

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 16 - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
March 16 - Hanging Basket Fundraiser - ORDER FORMS DUE IN!
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
March 31 - Student Led Conference Scheduling Opens
April 3 - First Day Back from Spring Break
April 14 - Good Friday - School Closed
April 17 - Easter Monday - School Closed
April 19 - Student Led Conferences (Students Dismissed at 11:54 a.m.)
April 20 - Student Led Conferences (Students Dismissed at 11:54 a.m.)
April 21 - Class Photos and Whole School Photo

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We have a tremendous group of runners twice a week at running club. The club's largest group of runners are from Kindergarten and Grade 1. We encourage our older students to join in. Running at lunch is great fresh air and exercise and supports a healthy lifestyle. It also supports students with their other sports in the community like gymnastics, dance and all sports. Please speak to your child to join in as newcomers are welcome. Our Emergency Preparedness Information night was well attended with 75 parents and at least 30 students in child care. Thank you to Shannon Wilkinson and Starr Munro for organizational duties and to our guest speakers, Marketa and Megan with supporting words from Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent. Staff vs students Floor hockey ended in a tie! Thank you to Mr. Gartly, Mrs. Petrovic, Mrs. Jost, Mr. Strachan for being a part of the staff team. We have lots of learning happening in the school this week with staff out for continued curriculum training (Mrs. Gleeson at a Numeracy session and Mrs. Liddell at a Coding session), guest speakers here, and classes on field trips (Div. 3 at the museum). Overall, our staff focus this week is wrapping up Term II report cards. We are delighted that Mrs. Morrell's class has been provided a free artsREACH visual arts class next Tuesday. This class will also be a media launch of the major fundraiser for artsREACH and we will see media and 14 chefs from various restaurants visiting. The chefs will have a chance to see how their fundraising is used in school based art classes. The fundraiser is an adult only food and wine pairing event on April 11th, 2017 at the Victoria Convention Centre. <https://www.artsreach.ca/colour-your-palate/>. See you at the drill! ~ Miss Pick

Coming Soon - Our New Online Booking Process for Student Led Conferences

An email with information and instructions on how to use our new online booking system should arrive in your inbox on Friday, March 31.

This year, Student Led Conferences will take place on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 20. Students will be dismissed at 11:54 a.m. both days.

Synrevoice Call Outs

When you receive a call from the Synrevoice system, please listen closely to the message for the details it is providing. These types of calls do not require calls back to the school. The calls are meant to inform parents of important information that needs to get to them immediately. We ask you to refrain from calling the office to ask what the call was for as this puts high pressure on the office to try to answer questions that were already addressed in the message sent to you.

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:

Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Just a reminder that you should have already received a paper copy of the order form home for Hanging Basket Fundraiser, as well as an email with links to the Brochure and Order form. If you did not receive these please email us at cts.pac@vcpac.ca to request your copy. The deadline to get your order forms and full payment back to the school is **Thursday, March 16, 2017**. No late orders please. Baskets will be delivered in early May, in time for Mother's Day.

Looking For CTS PAC Executive Committee Members

We are still looking for parents to fill the roles of Chair & Secretary on next year's CTS PAC Executive Committee. **Please note that our PAC will not be able to operate next year without these positions filled.** Nominations for next year's CTS PAC Executive will be accepted in April 2017. We will vote in the new PAC Executive at our May AGM. *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 please email cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT UPDATES:

2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Calendars Now Available

Planning your holidays for the next two years? The Board of Education has approved the calendars for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Years. The calendars outline professional development days, spring and winter breaks. The calendars were developed in consultation with Sooke and Saanich school districts in an effort to align dates as much as possible. Spring and winter breaks will be the same for all three districts. Feedback on the calendars was sought in January. Responsive to the input collected, the calendars were approved with the addition of one day to Spring Break in 2018. Students will return to class April 4, 2018, after Spring Break. The approved calendars fall within the Ministry of Education requirement for instructional time.

2017/2018 and 2018/2019 School Year Calendars:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2017/03/Upcoming-School-Year-Calendar.pdf>