

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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.)  
May 4 - Science Fair at CTS  
May 5 - Island Hoppers Skipping Demonstration  
May 5 - Jump Rope For Heart  
May 9 - Bike Course at CTS  
May 11 - Bike Course at CTS  
May 12 - Rugby Tournament at Gordon Head Middle School  
May 13 - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Quadra Village Days

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

Thank you for being a part of Student Led Conferences this week. Dedicating time to listening to your child explain their learning and thinking is a valuable part of the learning process. We received good feedback about opening the gym for siblings as well as providing a chance for students to showcase their newly acquired gymnastics skills. Our Book Fair featuring Russell Books was a huge success. Numbers to follow. Thank you to Starr Munro and Melissa Piasta for the energy boost into gardening. As part of the new science curriculum, our staff has agreed to take on gardening as a school wide program with a focus on plantings and lifecycles. Watch our garden beds as they continue to grow. A Garden Club involving the Reimer Grandparents with Mrs. Liddell as the lead started today with interested Grade 2, 3 and 4 students. Gratitude to our Head lice team of Tara Poilievre and Amanda Bown who completed checks last week. It was our lowest number of cases to date. Huge thanks to Joanne and Dorothy, who have volunteered in our historical collection making preparations for our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Cross Country Runners have one meet left which is this Monday at Clover Point. Class and school photos were taken on a beautiful sunny day today! ~ Miss Pick

### *Ticketing and Towing*

Please be mindful of parking signage on Linwood as Saanich has begun ticketing. Please also be mindful of parking in the Thrifty Foods parking lot as they have begun towing. Our corner businesses and our school's pressure on Thrifty Food's parking log are the reason for this change. Alternatively, with a great separated bike lane on Cook St, a bus stop in front of our school and many quiet walking paths leading to the school off of busy arterial roads Cloverdale Traditional encourages families to find their active travel route to school! For more information on Active and Safe Routes to School please contact Lise Richard at [lise@hastebc.org](mailto:lise@hastebc.org)

### *Bike Rodeo*

Our annual bike rodeo will take place on Thursday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. until around 11:00 a.m. Cst. Ryley Swanson and some summer students from the Saanich Police Department will be here in the morning to advise students during this exciting event. Students are invited to bring their bicycles or scooters to participate. Please send a **lock** so that your child's bike is safe throughout the day. Bike helmets are also required. This is a fun event that our students always look forward to! Thanks to our Saanich Police Officers for providing this event to teach our students how to stay safe! Parent volunteers will also be needed to run this event successfully. If you are able to volunteer to help out please email [Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca) and indicate 'Bike Rodeo' in the subject line.

### *100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Cloverdale School*

Like us and Follow us on Facebook - Cloverdale Elementary School 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

<https://tinyurl.com/nylbdivr>

### *Lunches*

We have noticed an increasing number of uneaten lunches ending up in our compost. If students are not eating their lunches they will be asked to take them home so that they can have a conversation with their parents about why they are not eating their lunch at school. Please check your child's lunch for uneaten food and have a discussion about the importance of eating lunch.

### *Triple C Club*

In honour of **Earth Day** on Saturday, the triple C group is collecting chipped or broken dishes for recycling. Students won't be handling the dishes and adults must bring the dishes directly to Mrs. Gleeson in her room. There are two companies in town that recycle broken dishes, check out where you can recycle items in the CRD at [myrecyclopedia.com](http://myrecyclopedia.com). There are beach and forest clean ups happening this weekend. If you have time join one! <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nvw-greater-victoria-green-team-earth-day-cleanup-at-clover-point-tickets-33470757938>  
<https://vancouverisland.surfrider.org/event/royal-bay-beach-park-cleanup/>

Here are two Earth Day events as well:

At the Museum

[http://creativelyunited.org/?utm\\_source=chatterblock&utm\\_medium=events](http://creativelyunited.org/?utm_source=chatterblock&utm_medium=events)

At Fort Rodd Hill:

<https://www.chatterblock.com/events/254154/earth-day-celebration-at-fort-rodd-hill/>

### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/1ASqgYDTuvINitheBDvtsigzPgD\\_bK690NY3C4eQwJkM/e dit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ASqgYDTuvINitheBDvtsigzPgD_bK690NY3C4eQwJkM/e dit?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 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

### *Conversation Starters*

Click here to see a list of 50 conversation starters to get your children to discuss their day.

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

### *1000x5*

Click the link for information about this program: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/April-2017.pdf>