

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 14 - Good Friday - School Closed
April 17 - Easter Monday - School Closed
April 18 - Cross Country Meet (3:45 p.m. at Lambrick Park)
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
April 21 - CTS PAC Executive Committee Nomination Deadline
April 24 - Cross Country Meet (3:45 p.m. at Clover Point)
April 26 - Rugby Game at CTS (3:15 p.m.)
April 28 - Assembly - Everyone Welcome (9:00 a.m. in the school gym)
April 28 - CTS PAC Family Social: Inflatable Fun Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Students are egg-stra keen this week! Our activities have had great attendance! Thank you for encouraging your children to join in-school and out-of-school activities to enrich their lives. In particular we would like you to speak to your Gr. 3, 4 and 5 children about joining Running Club Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon as a way to prepare for Track season. At home include your child on deciding homework times while they balance all of their activities. Spring time means daylight is extending. Ensure memorizing math facts and increasing reading fluency are part of the nightly routine in addition to the nightly assigned homework. Use a timer, try reading with a flashlight to make it fun or skip count on the way to school. Shut off the technology and dig out the board games. Join your child in the practice, practice and practice! Your child is very excited to show you their school work next week. See you here at Student Led Conferences. Happy Easter to everyone! ~Miss Pick

Student Led Conferences

BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT to join us! <https://cloverdale.schoolappointments.com/>. If you are experiencing difficulties using the system please contact the school office. The gym will be open during Student Led Conferences for siblings to enjoy with Miss Pick.

Science Fair

We are encouraged by the families who have signed up for our first ever Science Fair. There is still room for lots more. Check this out: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/2017-Cloverdale-science-fair-revised.pdf>

Origami Club

Ms. Chant would like to invite any grade 4 and 5 students to the computer lab every Monday at lunch recess for her new Origami Club. Origami means folding paper, but we will also learn a little bit about Japan and the Japanese language. Ms. Chant is keen to share her experiences in Japan, and have a weekly gathering of students who are experts and beginners to this fascinating mathematical precise art form. The school is accepting donations of Origami paper.

100th Birthday of THIS SCHOOL!

100th Birthday is moving along as we now have permission to move forward with the final event of day of celebration – a wine and cheese. Please save the date and share with all your connections!

We have a full day planned for Friday, May 26.

The day will start with a school assembly, with a cake cutting, then on to a family picnic at lunch and finally a wine and cheese in the evening.

Displays will be set up in the gym to tell the story of the school and the world from 1917 - 2017. Please help us spread the word about this exciting event. Please encourage friends and family to add their name to our alumni list. <https://goo.gl/m2MQis>

Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Our teachers have selected the decade for the gym displays. Parents are welcome to help out:

1910- 1919 Mrs. Marta

1920's Mrs. Camden

1930's Mrs. Gleeson

1940's Mrs. Coulter/Ms Loma

1950's Mrs. Morrell/ Mrs. Creech

1960's Mrs. Jost/Mrs. Jones/Mrs. Moll

1970's Mrs. Marshall/Mrs. McIntyre

1980's Ms. Chant/Mrs. Chavez

1990's Mrs. Liddell

2000 - 2009 Mrs. Bender

2010 - 2017 and Traditional - Mrs. Petrovic, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Dailyde

Rugby

Our first rugby practice on Tuesday was a huge success, thanks to our coach, Alex, and an amazing group of 15 students that came ready to learn and play rugby. Students will be working on skills over the next 4 weeks in preparation for our jamboree at Gordon Head Middle School on May 12. Practices are held every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Our first game will be on April 26 at 3:15 p.m. Oaklands and McKenzie will be coming to Cloverdale Traditional for a couple of games. Please come out and cheer our team on.

Book Fair

Back by popular demand, our annual Book Fair will take place in the Library next week (coinciding with Student-Led Conferences). Based on the overwhelmingly positive response from last year, the Fair will once again be sponsored by Russell Books. Be sure to drop by to see the amazing selection of new and used books available to purchase. A portion of the proceeds will go toward purchasing books for our school library.

The hours of the book fair will be:

Tuesday, April 18: 2:45 p.m. - 3:06 p.m.

Wednesday April 19: 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.; 10:26 a.m. - 10:46 a.m.; 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Thursday April 20: 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.; 10:26 a.m. - 10:46 a.m.; 11:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

We are also in need of parent volunteers for this event so if you can spare some time to help out, we'd much appreciate it. See here for the Volunteer schedule <https://goo.gl/z1Xzom> or contact

Nicole Aerts at naerts@sd61.bc.ca.

Free Bike Course Offered at Cloverdale Traditional School

For more information please click the link: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Free-Bike-Course-Offered-at-Cloverdale-Traditional-School.pdf>

It's Pink Salmon Festival Year!

If you are interested in participating in this free event, or you would like more information please contact Mrs. Camden jmcamden@sd61.bc.ca or click the link: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Pink-Salmon-Festival.pdf>

Recycling Help

The school district has discontinued the pick-up of soft plastics and foil from schools. We are hoping that a "green" parent might step up to collect large bags of soft plastics and foil once a week to bring them to a local recycling depot. If we get several volunteers, we could assign a

once-a-month rotation or something similar. Click the link for more information:
<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Recycling-Help.pdf>

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/>.

PAC UPDATES:

CTS PAC Executive Committee Nominations - Now Being Accepted!

The nomination process is now open for the CTS PAC Executive Committee. If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee please email your name and contact information and desired position to **Adina at: anappenheimer@hotmail.com**. (We are still looking for volunteer(s) that would be interested in taking on the Chair/Co-Chair roles next year!) Please submit your nominations by April 21, 2017. We will also accept nominations from the floor at the May AGM.

Inflatable Fun Night - Friday April 28th

Mark your calendars and plan for your family to join us for our annual CTS PAC Social Family Fun Night on Friday April 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the school gym. We will once again be renting an inflatable obstacle course and mini-bouncy castle (for the little ones). This event is free to attend. Parent supervision is required for all children in attendance. Bring a water bottle and a snack and join us for some bouncing fun and plan to get your sweat on!

Looking For Year End Dance Coordinator

The CTS Year End Dance is scheduled for June 9, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We are currently seeking a parent to volunteer to coordinate this dance. Typically in the past a Grade 5 parent or team have organized this event in coordination with the Grade 5 graduating class (ie. picking a theme, designing decorations etc.). However, any parent that is interested in organizing this event is welcome to. This event is a fundraiser. We have all the supporting information, contacts, templates and details of how to successfully organize a school dance for whomever takes this on - making the process fairly easy. We typically need a Coordinator in place by the beginning of May as it takes approximately 1 month lead time to effectively plan organize this event. If we don't have a volunteer parent coordinator in place by May 2, the PAC Executive may consider cancelling this event. If you are interested in organizing the Year End Dance or would like more information please email: cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

Calling All Gardeners!

The CTS PAC is considering putting together a Parent Gardening Committee to help support classroom nature-based education and to help and improve native plants and vegetable gardens on the school property. The details, roles and responsibilities of the gardening committee are still to be determined. This committee would work closely with the school administration, teachers, school district and community organizations. Some possible roles this parent group could support might include: assisting with classroom outdoor education related to gardens and habitats; seeking funding sources for garden/habitat restoration related projects and supplies; fundraising for classroom/student gardening supplies; helping with garden maintenance and water (especially during summer months) etc. If you are interested in participating in a PAC gardening committee for the remainder of this school year and next year please provide your contact information on the Google Sheet via the following

link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ASqgYDTuvINittheBDvtsiqzPgdbK690NY3C4eQwJkM/edit?usp=sharing>

COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT UPDATES:

Ready, Set, Learn Community Dinner

Our district is partnering with the Victoria Early Years Centre to offer a Ready, Set, Learn Community Dinner. It will be held at Saanich Neighbourhood Place (in Pearkes Rec Centre) on Tuesday, April 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and includes a free dinner for the first hour and the remainder of the evening will be for families to visit stations with early years professionals. These stations will have activities for preschoolers as well as information for parents to take with them.. The event is open for families with three-and-four-year-olds. The theme is Learning Through Play. Here is a link to download the promotional flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4BtCHeCHqOWenVDREY1S3h3ZU0/view?usp=sharing>

Sleep Tips for Kids

See the link for some great information provided by VIHA on sleep tips to kids:

http://keltymentalhealth.ca/sites/default/files/Kelty_ProfToolkit_M5_SleepTipsforKids.pdf

Free Tennis Lessons for Families with Financial Challenges

Once again KATS will be conducting free lessons (equipment provided) throughout Victoria. Classes start now at Burnside Gorge, Vic West, and Oaklands Community Centres, and at Crystal Pool. Contact these centres directly to register.

PACE Musical Theatre

PACE Musical Theatre presents 'It's A Musical'. Featuring special guest and PACE Alumni, Disney Star Calum Worthy. See the link for more details including times, and meet and greet info.

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