

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 10 - Cross Country Meet (3:45 p.m. at Clover Point)
April 11 - Managing Anxiety Parent Info Night/CTS Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
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 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

Welcome back from Spring Break and Happy April! Our school community is rested and our staff have noted an increase in maturing behavior by our students. We see them growing and blossoming! Keep the momentum going. Talk to your child about report card goals and plans to increase speed in math facts, fluency in reading and staying active. Our FSA results are in. We will be analyzing at the PAC and Staff meetings next week. We encourage you (if you haven't already) to complete the school district survey on catchment and non-catchment priorities. We are ramping up cross country running (first meet is Monday at Clover Point) and have sent home notices for rugby. Gymnastics has had a great first week with a focus on rolls and stands. All students in our school participate in gymnastics every gym block this month. Students will have the most success in bare feet (students in tights must wear shoes). Other activities are back in the schedule: Red Cedar reading club, Triple C Environmental club, Green Team, Noisy Reading, Yoga and Choir. Talk to your child and encourage them to enrich their school experience by joining in. Thank you for your patience as we navigate for the first time an online booking system for Student Led Conferences. As always the gym will be open. Feel free to leave one sibling while you take the other to their Student Led Conference. See you here next week!
~Miss Pick

Welcome to Our Staff!

Here are the UVIC student teachers completing their 3 week and 6 week practicums!

Mrs. Morrell	Rebecca Simmonds, & Tinisha Leung	April 10 - 28
Mrs. Camden	Alexis Thonger & Melissa Lyon	April 10 - 28
Mrs. Liddell	Rebecca Benner	April 10 - May 19
Mrs. Petrovic	Jessica Van Dyk	April 10 - May 19

Congratulations to Abby Broughton who finishes her final practicum in Mrs. Marta's classroom and enters the teaching profession!

Next Year's Grade Configuration:

We meet deadlines regularly on projecting our next year's enrolment as well as the following 5 years. Historically, very few families transfer out of this school midway during their child's elementary school years. Our numbers are predictable and allow us early and solid planning. We are grateful for this piece that adds to the backdrop of our school community. As you know we were provided a third Kindergarten class for September 2017 making it the first time there will be 3 Kindergarten classes in back-to-back years. In order to meet this demand we will be including the space currently used as a preschool beginning this fall. With that additional space and the new class our school facility has reached capacity. A great achievement in our 10th year as a

traditional school. At this time our preliminary numbers show the following grade configuration for September 2017.

3 Kindergarten classes
3 Grade 1 classes
2 Grade 2 classes
2 Grade 3 classes
1 Grade 3/4 class
1 Grade 4 class
1 Grade 4/5 class
1 Grade 5 class

Have You Completed the Survey About Student Enrolment Priorities Yet?

Parents have until Monday, April 10, to complete the student enrolment survey. More than 2,000 parents have completed the surveys to date. A summary of "What We Heard" outlining the process and input collected will be available to the public in May 2017. Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education on May 23, 2017. Link to survey: www.sd61.bc.ca/

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.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are fast approaching! Thank you to those families that have used our new online booking system to schedule their appointment times. If you have not yet booked your appointment please visit <https://cloverdale.schoolappointments.com/>. If you are experiencing difficulties using the system please contact the school office and we are happy to help!

Free Bike Course Offered at Cloverdale Traditional School

Thanks to our partnership with 'Active and Safe Routes to Schools' we have been awarded a bike safety course! Up to 24 spots are available in this 2 session course with instructors arranged by the Greater Bike to Work Society and sponsored by CRD. Through games and skill-related activities, this fun-filled course will teach kids aged 7-11 essential bike handling and safety skills. This course works on practices balance and control while developing your child's bike handling skills, and knowledge of very basic bike safety.

These sessions are being offered on Tues. May 9th and Thurs May 11th from 3:00 - 4:30 (must commit to both sessions), at Cloverdale Traditional School on the outdoor basketball court. This program is open to all students ages 7 to 11

Kids will learn:

- To properly fit their helmet
- Do a quick bike safety check
- Practice safe bike handling skills
- Ride with more confidence

Pre-requisites:

- Must be able to ride a two wheeled bike with no assistance (no training wheels allowed)

What to bring:

- Bicycle in good working order
- Approved helmet that fits
- Closed toed shoes, no sandals (runners are great)
- Snacks
- Bike lock
- Raingear or other appropriate clothing for the weather (layers are good)

To reserve a spot please send an email to Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca with 'bike course' in the subject line. List your children's names and their grade level in the body of the email.
Big thanks to Tessa Veikle, Programs Co-ordinator, The Greater Bike to Work Society & Lise Richard, STP Facilitator, HASTe Hub for Active School Travel

It's Pink Salmon Festival Year!

Every two years, The Greater Victoria Pink Salmon Festival Society takes kids fishing during the biennial pink salmon run. Volunteer skippers take 8-15 year old children (with their parent or guardian) out on their boats to share a love of sport fishing. Over 120 eager, young anglers will head out on the seas for three hours of great salmon fishing near Peddar Bay. All participants will then return with their catch to enjoy great weather, music, food and company at the festival picnic.

-Date - Sunday, July 30th, 2017

-Students must be eight to fifteen years of age on July 30th, 2017 to register.

-The Pink Salmon Festival is for children who do not have the opportunity to enjoy salmon fishing.

-There is no cost to participants

If you are interested, please see Mrs. Camden at school for registration details

jmcamden@sd61.bc.ca

Recycling Help

The school district has discontinued the pick-up of soft plastics and foil from schools. The rationale was that the market for the materials had diminished, and as well, the plastic or foil was often not as clean as it needed to be and would therefore be deemed garbage. It seems a shame to discontinue this program in our school as it sends the message that we don't care about our earth. The children are already trained to rinse and separate these materials. If we don't recycle these items at the school level, it will all go into the garbage. 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. If this sounds like something you might be able to take on or be part of, please contact Mrs. Morrell (amorrell@sd61.c.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

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!

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>

ArtsReach – Colour Your Palate Fundraiser!

Help fund our local school's guest artist programs by attending this wine and canapé event. <https://www.artsreach.ca/colour-your-palate/>

PAC UPDATES:

FREE Parent Info Night - Managing Student Anxiety (April 11)

Please join the CTS PAC Tuesday April 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library. The first half of the meeting will include a short business meeting. The second half will include a presentation on Managing Student Anxiety by SD61 Counsellor Adele Martiniuk. **It is FREE to attend this information night, however pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Please register to attend online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/RFDYfqvnFUvHKH1Q2>.** Complimentary child-minding will be available in the gym for any parents in attendance. Snacks & refreshments provided.

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.

Seeking CTS PAC Social Media Volunteer

Looking for a way to volunteer at CTS but don't want to leave home to do it? The CTS PAC Exec is looking for someone to update and moderate our Facebook pages as well as keep the PAC info on the school calendar current. If interested or you'd like more information, please email Stacey at cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

Thrifty Smile Card Fundraiser - Goal Reached!

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Thrifty Smile Card Fundraiser. We have managed to reach our fundraising limit of \$2500 for the school year. The money raised will be going towards a variety of different books for the school library. We will reapply to the program for the summer and will keep you posted if we are participating in it again next year. You can keep and re-use your CTS Smile Cards for future years. If you know of any other groups that are also using the Thrifty Smile Card Fundraising program, we encourage you to connect with them and acquire cards to help them reach their fundraising goals for this year. Cloverdale Child Care Society is still working towards their fundraising goals. See Cindy if you want a Smile Card. There are also many other groups in town participating in this fundraiser. Thank you again for your support.