

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 20 - Pro-D Day - School Specific - No Students in Session  
January 27 - Spellathon Money Due Back to School  
January 27 - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the School Gym - Everyone Welcome  
February 2 - Lieutenant Governor Visits Cloverdale Traditional - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the School Gym (Everyone Welcome)  
February 2 - Basketball Jamboree 3:30 at Reynolds  
February 7 - CTS PAC Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Library)  
February 10 - Pro-D Day - Curriculum Implementation Day - No Students in Session  
February 13 - Family Day Holiday - School Closed  
February 14 - Pink, White, and Red Day  
February 17 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

This is a busy place! We are looking at the future of our school and it looks bright. We have over 110 students wanting Kindergarten spots for September 2017. At this time we have only two kindergarten classes and are working with our staff, school district and facilities team to discuss the use of our building. I believe this is what is called, 'a good problem'. Lots of interest in our school is resulting in building capacity challenges to meet the interest. If you are reading this you likely helped in some way to build such a wonderful school that is sought after! Thank you! My connection to Grade 2 students this week was uplifting. Mrs. Marta's class was busy writing stories and books. Mrs. McIntyre's class recognized supportive parenting and the lesson of hard work when they studied Astronaut Eugene Cernan. Mrs. Chant's class was multitasking with students in desk pods, while some were working individually and a larger group was at the carpet with the teacher while she used projection to highlight a numeracy concept. Everyone was on task and focused!

Another productive PAC Executive meeting this week and we encourage parents to think about joining this vibrant team next year.

Grade 4 students have just completed the field test practice for the Foundational Skill's Assessment (FSA's). The online portion of this test has changed substantially and is more interactive than ever before.

Thank you for sending your children in rain gear as we seem to be back to a more familiar winter!

Keep in check with our calendar as we have at least four assemblies and presentations in the next six weeks. As always, everyone is welcome! ~Miss Pick

### *Safe Arrival/Attendance*

Our office time towards supporting our Safe Arrival Program has increased substantially due to the increase in parents not calling in to inform us about their child's absence. PLEASE ensure you call our safe arrival line (250.361.3706) to let us know if your child is ill. Parents' calling us is more efficient than our office staff trying to contact the parent. This helps ensure we are focused on child safely arriving to school.

### *Head Lice*

Thank you to our outstanding parent head lice team. We have nine classes affected by head lice involving ten cases. Please continue to check your child's hair and treat as needed. We encourage the use of gel and mousse or leave condition in the hair and for girls to have their hair tied back.

### *Results From the Parent Survey on the New Report Card Format*

Thank you to all parents who took the time to respond to our survey. We received 56 responses which is 21% of the CTS families. The results have been given to teachers and we will be analyzing them to provide reports that are informative and comprehensive. Overall parents were pleased with the new format, believing that there was enough curricular information and teachers were complimented on the expansiveness of the report card comments. Some respondents commented that they missed the numbers for specific skills and that the comments could be more specific to the subject area. We are not planning a third Parent Information meeting for the Spring; however, please use the link <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> to explore the new curriculum. If you have any other questions or additional comments about the curriculum or new report card format, please feel free to contact the school at [cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca)

### *100<sup>th</sup> Year of Cloverdale School*

Meeting of those interested in joining together to form a committee to plan events will take place on our school library at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. All current parents and former students and parents are welcome to join us.

### *100<sup>th</sup> Day of the 100<sup>th</sup> Year*

On February 21 Cloverdale is celebrating 100 days of school (on our 100 year anniversary). There will be tables set up in the hallways for students to display '100' in different ways. Start thinking about the 100 items you would like to bring to school. Items welcome the morning of February 21<sup>st</sup> and will be sent home again at the end of that day. Please do not send valuable items.

### *Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia to visit Cloverdale Traditional Elementary*

In 2017 Canadians will join together in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation. To mark this occasion, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, is planning to visit 150 schools across the province in 2017. She will speak with students about her role in Canada's constitutional monarchy, encourage their participation in our democracy, and share ideas about a healthy and sustainable future for all.

Her Honour will visit our school on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. Please feel free to join us in a school wide assembly at 9:00 a.m. that morning.

### *Triple C Tip of the Week*

Did you know that broken or worn out china, ceramics, and porcelain can be brought to a recycling facility? Ellice Recycle (524 David Street) and H.L. Disposal & Lawn Services Ltd (334 Hillside Avenue) both accept these materials.

### *Valentine's Day*

According to page 18 of the school handbook there will be a 'Civvies Day' on Valentine's Day. On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 this year students can wear red, pink, white or a combination of these colours. Students may also choose to wear their uniform

### *Hot Websites*

Hot websites this week used by our staff and students for learning. Check them out!

<http://www.tvokids.com/games/coinspot> and [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *Next CTS PAC Business Meeting (Feb 7)*

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next CTS PAC business meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library. This will be an important meeting in which we need quorum. The CTS PAC has a surplus of available funds and a number of projects, proposals and fund requests to add to our annual budget. Please join us to vote on how we should spend the money you have helped to fundraise. Lise Richards from Active and Safe Routes to school program will also present the results of the parent survey on student transportation. And Miss Pick and Mrs. Jost will present the results of the new report card parent survey. Complimentary child-minding will be available in the school gym for all families in attendance. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

### *Child and Youth Suicide Prevention*

See the poster for more information about this learning session on child and youth suicide prevention, put on by Kelty Mental Health and the F.O.R.C.E Society.

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Cloverdale-notice.pdf>

### *Raising Children in a Digital World*

See the poster for more information being presented by Dr. Gordon Neufeld on the topic of raising children in a digital world. [https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-](https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/GordonNeufeld_Poster_Revise-2.pdf)

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