

IMPORTANT DATES

February 7 - CTS PAC Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the School 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 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 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.)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

What a week! Try to keep up with us! Although we have kept to routines we have incorporated many special guests to our school. Thanks to an ArtStarts grant and support by the Gaming Fund (that our PAC oversees) we had Story Theatre's Rhymes and Rascals theatrical performance. We must have been a great audience because Story theatre came back for 2 free sessions for Mrs. Coulter's and Mrs. Chant's classes. They taught the classes American Sign Language by using a folk tale. We would like to welcome Mr. John Kelly as our new Noon hour supervisor. He will add to our supervision team on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We now have a position available for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:50 to 12:50. Contact me if you are interested. Welcome Miss Abby Broughton, student teacher, to Mrs. Lisa Marta's Grade 2 classroom. Mrs. Jost hosted six guests for our first 100th Year Committee last week and the beginning stages of a celebration are taking place. Stay tuned. If you would like to be included in this committee's email list please let us know. Please also stay tuned for a sign up eform. As per our school district policy we have re-opened the soccer field for play. I think that means spring is coming. Congratulations to our Grade 5 Basketball team who competed yesterday at Doncaster in the Elementary Basketball Jamboree. Congratulations to everyone on another successful Spellathon. The grand total was \$4424.95. This equates to \$340 per classroom which allows teachers more opportunity to plan for in class and out of school activities. Teachers will let you know through newsletters about the activities and field trips planned using these funds. Thank you parents, grandparents and neighbors for the support! ~ 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>

Our School Hosts the Lt Governor of BC

Lt Governor Judith Guichon's black car pulled up on time at 8:55 am and we were on point for her Honour's visit to our school yesterday morning. Her Honour's goal is to see 150 B.C. schools as part of the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. Thank you to our student greeters Dylan, Owen, Amy, Marcus, Sebastien and Tanya. Thank you to Mrs. Jost who was our MC. Thank you to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Gleeson, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Haywood who helped with key details for this event. Special guests also included Superintendent Jeff Lotte, Aide de Camp, Leif Wergeland, Saanich Councillor, Starr Munro, PAC Co-Chair and Edith Loring-Kuhanga, School Board Chair. Our students were a respectful audience as they listened to the messages about Canada's culture, the role of a Lieutenant Governor and the programs she

supports. <https://www.facebook.com/LGJudithGuichon/photos/pb.575350409191069.-2207520000.1486156764./1286527114740058/?type=3&theater>

Emergency 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 7)

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next CTS PAC business meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Childhood Anxiety: Empowering Strategies, Effective Support

Please click the link for more information on a free event tailored to parents supporting children experiencing anxiety: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VKlkv6aJbzOtgysQbjFa-aEyHmG5j9t19-m6sjdCEXo/viewform?edit_requested=true

Mental Health Evening Extravaganza

Peter Monk, Children and Youth Mental Health team leader, and Quadra School are pleased to present an evening of information by experts and parents on children's mental health. Topics include: depression, anxiety, attention deficit, and conduct. Experts will present on each topic for 10-15 minutes, followed by a 5 minute follow-up by parents who have children living these experiences. Many community organizations, such as the Friends Society, and the Single Parent Resource Center, will be present to share their role in the community during an open table sharing time directly after the presentations. Peter Monk and his team from CYMH will stay afterwards to answer questions that people may have. Free babysitting will be available for younger children. Tickets are free, but as space is limited, they must be reserved. Click the link for more details. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-information-extravaganza-tickets-31738783556>

Rezoning at 1032/1042/1052 Cloverdale Avenue

Click the link to see more info on the public meeting on February 21.
https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/0688_001.pdf

Lakehill Baseball & BC Softball

The 2017 season (April-June) registration is now open. Coaches and umpires also needed. To register or for more information on the organization, visit www.lakehillball.com.

Family Arts Festival

Click the link to see some information about a Family Day Arts Festival through Saanich Recreation <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events/events-list/saanich-community-events/family-arts-festival.html>.