

IMPORTANT DATES

December 16 - Last Day of School Before Winter Break (classes in session all day - FULL UNIFORM)

January 3 - First Day of School After Winter Break (classes in session regular times)

January 10, 2017 - Life in Middle School Presentation (7:00 p.m. @CTS Library)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Merry Christmas to each of you! Thank you from our staff for your warm wishes! We wish your family a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you again in 2017!

We were treated by the PAC to hot coffee, tea and beautiful baking on Wednesday! A thoughtful and appreciated gesture this week!

Thank you for your feedback on the new format for the report cards. We've had a good return rate and would like to keep the survey open for one more week:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JGWVGD>.

The Christmas Concert dress rehearsal and afternoon and evening concerts captured the holiday spirit! Thank you to each of you for practising your child's song with them and for helping with line memorization. We are so very grateful to our directors Mrs. Fiona Jones and Mrs. Karen Grigolato who began in the summer searching for a play and with rehearsals for 5 weeks of lunch hours and class time. Thank you to the stage crew: Sound DJ - Mr. Gartly; Lights - Mrs. Glover; Green Room - Miss Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Classroom Runner - Mrs. Bird, Staging and Props - Mrs. Molony; Decorating and chair set up - CTS Teaching staff; Tickets and Programs - Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Haywood; Mics and Sound Mr. Bryant, Lighting Consultant: Mr. Campbell; Backdrop: Ms. Robertson; Props: Ms. Reimer, Mrs. Haase, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Clifford, Ms. Mangano, and Ms. Woodfine; Hair & Make Up: Mrs. McMurray; Ms. Brownbridge, Ms. Stark, and Ms. Wilke.

Donations to the Food Bank was your ticket into the gym this year! Our students passed the donated food one soup can and cereal box at a time from the gym doors in front of the school to the staff of Thrifty Foods who placed it in the Mustard Seed Food Bank truck. Thank you to Kool FM for their media attention of this event.

Cash Donations to Lamay Primary School will purchase books and balls for our sister school. Here are the latest photos from the school showing the items they received thanks to last year's concert donations: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Lamay-1.pdf> and <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Lamay-2.pdf>

Donors

Thank you for the generous donation to our Earthquake Supply Fund from a Cloverdale family. We also would like to thank a staff member and their family for the donation to stock our snack cupboard for our vulnerable children.

A generous donation was also received from Dr. C Grady O'Neill and Ms. Johanne Gaudet which was used to buy grocery cards for some of our vulnerable families to help get them through the Christmas season.

Thrifty Foods also sponsored one of our families with a substantial food and toy hamper.

Lunchtime Supervisor Needed

Do you or someone you know love working with elementary students? Do you love playing in the outdoors? Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School is looking for a supervisor beginning in January of 2017. Noon hour supervision is from 11:54-12:54 from Monday through Friday. If you are interested in applying please submit a resume and proof of valid first aid certificate to our school office. Successful applicants will be required to complete a criminal record check. Questions can be directed to Renee Pick, principal, by calling 250.382.7231.

Swimmers Have Now Completed Session 1

Our Swim Team completed the first program with Tyee Swim Club! A new program will begin January 2017. Stay Tuned. Congratulations to all that participated: Romeo, Zander, Payden, Sierra, Kenzie, Sophia, Dylan, Lucy, Brielle, Jonathon, Nova, Eva, Dryden, Rae, Essien, Grace, Maxwell, Felix, Zahra, Cameron, Ellaine, Isabel, Leo, Jack, Jordan, Tobias, Nicolas, Hope, Olivia, Seamus, Annina, Cameron, Charlie, Sebastian, Alexis, Hunter, Thimath, Tharuli, Odessa, Thomas, and Jake.

Second Swim Team Session Starts January 10th

The swim program will again be run by the Tyee Aquatic Club and is open to students from kindergarten to grade 5. Practices are at Crystal Pool on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15. The program will run for 10 sessions and go up to March 14th. This term all levels will have the same fee of \$80 with payments due by the third session. Parents are responsible for their children before and after practice at 4:15. Subsidies are available for those families in need. To register please use the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4vf6Lj192kJmJJeg2> Any questions may be directed to the Tyee School Program Administrator, Jennika, at admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com. Looking forward to another successful swim season!

Noisy Reading Kids Club

Noisy Reading Club finished strong this fall. A new program will start in the New Year. Great job readers!

CTS UPDATE:

Mark Your Calendars for January 10, 2017

All CTS Grade 5 students and their parents (as well as other interested parents) are invited to join us Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the CTS Library for our annual "Life in Middle School Presentation." A panel of CTS grads will be returning with their parents to share their perspectives on choosing and transitioning to Middle School. This event is free to attend. Complimentary Childminding is available in the gym for families in attendance. Pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/skDKPS8aHfFvQaC12>.