

IMPORTANT DATES:

Quick Dates:

December 2 - CTS Family Movie Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

December 7 - Byte Camp - Last Class

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:

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

Happy First Week of December! We are hearing about an increase in activities inside and outside the school as students and their families begin the Christmas Season. The kick off at school has happened thanks to an outstanding Craft Fair on Saturday! Thank you to one and all who attended and provided a service to make this event sparkle! We are deeply appreciative of the hours of work to make this such a fun event! Thank you Grade 5 students for serving coffee to the craft vendors and to the Choir and Mrs. Jones for entertaining the shoppers. We have had a school full of parents here all week long providing transportation for field trips to the fish hatchery, Royal BC museum and Swan Lake. Thank you for taking the time to help teachers connect student learning with their greater world. Grade 5 basketball is in full swing with Mr. Gartly and Mrs. Petrovic coaching Monday and Friday noon hours. We would like to thank our parent head lice team for another important check this week. The school district has officially closed all play fields for the winter so we are adjusting our recess and lunch hour play zones. Welcome Amanda Luttmann who is joining us in our school office until next week. Our staff is in the final stages of putting together the new report cards which will go out a week today. Enjoy the weekend!

~Miss Pick

We don't want to lose you, but if your family is moving away please call the school office at 250 382 7231 to let us know. This helps our school make configuration preparations for September 2017. We will begin our Kindergarten placement process in January and have a lengthy waitlist.

Christmas Concert Tickets

On Wednesday, November 30th all second request tickets were sent home. We were able to fill all additional ticket requests for Wednesday's performance. If you would still like to request 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.

Grade 5 Craft Fair Volunteers

Thank you to the 8 grade 5 students from the Leadership Team who volunteered as coffee servers at the craft fair on Saturday, November 26: Hannah C, Logan F-C, Julia T, Haris B-U, Genevieve R, Tanya P, Samuel L, and Amelia R

Update on B.C.'s New Curriculum from Education Minister Mike Bernier

Click the link to read the letter: https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/191851-Parent-Letter_Curriculum-Timeline.pdf

Triple C Club Holiday Recycling Tips

- Paper gift wrap **is accepted** in the CRD curbside blue bag
- Plastic bows and ribbons **are not** accepted
- Foil, cellophane, and other non-paper gift wrap **are not** accepted
- Remove tape

This season tends to be rainy and windy. Make sure your paper is contained and not left to blow around your neighborhood

Active and Safe Routes to School

Click here to see the poster of information for the School Ground Walkabout happening on Tuesday, December 6th: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/School-Ground-Walkabout-Invitation-Dec-6th.pdf>

Kool FM Food for Families Fill-Up

Our school will form a human chain and move food 1 item at a time down the line of students and staff to Thrifty Foods Staff who will place it in the Kool FM food truck. Click the link to read more about it! <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Kool-FM-Food-for-Families-Fill.pdf>

EXCITING TIMES!

We will be trying to contain the excitement of Christmas by sticking to as many routines as possible. Please encourage your child to come to school ready to listen carefully, cooperate fully, and do their best.

WEATHER UPDATE:

"We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended. During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca>.

PAC UPDATES:

PAC SOCIAL: Family Christmas Movie Night

Please join us this Friday, December 2, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:15) in the school gym for our family movie night. This event is free to attend. We will be watching *Home Alone* (Rated PG). Parent supervision is mandatory for all children in attendance. Come in your PJ's, bring some snacks and drinks, your blankets, pillows and lawn chairs and get cozy.

CTS Christmas Craft Fair Update

Thank you to everyone that volunteered on November 25 and 26 at our annual Craft Fair. We had another amazingly successful fundraising event. A special thank you to Kendra Allen and Melissa Piasta for all their hard work coordinating the event and the vendors. We will

announce our profits in the coming weeks, after all expenses have been calculated and paid out. A large plastic cake tray with a lid has gone missing. If you donated baked goods and accidentally picked this up, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you again for your support.

Life in Middle School Presentation - January 10

If you are a parent of a Grade 5 student, or are just interested in learning more about Middle School, please mark your calendars and join us Tuesday, January 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for our "Life in Middle School" Presentation. Recent CTS grads will be returning with their parents to share their personal experiences in choosing and transitioning to Middle School. The event is free to attend, however, pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Please register to attend at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Tf8wfFIYPFByavfI3>. Complimentary childminding will be available in the gym. Grade 5 students are invited to attend this information night with their parents.