  
November 8<sup>th</sup> - Student Photo Re-Takes  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym, everyone welcome)  
November 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day - School Closed  
November 18<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Day - No students in session  
November 25<sup>th</sup> - Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym, everyone welcome)  
November 26<sup>th</sup> - CTS Christmas Craft Fair (10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### **Principal's Message**

Thank you for attending the dance last Friday night. It was a wonderful turnout and the costumed children and parents made for an incredibly colourful night. At that morning's assembly we kicked off the Active and Safe Route to schools program with the HASTE coordinator, Lise Richards. She also presented at the PAC meeting this week. Thank you for submitting your parent surveys to help paint the picture of transportation for our school community. We look forward to working with our community partners to address concerns and encourage active and safe routes to our school. We had a wonderful orange and black dress up day for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Candy treats no longer welcome at school beginning Monday (one treat each day this week was special). Our Noisy Reading Kids Club started the afterschool sessions this week for selected Grade 2 and 3 students. This is an outstanding free reading program sponsored by the Read Now Society and our instructor this year is Miss Sue. We had Lego Club this week and hundreds of students and thousands of pieces came together over the lunch hours with creative projects. All students in the school received 2 free Lego magazines thanks to our connection with Lego. I noticed great focused effort by our swimmers at the Crystal Pool on Tuesday. Parent feedback has been positive for our change to Tyee Swim Club coaches. Mrs. Jost, Mrs. Gleeson and Mrs. Dzbik heard great melodies at the first concert for the Grade 5 strings musicians at Mount Doug School. Our school welcomed our second group of 18 UVIC student teachers this morning. These second year student teachers observed several classrooms and helped out at recess time. Thank you once again to our wonderful PAC Executive and the event, activity and fundraising Coordinators for their many hours of organization. Enjoy the fall weather.

### **Student Photo Re-Takes**

If you would like your child to have photo retakes (or if you were away on photo day), please include a note to the classroom teacher in your child's agenda planner letting the teacher know that you would like your child to have their photo taken on Tuesday.

### **How to Use the CTS Student Drop Off Area**

Student Drop Off Lane: Do not leave vehicles unattended in this area during the hours of 8:30-9:00am or 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Once your student has exited or entered your vehicle, please pull in to the drive thru lane to allow for space for the next vehicle. Please pull as far forward as possible to allow for other vehicles to access the student drop off area.

Drive Thru Lane: Absolutely no stopping in this lane or on the sidewalk. This lane needs to remain open and accessible at all times. Please do not let your student exit or enter your vehicle while in this lane.

See a map here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Drop-Off-Map.pdf>

### **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/>

Last chance to bring in your Parent survey is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by 9:00 a.m. as they will be picked up by the Active and Safe Routes to Schools coordinator, Lise Richards.

#### Daily Draw Winners:

Everyone who participated in the draw received an Active and Safe Routes to Schools sticker

Monday - Draw Winner who rode their bike to school: Elaine won a bike light

Tuesday - Draw Winner who walked to school: Sebastien won an umbrella

Wednesday - Draw Winner who is in a car pool: Elina (in her car pool was: Nathan, Nicole, Yuki) won a trivia game

Thursday - Draw Winner who took the city bus: Gian won a water bottle

Friday - Draw Winner is Mrs. Camden's class for being the class who had the most Parent Surveys returned: They won ice cream.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Please join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in our school gym. Students are welcome to wear their Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Sparks, Cadets, and Aboriginal Regalia if they would like to.

### **Letter from SD 61 Regarding Abbotsford Tragedy**

Please click the link to read a letter from Mr. Piet Langstraat, Superintendent, regarding the tragedy that occurred at Abbotsford Senior Secondary on November 2, 2016. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/2016-11-03-Letter-to-Parents.pdf>

### **1000 x 5**

See the November update here. Don't forget to watch the video! <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Nov-2016.pdf>

### **November PAC Meeting Door Prize Winner**

Congratulations to our November PAC meeting door prize winner Megen Galloway

## **CTS PAC UPDATES:**

### **Seeking Donations for the Craft Fair Raffle**

We are now seeking donations for the CTS Christmas Craft Fair Raffle. If you know of a local business that would be willing to donate something to our Raffle fundraiser please email [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca) to let us know what you are thinking. Our Raffle Station Coordinator will follow up with you to ensure that we are not doubling up on contacting businesses for donations, and that the items in mind are an appropriate fit for our raffle.

### **Grade Specific Gift Basket Donations**

Between Monday, November 7 to Friday, November 18 the CTS PAC is collecting themed Gift Basket Donations (by Grade/Classroom) to be put towards the Craft Fair Raffle. Each Grade/Classroom has been assigned a theme (*see list below*). Additional information will be sent home in a separate email to you about this. All families are invited to donate a new themed gift item. Bins are available in your child's classroom for these donations. For more information email [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca).

#### ***Theme Gift Baskets by Grade:***

Kindergarten: Arts & Crafts

Grade 1: Chocolate & Candy

Grade 2: Tea & Coffee

Grade 2/3 and 3: Gardening

Grade 3/4 and 4: Movie & Games Night

Grade 4/5 and 5: Baking & Cake Decorating

### **Halloween Dance Update**

This year's Halloween Dance was an awesome success and one of our best attended dances of all times! Thank you for your generous support. We raised \$1400 at this event from donations and ticket sales which will be put towards CTS PAC sponsored school projects. Thank you to James Whitehouse and Leslie Smith for organizing donations for the Halloween dance. Thank you to Blaine Scott for DJ'ing. Thank you to Melissa Piasta for coordinating decorations. And thank you to the many volunteers that donated your time to assist with decorating, clean up and helping out at the event.