

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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 11 - CTS PAC Meeting/Info Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Library)  
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*

A short month that marched right on by! Report Cards for Term 2 went home yesterday. Please review with your child and celebrate the milestones and discuss plans for term three goals. This is our second time using the new CSL (Communicating Student Learning) program. Parent feedback is welcome on the overall program. Teachers are available to discuss any questions you may have about the report card by making an appointment or through an email. Teachers are expressing excitement with the gains in student learning. We next meet formally at the student led conferences the third week of April. We are using an online appointment booking system so watch for the link the last weekend in March. We are also wrapping up the second session of swimming, basketball and floor hockey with athletes being honoured at today's assembly. We recognized the Grade 4 and 5 students who received Digital Citizenship certificates and introduced a take home Science Fair project! We also had reminders to students to be mindful in choosing clean uniforms from home (and not from the dirty clothes pile, as I heard from a few!) We are sending home vests for washing and black shoes for parents to check sizing and condition. The week has been full steam with report cards, field trips and special guests into our school. We toured Mr. Craig Schellenberg, the new Aboriginal Director for SD61. Mrs. Creech's and Mrs. Morrell's Grade 3 students had an artsREACH art class that was also a media launch for 'Colour Your Palette', an upcoming culinary event in April. Students were quizzed on naming some exotic and colourful fruit and vegetables as part of the activity with 14 local chefs. As the students learned about fennel, tomatillos and dragonfruit, the chefs were then given the colour to be used for inspiration in their dish in this judged competition. Our staff wishes you a colourful spring break as we transition into Term 3 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy St. Patrick's Day! ~Miss Pick

### *Did You Know You Can Now Book Online 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.

### *Gifted Testing is Approaching!*

Our school district runs an annual screening process to determine which students in our district qualify to receive a gifted designation. This is for students in grades 4 and 5.

Ms. Glover and the grade 4 and 5 teachers will be taking a closer look at our intermediate student population. If you think your child might qualify under this category, please see Mrs. Glover for more information on this process.

The process begins in April and the testing occurs in early May.

### *Rugby Coach Needed*

We are searching for a volunteer coach for our Rugby Team of grade 3, 4, and 5 students. We would hope to have someone come either at lunch time or afterschool 1-2 days per week starting right after Spring Break. The season ends May 12. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the teacher sponsor Mrs. Jost ([sjost@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sjost@sd61.bc.ca)).

### *Third Swim Team Session Starts Tuesday April 11th!*

The swim program will again be run by the Tyee Aquatic Club and is open to students from kindergarten to grade 5. Practices are at Crystal Pool on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15. The program will run for 10 sessions and go up to June 13th. All levels will have the same fee of \$80 with payments due by the third session. Parents are responsible for their children before and after practice at 4:15. Subsidies are available for those families in need.

To register please use the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4vf6Lj192kJmJJeg2>

Any questions may be directed to the Tyee School Program Administrator, Jennika, at [admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com](mailto:admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com)

More details about the Tyee School Swim program may be found at

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

Looking forward to another successful swim season!

**Congratulations to those swimmers who participated in Session 2:** Sierra, Elise, Santiago, Wesley, Anina, Leo, Sophie, Kenzie, Everett, Felix, Seamus, Odessa, Brielle, Charlie, Rae, Lucy, Grace, Hunter, Dryden, Romeo, Max, Jack, Hope, Sebastian, Eva, Jake, Dylan, Johnny, Payden and special congratulations to Ellaine, Belinda and Jordan who participated in the swim meet!

### *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 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>

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *CTS PAC Meeting/Information Night April 11*

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for a combo PAC business meeting/information night. We are still working out the final details, but part of the meeting will be a formal business meeting reviewing the process for Executive Committee Nominations, voting on some motions for budget spending and discussing the future of our PAC. The other part of the meeting we will have a guest presenter and District Counsellor, Adele Martiniuk speak to parents about **Strategies for Managing Student Anxiety & Stress**. Complimentary child-minding will be available in the school gym. Snacks and refreshments provided.

### *CTS PAC Executive Committee Nominations Open April 3!*

Nominations for next year's CTS PAC Executive will start being accepted on April 3, 2017. Adina Appenheimer is head of our Nominating Committee. If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee please email your name and desired position directly

to [anappenheimer@hotmail.com](mailto:anappenheimer@hotmail.com). Please submit your nominations by April 21, 2017. We will

also accept nominations from the floor at the May AGM. While all positions are open for nominations, we have a number of parents that have already expressed interest in some positions. **We are still in need, however, of parent(s) to take on the Chair or Co-Chair position.** Please note that our Bylaws require that we have the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions voted in at the May AGM in order to have a functioning PAC for the following school year. To connect with a current Executive Committee member to discuss getting involved further with the PAC please email [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca).

## COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT UPDATES:

### *HAVE YOUR SAY: Student Enrolment Priorities*

*Student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school when space is limited. The Greater Victoria School District is seeking public input through an online survey about what is important to parents and what is most important when prioritizing how students are accepted when space is limited. The survey is available at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca) until Monday, April 10, 2017 at 4 pm.*

*Long term enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. Although it is anticipated that Greater Victoria's 47 schools can accommodate the projected increase of overall students, some schools will be challenged to accommodate the demand for catchment students, as well as choice. As certain neighbourhoods grow and demographics change, some schools are experiencing pressures already.*

*Under the School Act, the School District is required to articulate student enrolment priorities in a policy approved by the Board of Education. A Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents, and Trustees has been established to review the current priorities, seek public input and make recommendations to the Board in May 2017. The student enrolment priorities determined in this process will apply to kindergarten registration, French Immersion and requests for transfer to a non-catchment school.*

*The Greater Victoria School District is seeking input from parents as part of a review of the current priorities and the overall registration and transfer process. This does not apply to Programs of Choice at higher grade levels (eg. Flex, Challenge, and sports academies)*

*It's important the School District hears from you. Thank you in advance for sharing your views!*

### *Story Buddies Tween Volunteers Needed*

*For ages 10-12. If you like working with children, enjoy stories, are a fluent English speaker and want to help young children with early literacy skills, we need you! Story Buddies tween volunteer's pair with young children aged 4-6 to make an original story book. We provide training and, upon completion, a certificate for volunteering. First-time volunteers, please complete the Tween Volunteer Referral Form linked below. Register at [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) or call 250-940-GVPL (4875) for more information. Registration begins February 27.*

*<https://events.gvpl.ca/eventsignup.asp?ID=26958&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=01/03/2017&df=calendar&EventType=ProD+Day+%26+Spring+Break+Fun&Lib=ALL&AgeGroup=ALL&LangType=0&WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=>*