

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 17 - Open Gym Night at CTS (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)  
February 20 - Cloverdale Traditional Walkabout 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
February 21 - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
February 21 - CTS PAC Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Room)  
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)  
March 7 - Info Night: Emergency Planning & Family Reunification Drill (7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. in the Library)  
March 10 - Reunification Drill (2:00 p.m.)  
March 16 - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home  
March 17 - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the School Gym - Everyone Welcome  
March 17 - Last Day Before Spring Break - Students in Session All Day  
April 3 - First Day Back from Spring Break

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Vice-Principal's Message*

Although it has been a short week it has been a very busy week. All staff were very busy at the Professional Day on February 10. Teachers explored ways to implement the new curriculum and support staff explored behavior regulation and Chrome Books. Everyone came away with lots of great ideas. I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend quality time with their families on Family Day. No sooner does the snow disappear, do we see signs of Spring appearing. The bulbs that the kindergarten and grade one students planted in the Fall are starting to sprout. Over the next month, we should see our gardens filled with 600 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. Tuesday, Valentine's Day saw lots of pink, red and white outfits and lots of excitements as students gave and received Valentines. The school is full of heart art. This week was Lego week and students were invited to explore building with Lego at lunch. Last night, grade 4 and 5 families were invited to our information for GAFE. Parents learned how the Chrome books are going to be used in our school and how to assist our children to be good digital citizens. Each year the school chooses an artist to study in depth and create art in that style. This year we are learning about Emily Carr. Over the next 4 weeks you will see our school become filled with "Emily Carr" art. Please take time some to view our displays. Teachers are starting to prepare for our Reunification Drill taking place on March 10. You will be receiving more information as we get closer to the date. The Red Cedar Club, sponsored by Mrs. Aerts is reading a fantastic selection of Fiction and Non-Fiction books, and voting on their favourites. Today the grade 5 basketball team played the staff at lunch time. Next Tuesday is Anti-Bullying Day or Pink Shirt Day. Students are invited to wear a pink shirt to support anti-bullying. Although we have one official day, anti-bullying must be demonstrated every day of the year. Please continue to have discussions with your children to speak up if they are having problems with friends and to be an upstander rather than a bystander. Grade 4 students have been working very hard on their FSA tests and will complete them early next week. ~ Mrs. Jost

### *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>

### *Bring 100 items on the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of the 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR!*

Our entire school will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our school. The entire student body and staff are welcome to bring 100 items to display on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Start your counting! By ones, fives, tens. How else can you count to 100? Tables will be placed in the hallway outside each classroom to display items. Items are welcome on this day and are to go home at the end of the school day. Please consider talking to your child about their items. Please do not send valuable items.

### *100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*

We have had our first organizational meeting for Cloverdale School's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Cloverdale Traditional School's 10<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> (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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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>

### *Cloverdale Traditional Walkabout*

On February 20<sup>th</sup> Cloverdale Traditional School will take the next step of collecting data providing the foundation for its developing "Active and Safe Routes to School Action Plan".

The Neighborhood Walkabout is where the School Community (parents, staff, faculty and students) and External Community (Municipal representatives, Police, Island Health, Community Groups focused on mental or physical health, walking or cycling) get together.

We will identify barriers within the neighborhood creating concern among current or prospective active travel families while highlighting the areas favored by active travel families and ways to improve the use or experience.

**DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 2017**

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - (partial attendance is welcome)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - walkabout neighborhood looking at areas of concern

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - debrief and brainstorm

**LOCATION:** Cloverdale Traditional School, **3427 Quadra St, Victoria, BC V8X 1G8**

**RSVP:** Lise, Facilitator [lise@hastebc.org](mailto:lise@hastebc.org)

Active travel to school plays a positive role in many facets of our lives we don't even realize. From the obvious such as physical health or environmental sustainability - active travel also improves family connection, creates a sense of community, assists with emergency preparedness and decreases symptoms or occurrences of mental health challenges such as anxiety or stress. Please join us! We would like to have *at least* four parents from the school community join us for this event. Share the word on your social channels and invite other school parents you know. Looking forward to your participation.

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### **RESCHEDULED - CTS PAC Business Meeting (Feb 21 in the MUSIC ROOM)**

Due to the snowy weather we had to reschedule the PAC Business meeting earlier this month. Please join us Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS MUSIC ROOM. ***This is a VERY important meeting in which we need quorum.*** The CTS PAC has a \$9,000 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.

### **Emergency Preparedness & School Reunification Drill Prep.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the CTS PAC Information Night in March. The topic is **Emergency Preparedness & Preparation for the March 10 Student & Parent Reunification Drill**. This is a very important information night to attend. Join us Tuesday, **March 7, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the CTS Library. The evening will consist of four presentations on: The School Emergency Plan and Student/Parent Reunification Procedures; City Emergency Preparedness and Family Emergency Plans; Disaster First Aid Facts; and Helping Your Child Cope After a Disaster. This important information session will provide you with all the information you need to participate in the **CTS School Wide Controlled Release Drill on Friday March 10, 2017**, as well as provide you with a additional family disaster planning strategies. Complimentary child-minding will be available. Snacks and refreshments will also be served. This information session is FREE to attend, but pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Please register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/FAjkjQOSaFzTIH1L2>.

### **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](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca).