

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 13 - 15th Annual Quadra Village Days - visit our table 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 18 - Able Cresting Uniform Sizing Event (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) in the gym
May 18 - New Kindergarten Orientation 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the gym
May 18 - Grade 5 Transition Day (12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
May 19 - Professional Development Day -no students in session
May 22 - Victoria Day - school closed
May 26 - 100th Birthday Celebration 9:00 a.m. assembly in the gym
May 26 - Student Placement Forms for 2017-2018 School Year Due
May 27 - Grade 5 Bottle Drive 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 29 - Zone Track Meet - Grades 3-5 at UVic
June 2 - Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the school gym - everyone welcome

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

The rain won't put a damper on our activities! We continue to grow in our learning! Congratulations Red Cedar readers, science fair scientists, bike course cyclists, rugby players, choir singers, origami folders, edible garden gardeners, Triple C caretakers, charity collectors and skilled skippers! We have so many activities to enhance your child's education. Please encourage your child to notice what is happening around them, read this newsletter and sign up! Thank you to so many teachers and parents who help all of these events happen. We received kind feedback from our Saanich Fire instructors on the Grade 4 student input and participation in their Emergency Preparedness course this week. See a photo here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Emergency-Preparedness.pdf> . In addition we received positive feedback on the skills and willingness to learn by our students who attended the Bike Skills course. We look forward to next week when we meet the new 2017-2018 Kindergarten students as well as support the Grade 5 students who will attend their future middle schools for an afternoon. Yes, it is that time of year already. We are working on the staffing and the location of classrooms next year. Please ensure you have returned the green 'Student Placement' form to the school to assist us with our planning. ~ Miss Pick

Parent Feedback Request

We are reviewing our Code of Conduct again this year. Please pop by the school to write your thoughts on the document in the hallway near the office. You can also look in your child's agenda planner on pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the same working and email your thoughts to cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/CC1.pdf> and <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/CC2.pdf>

Gauss Math Grade 7 Exam

Eleven grade 4 and 5 students took on the challenge of writing the grade 7 International Gauss Mathematics Competition on Wednesday, May 10. They had to stretch their thinking, thinking creatively, critically and mathematically. All of the students are to be commended on their hard work and their excellent results. Congratulations Hannah C, Mady G, Haris BU, Nik M, Jacob A, Arleen C, Mason J, Rachel L, Diya P, Kallum S, and Essien T These students will be recognized in our assembly on June 2.

FAME

The Forever Annual Mathematics Exhibition takes place on Tuesday, May 16. The participants from our school (and their projects) are: Olivia, Chloe, and Madeline - Do you have blue in you? How many kindergarten students would it take to weigh the same as a Blue Whale, etc.? (weigh measurement, metric/imperial conversion, multiplication). Nikolas - What's the Angle? What angle of the ramp makes my remote control car jump the furthest distance? (geometry, measurement, tables and graphs). Pragma and Hope - Ancient Egyptian Fractions. Demonstrating the importance of the eye and fractions in ancient Egypt. (understanding fractions, reducing fractions).

Bike Safety Course

Congratulations to the students who participated in our free Bike Safety Course sponsored by the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society and the Active and Safe Routes to School program. The group met on Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11 for 90 minutes each session. The participants were: Odessa, Brandon, Kendrick, Megan, Toby, Maheen, Kamila, Keira, Jake, Eric, Owen, Aaron, Zaiven, Tristan, Charlie, Annina, Sam, Keith, Cameron, Livvy, Madeline, Mya, and Connor. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Bike-Safety-Course.pdf>

Science Fair

We had a great turn out of wonderful Science Fair projects last Thursday. The participants were: Hazelle, Lillian, Jordan, Tristan, Amy, Olivia, Akisha, Thimath, Jacob, Zoe, Ellaine, Hope, Felix, Tharuli, Alicia-Marie, Connor, Ella, Maddi. They will be recognized on June 2.

Bottle Drive

The grade 5 students are having a bottle drive on May 27, 2017. They are raising money to purchase a new bike rack for the school. Please drop off your bottles and cans on Saturday, May 27, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to drop your bottles off on Saturday, grade 5 students will be collecting bottles at the front of the school on Thursday, May 25 from 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Thank you for supporting recycling and our school's Get Active Programme.

Red Cedar Gala

The Red Cedar group went to Vancouver this past Saturday for the Red Cedar Gala. They had a great time. More about their trip, and student recognitions at the June 2 assembly. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Red-Cedar-Trip.pdf>

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to everyone who donated. This year our students raised \$2012.75

STAGES Dance Camp

Thank you to all the students that entered our draw to win a week of free dance camp. We were able to draw 2 winners to receive this great opportunity. Our winners this year are Ella H and Genessa P.

100th Birthday of Cloverdale School

Like us and Follow us on Facebook - Cloverdale Elementary School 100th Birthday
<https://tinyurl.com/nylbdvr>

PAC UPDATES:

Crested Uniform Sizing Event - May 18 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Need to purchase new crested items or high quality uniform wear for next September? Not sure what size is the best option for your child? Our crested uniform supplier, **Able Cresting** will be at the school on Thursday May 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (in the gym). Come check out their uniform items, place an order and get in on a great discounted group shipping rates. All items ordered at this event will be shipped directly to the school either before the end of the school year, or for end of August/first week of September. *(If you have a child coming to Kindergarten next year Able Cresting will also be available in the morning at the Kindergarten Orientation!) See you there!*

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the following Coordinator and Committee positions for the next school year. We rely on parent volunteers to run the many events and fundraisers that we hold at CTS each year. Without your support we could not do many of these things. If you are interested in helping out with any of these roles next year please email us now to let us know at cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

- **Save Around Book Fundraiser** (This runs for 2 weeks in early September)
- **Craft Fair Vendor Coordinator** (Organize vendors for the Craft Fair)
- **Craft Fair Event Coordinator** (The main go to person for the Craft Fair)
- **Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator** (Helps sign up volunteers for events when we need them)
- **Uniform Consignment Coordinator/Committee** (Help organize the Uniform Consignment Program)
- **Emergency Preparedness Co-Coordinator/Committee** (Help organize Emergency Preparedness supplies and processes)

Budget & Planning Input

The CTS PAC Executive Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to draft up a Budget for the 2017/2018 school year. This budget will be presented for approval at the June PAC meeting. If you have any thoughts, concerns, feedback, or ideas for events or fundraisers for consideration please submit them to cts.pac@vcpac.ca ASAP

COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT UPDATES:

Student Enrolment Priorities

Enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. When space is limited in a school, student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school.

Thank you to the nearly 4,000 parents and students who responded to the recent student enrolment survey. Recommendations have now been developed by a Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents and Trustees. The recommendations will be discussed in May and June and formally considered by the Board of Education in June 2017.

The recommendations propose the following changes for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Change to the order of registration priorities, placing higher priority on catchment students for both French and English programs
- Non-catchment students will need to apply for transfer at middle school and high school transitions.

Recommendations also include:

- Review of registration process to improve information, explore online registration options and identification requirements
- A cap on the total number of International Students in the district, and equitable distribution across district schools.

The detailed recommendations is available on website: : <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/recommendations-for-student-enrolment-priorities/>

Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge, Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Legislature Buildings

Part of the Robert Cameron Law Cycling Series p/b PISE– kids ages 3-10 get to race and also rub elbows with local Olympians and champions during the Tim Horton's Timbits Challenge. Kids get a T-Shirt, a medal, water bottle, and a box of Timbits! **Registration is free, but must register** via www.victoriabikerace.com as the field is limited to 150. Because of popular demand, the event has expanded to include 3- and 4-year olds (on a shorter course). There will also be bouncy castles and other games on the lawns.

Summer Reading Club

Walk on the wild side with the Greater Victoria Public Library's Summer Reading Club. In this free, self-paced reading program, your child will earn prizes for weekly reading, including stickers, a pizza coupon, and a swim pass. To register, pick up a free reading record from any public library branch starting June 29. The library also offers more than 300 free programs for kids throughout the summer. Go to gvpl.ca for more information.

Let's Talk About Drugs Presentation

Burnside Gorge Community Association In partnership with Island Health, Centre for Addictions Research of BC and Victoria Police, are holding an event on May 16th at 7pm where parents can come and get informed about trends in youth substance use, get their questions answered and receive tips on how to talk to their kids about the tough subject of substance use. See the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Lets-Talk-About-Drugs-poster-May-2017.pdf>