

IMPORTANT DATES

January 10 - Life in Middle School Info Night in the CTS Library at 7:00 p.m.
January 11 - Spellathon Lists Go Home
January 18 - Spellathon Test Day
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

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Walking around completing uniform checks allowed for some insights into the quality of learning taking place in the Kindergarten classrooms. I was able to witness Mrs. Petrovic directly teach a new educational card game with her students. They were attentive and showed a deepening knowledge of early math concepts and now have another new enriching station to add to centre time. Mrs. Dailyde's class was following along with their student helper who led them through weather and calendar time. They were eager to take turns and fix the 1-20 number cards that Mrs. Dailyde mixed up again this morning! Mrs. Clifford's class was busy with the proper printing formation of their letters. Start those letters from the top and straight down and then left to right following the numbers.

We complete the uniform checks this week. Thank you for taking extra care in the details (sock and hair accessories colour). Check your child's planner for all the details.

A new year with new goals for all including a simplified version for Kindergarten students: What do I want to start doing this year? What do I want to stop doing this year?

Our next adventure is planning the 100th Year activities. We have approximately a dozen interested people, but could use a few more. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this committee.

We've had an office renovation with a focus on student safety in that our office assistants are now facing the windows to the hallway and the front door. Come and take a look!

Lego Club, Triple C, Choir and Green Team all underway this week!

Welcome Mrs. Ken Kissinger, our new Aboriginal Assistant!

Have a good month of January! ~Miss Pick

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.

Second Swim Team Session Starts January 10th

The swim program will again be run by the Tye 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!

Mrs. Liddell's Class Wins the Cool It! Climate Leadership Challenge in Saanich

Congratulations!! By making important energy saving changes at home and when traveling, the students from Mrs. Liddell's class are responsible for reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions by a total estimated 21.8 tonnes CO₂e (if they continue their actions throughout the year). That is equivalent to 2.3 homes' energy use for one year! Well done!

What have these Climate Action Leaders won? A Pizza Party, including prizes for every student! The student with the highest points total from the Challenge is also from Mrs. Liddell's class and this student has won a Green Science kit. See some samples of their writing here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Div-3-Writing.pdf>

Triple C Tip of the Week

Reduce the amount of packaging produced by making yummy granola bars to pack in a reusable container. Here is the recipe: <http://www.inspiredtaste.net/21462/soft-and-chewy-granola-bars-recipe/>

CTS UPDATE:

CTS Craft Fair Update

Thank you to everyone that supported the CTS Christmas Craft Fair in November. We have made our final calculations and the Craft Fair profited us a total of \$5,010.14 this year. Money raised will go towards the variety of different school programs and projects supported by your PAC.

Life In Middle School Presentation

CTS Grade 5 students and their parents (along with other interested families) are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the CTS Library for our annual *Life in Middle School* info night. Recent CTS Grads will be returning with their parents to share their stories about transitioning to Middle School. Complimentary childminding is available in the gym for families in attendance.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference - Tickets

Are you interested in attending the Vancouver Island Parent Conference on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. at Royal Bay Secondary School (in Metchosin)? The CTS PAC has been awarded funding to cover the cost of tickets for 3 parents/teachers to attend this event. If you are interested in attending please send your name and contact info to cts.pac@vcpac.ca by Friday January 13, 2017. More information about the conference can be found at: <http://www.vipc.ca>

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

1000 x 5 January Information

See the newsletter here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Jan-2017-newsletter.pdf>

Parent Math Night

Torquay School invites you to Parent Math Night on January 25. See the information here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/TORQUAY-SCHOOL-INVITES-YOU-TO.pdf>

Free National Park Pass

Canada has some of the most fantastic National Parks in the world and Parks Canada is offering a special free pass for all National Parks & Historic sites throughout 2017 in honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary. You can order online - at <http://www.commandesparcs-parksorders.ca/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/en/parksb2c> - for a free National Parks pass for you and your family

Colour Your Palate Fundraiser

artsReach Colour Your Palate fundraiser is April 11, 2017. See the information here: <http://www.hibid.ca/events?Event=ppf5>