

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 24 - Professional Development Day - No Students In Session
February 24 - K-12 Student Transfer Process Ends (3:00 p.m.)
February 28 - Grade 2 Classes to the Symphony
February 28 - VCPAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Library
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:

Principal's Message

Gold star to Mrs. Jost for holding the fort and offering such incredibly skilled leadership! We all appreciate her for so much! Her multi-tasking and team work makes every day a joy here! Please welcome Mrs. Megan Loma to our school to share Division 4 with Mrs. Coulter. Mrs. Loma will work Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons.

Thank you to the parents who have worked so hard! The Business meeting was so very well prepared and so very supportive of our school. Thank you parents for your true and tangible support of our program!

The future looks bright for Cloverdale Traditional as we welcomed 53 of the 60 future Kindergarten students last night at the Ready, Set, Learn night. This showing demonstrated for us the continued emphasis by our families for our school of choice. With over 100 parents, it was a jam packed night in the gym. Thank you to the huge coordinated effort by Mrs. Shannon Petrovic and the rest of the school hosts: Mrs. Esther Clifford, Mrs. Tonya Dailyde, Mrs. Breanne Glover, Ms. Susanna Bender, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Sandra Jost and to our parents Mrs. Starr Munro and Mrs. Tracey Knight. The evening ended with wonderful action songs and a story thanks to our Public Librarian, Sarah Isbister.

100 years! 1917 to 2017. We began already with our 100th day celebrated this year by the entire school. We had over 237 participants who brought 100 items to school. There was a huge variety and a lot of math to go with it! We are starting to see student writing focusing on the topic of 'what I would do if I was 100' Come and check out our hallways.

Congratulations Grade 5 Basketball players on the Jamboree and to the Staff who played a rousing staff vs students game at lunch! Congratulations and Good Luck to Elaine Leedham at the Tye Swim meeting this Sunday! Congratulations Grade 4 students who competed the provincial FSA exams this week! Grade 4 students were also off to the UVIC Farquhar Auditorium for an afternoon with the Symphony. We had seats above and to the side of the stage which made for wonderful viewing. Another (and much appreciated!) PAC sponsored event.

Active and Safe Routes to Schools program got moving with a neighborhood walk on Monday and we thank the parents who joined in: Chris McDermott, Heather Leedham, Yen Pham, and Erin Thorpe. Thank you to Lise Richard our coordinator who led us through the walk and discussions and who also presented to our PAC this week.

Great night at Open Gym night! Thank you Adina Appenheimer and Stacey Haase who organized and Mrs. Jost who supervised!

Reminder tomorrow is a Professional Development Day ~ 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>

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:

Please Join Us! CTS to Host VCPAC Meeting

The February VCPAC meeting will be held at CTS on Tuesday February 28, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the school library. All CTS parents are invited to join us at this district wide PAC meeting. The main topic of discussion will be revisions to and parent feedback regarding the School District School Transfer Policy. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from around the district and to see what types of topics are discussed at VCPAC meetings.

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.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Legislative Assembly of BC: Spring Break Program

Free interactive program during the week of March 20, 2017. Click the link to see the poster:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/201702171301.pdf>