

IMPORTANT DATES

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)

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

Principal's Message

Our newsletter is out one day early this week to ensure our parents receive information about our procedures for inclement weather. See below for the link. Check our school district website after 6:30 am any morning for updates on weather all winter long.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/inclement-weather-notifications/>

Thank you to Mrs. Appenheimer and Mrs. Haase for coordinating our well attended Movie Night last Friday night. We recognized most students, siblings and parents in their fuzzy slippers, pajamas and house coats! Lego Club took place this week and we had a great turn out! Our Grades 1-3 students attended the high energy Naden Band concert at the Royal Theatre on Wednesday thanks to support from the Salvation Army for tickets and our PAC who covered the cost of the busses. A brand new format has arrived! Report Cards for Term I will be sent home with students on Friday. Please take the time to review the contents of the report card with your child. Any questions you have should be directed to your child's classroom teacher. Please keep an eye out for a survey link as we would like your feedback on the new format. We still have Wednesday 1:15pm concert tickets available (Thursday night is sold out). Enjoy the festivities this time of year! ~ Miss Pick

Lamay Primary School

Mrs. Catriona Harker, former vice principal for Cloverdale School, recently flew home from a trip to Tanzania. She updated us on our sister school, Lamay Primary School, with presentations to Grades 2-5 students. We learned saw photos of the Grade 11 Graduates and learned that the school is now on summer holidays until January. The children were very appreciative of the books and balls that we purchased for them this year. We are once again fundraising for this charity by asking for donations at the door of our Christmas concerts. Please consider donating generously.

Byte Computer Coders Finish Camp!

Nine Grades 3, 4 and 5 students became coders after an eight week afterschool program. Byte Computer Camp offered a 2D vector artwork program using the languages that power the web - HTML5 and CSS to build their very own adventure game. They were introduced to graphic design and web programming. They created multiple web pages that corresponded with their adventure game. Congratulations: Preston A, Harris U, Arleen C, Paxton C, Liam D, Charlie H, Rachel L, Hope H, and Keith P.

Active and Safe Routes to Schools program

We did a school yard walk this week with our committee to determine areas of conflict between drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. We also looked at entry points to our playground and at the quality of our school bike rack. Thank you to Alicia Green, Public Health nurse, Teachers, Fiona Jones and Barb Gleeson, parent Chris McDermott and our leader, Lise Richards who led our team through the playground screening. We

learned some preliminary information from the surveys that went out to parents. One early statistic highlighted that of the surveys returned 97% showed a desire to support this project! The full report to come out soon.

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.

Winners!

Congratulations! Mrs. Gleeson's Division 2 has won an Early-Bird prize which is a free program from [The Planet Protectors Academy](#). The Planet Protectors Academy is an innovative digital-led classroom experience that teaches students about important environmental issues. The program won is called [Keep Cool](#): A mission for climate, energy and transportation. The Keep Cool program inspires students to become climate action super heroes by changing their families energy and transportation habits. It comes in 6 weekly one hour modules covering a range of topics such as energy, water, and active transportation.

CTS UPDATE

Magazine Fundraiser - Looking for a Last Minute Gift Idea?

QSP is a magazine company and CTS PAC fundraising program available all year long. There are hundreds of popular print and online to choose from. Simply go online and order your favourite magazines for yourself or as a gift for someone else. A percentage of each subscription will be donated directly to our PAC. (Last we made over \$400 from this program).

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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>.