

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 16 - K-12 Student Transfer Process Begins
February 17 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly
February 21 - 100th Day of School on our 100th Birthday
February 21 - CTS PAC Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the School Library)
February 22 - Anti-Bullying Pink T-Shirt Day
February 22 - Ready, Set Learn (6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the School Gym)
February 24 - K-12 Student Transfer Process Ends (3:00 p.m.)
February 28 - Grade 2 Classes to the Symphony
March 1 - Floor Hockey Jamboree (Cedar Hill)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

The weather became our focus this week. We have appreciated all of your support in making safe decisions for your children. We have been busy creating and enjoying the snow at recess, lunch and Daily Physical Activity (DPA). We welcomed back Mr. Brian Williams as a guest to last Friday afternoon's Culture Club with our Aboriginal Assistant, Mr. Kenneth Kissinger. Some field trips were cancelled so stay tuned to your child's newsletters and blogs to find out about rescheduling. The CRD was here yesterday presenting a Climate Change workshop with our Division 1 class. Our school has recently been assigned an additional new school district trustee. We welcomed Trustee Deborah Nohr with a school tour on Tuesday. Our free artsReach program for all Grade 4 students in our school wrapped up this week with a focus on theatre. Students used their voices, bodies and creativity to dramatize improv challenges. I was so impressed with the talented, quick thinking and confident actors in our midst. The setting was one of trust and all learners participated! Thank you artsReach! To wrap up our Basketball season we have a Grade 5 team versus the Staff and Parent game at 12:15 on Friday, February 17th. PLEASE join us! We will next be moving now into floor hockey for our Grade 5 students in preparation for that Jamboree at the end of the month. Happy Family Day on Monday. See you on Tuesday! ~Miss Pick

Grade 5 Transfer Process

For grade 5 students who wish to attend middle school somewhere other than Cedar Hill (our pathway school), please see the link for more info on the transfer process with takes place between February 16 and February 24. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Kindergarten-and-K-12-Transfer-Process-2017.pdf>

Emergency Reunification Super Drill

Lots of prep work has been going on lately to prepare us for the reunification drill that is taking place at our school on March 10th. The office has been working on creating student release binders, and other process to help the drill run smoothly. Our PAC has been supporting us by purchasing tables and a tent. Something that parents can do to help is to ensure that your child has contact information for Mom, Dad, and/or Guardians AND at least 2 emergency contact names and phone numbers on the front page of their agenda planner. More info on this drill will come out soon.

100th Day of the 100th 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 21st and will be sent home again at the end of that day. Please do not send valuable items.

100th Birthday Celebration

We have had our first organizational meeting for Cloverdale School's 100th birthday and Cloverdale Traditional School's 10th birthday. In attendance was a former vice-principal, former teacher, former student, parent of former students and the district's archivist. Our celebration will be happening at the end of May. We would like to connect with as many alumni as possible. Please encourage friends and family to add their name to our alumni list.

<https://goo.gl/m2MQis>

Times Colonist 10 K and Family Fun Run

The Times Colonist Family Fun Run and 10 K is on Sunday April 30th (11:00 a.m. Fun Run and 8:00 a.m. for the 10 K). You may register for either run under our school team "Cloverdale Runners" at <http://www.tc10k.ca/register-2017/>.

Triple C T-Shirt Project in the BC Green Games

It's time to vote! The Triple C Club has submitted their t-shirt project to the BC Green Games. They could win \$500 if they get the most votes. Voting continues until April 30th. They could win \$1000 or a mural made with recycled paint, if the judges pick them. Please vote when you can. You are allowed to vote as often as every 5 minutes. Happy voting!

<https://www.bcgreengames.ca/project/triple-cs-tees1649>

PAC UPDATES:

Next CTS PAC Business Meeting (Feb 21)

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next CTS PAC business meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. 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 Richard from Active and Safe Routes to School program will also present the results of the parent survey on student transportation. 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.

CTS PAC Social - OPEN GYM NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Friday February 17, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a FREE CTS PAC Social: Open Gym Night. You and your entire family are invited to join us for some good old fashioned fun in the school gymnasium. Balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes, hockey gear and other sports activities will be available in the gym. Bring runners, a snack and a water bottle. Parent supervision is mandatory.

Looking For Interested CTS PAC Executive Members

Interested in getting more involved with the CTS Parents Advisory Council (PAC)? Did you know that all parents/guardians at CTS are part of the school PAC, and each May the CTS PAC votes in a new Executive Committee. The CTS PAC Executive Committee, on direction from the greater PAC, helps to organize and coordinate PAC projects, events and fundraisers, as well as liaise with various groups within the Greater Victoria school community. Nominations for the CTS PAC Executive will be accepted in April 2017. ***We are currently inviting parents with interest in joining next year's CTS PAC Executive Committee to join us at our monthly PAC meetings and/or Executive Meetings to learn more about what we do.*** For more information about the PAC, including roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee go to: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/pac-overview/>. To connect with a current Executive Committee member to discuss this topic further email cts.pac@vcpac.ca.