

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 5 - Hanging Basket and Potted Plant Pick Up (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
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  
May 18 - Able Cresting Uniform Sizing Event (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)  
May 18 - New Kindergarten Orientation 10:30 a.m.  
May 18 - Grade 5 Transition Day (12:30 p.m.)  
May 19 - Professional Development Day -No Students in Session  
May 22 - Victoria Day - School Closed  
May 26 - 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
May 26 - Student Placement Forms for 2017-2018 School Year Due  
May 27 - Grade 5 Bottle Drive  
May 29 - Zone Track Meet

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

More glimpses of spring this week with the students outside gardening the butterflyway, painting real tulips, racing in 100m sprints and observing a family of squirrels. We had a wonderful turn out at the Family Inflatable Fun night. Thank you for letting us know on the green Student Placement forms about the learning partner input you and your child would like to have for next year placement. I have appreciated hearing the stories on how parents speak to their children on what makes a good learning partner and what makes a good playground friend. We switched playground zones this month and the Kindergarten students are now enjoying the north climber. Our staff debriefed the gymnastics unit and look forward to offering it again next year. Grade 5's carved soapstone this week and have a memorable keepsake to take home. The 100<sup>th</sup> birthday posters and leaflets are being distributed. Please pop by the office if you have a place to post one in our community. Congratulations to our student scientists on the first ever Science Fair! The Synergy jump rope group inspired the school this morning with their skipping tricks. Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart pledges with the skipathon this afternoon. We wish our keen readers in the Red Cedar Club a wonderful field trip tomorrow to Vancouver to meet the authors of some of their favourite books. ~ Miss Pick

### *Safe Arrival Email Address*

In addition to the Safe Arrival phone number, we now have email! Is making a phone call not always possible? Great news, now you can email us! To report an absence, please email [cloverdalesafearrival@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cloverdalesafearrival@sd61.bc.ca). You can also still call the safe arrival voicemail box at 250-361-3706.

### *Parking*

As you may have noticed, our school staff is now placing yellow parking passes in their vehicle windows. We would like to thank everyone for respecting the parking rules and remembering to park elsewhere to allow our staff a place to park! Feedback from staff has indicated that they are noticing a difference and are very appreciative.

### *Welcome!*

Please welcome back Alexis Thonger, who completed her second year teaching practicum in Mrs. Camden's classroom last month. She will be a volunteer in our school for the rest of the school year. We also wish to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Erum Ghouri who will be here supervising at lunch time until the end of the school year.

### *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.

### *Rugby*

We have 16 grade 3, 4, and 5 students playing rugby this year. The students have been working really hard. We have our first game against Oaklands Elementary on Friday. On Monday, we travel to Quadra Elementary to play our second game. The season finishes on Friday, May 12 with a jamboree at Gordon Head Middle School.

### *Book Fair Update*

Thanks to all of our students, families and staff for supporting our Book Fair two weeks ago. It was wonderful to see so many people excited about reading and we raised more than \$1000 in store credits from Russell to buy books for our school library. Thanks as well to Russell Books for being a great partner in sponsoring our Fair.

### *TC 10K and 1.5K Family Fun Run*

Congratulations to those that participated in our school team this past weekend! We had a great turnout of 66 people (including parent runners). The participants were: Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Liddell, Mrs. Petrovic, Olivia P, Connor P, Sasa P, Isaac O, Wes O, Hunter A, Mason A, Aurora A, Cindy A, Keira K, Hayrettin O, Deniz O, Melanie P, Andrew S, Annina S, Luca P, Gethin J, Mason J, Ivy J, Melville J, Arielle M, Alivia N, Jennifer V, Marek V, Ronin V, Melissa P, Tony P, Ava P, Jake P, Rae P, Jon P, Addison S, Mrs. Glover, Ella H, Maddison H, Jack W, Alisha L, Amy L, Rhys L, Dylan L, Gareth L, Malcolm B, Tara Z, Rob Z, Emma Z, Jackson Z, Mrs. Marshall, Elise B, Adrienne M, Mrs. Morrell, Grace M, Matthew M, Emily C, Ellie C, Rosaline C, Zoe C, Luka V, Pio T. Great job everyone!

### *Active and Safe Routes to Schools*

Lise Richard provided an update at the PAC night this week. Here are the highlights of upcoming events: highlight Linwood active travel corridor, increase bike parking facilities, organize bike skills course, participate in 'Walk and Wheel Week', promote 'Drive to Five' zones, tactical urbanism, walking school bus.

### *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/nylbdvr>

### *PAC Recognition*

We would like to take the time to recognize Starr Munro and Melissa Piasta as our departing PAC Co-Chairs and Stacey Haase, Tracey Knight, and Nora Cumming as departing PAC Executive members for our school.

I think we can all agree that these people have done an excellent job of enlightening us to all the possibilities for authentic parent participation, parent inclusiveness and a family friendly school culture. Their leadership with the attributes of creativity, technical and people skill sets, and their 'can do' attitude has grown the inclusivity of our parents. It is up to us to continue. We have an idea (we think) about the layered tasks and details, but do hope that Stacey and Nora will take on the phone calls as they 'graduate' on to middle schools. We appreciate profoundly that Starr, Melissa, and Tracey will remain close in new executive roles and following their passions like supporting our outdoor programming and consignment clothing sales. Thank you for the years of traditional flag waving, PAC constitution policy writing, number crunching, pulled pork sandwiches, and the countless hours of meetings. We have GREAT memories thanks to the

social events, fundraising efforts, the 2014 Inspirational PAC Award and a legacy in our soccer field and playground structures. Together we have learned that parent leadership equals parent involvement and we have that in spades. The success of our parent and family attendance is because of that climate of inclusiveness. Thank you for your concern and care that you have manifested over the years and which gives confidence to our future PAC Executive members willing to join in. Thank you all for making the founding traditional parents of 12+ years ago proud of this chapter in our school's journey.

#### *STAGES Summer Camp Scholarship*

Once again, STAGES Performing Arts School has generously offered us a scholarship for one week of dance camp this summer (a \$200.00 value). If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please email [Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca) and indicate "Dance" in the subject line by Wednesday, May 10. Please include the student's name in the body of the email. We will do a random draw next week and announce the winner in our newsletter. For more information on STAGES summer camps, please see the poster. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Youth-Summer-2017.pdf>

#### **PAC UPDATES:**

##### *Welcome the New CTS PAC Executive Committee*

A special thanks to the parents that have stepped up to be your PAC Executive Committee for the 2017/2018 school year. Please welcome the following parents:

Chair - Maureen Andersen

Secretary - Dawn Martin

Treasurer - Erin McAskile

Members-At-Large - Sarah Stark and Marilyn Kay

Thank you as well to our outgoing Executive Committee for all your hard work and dedication to making our school a wonderful community for our students and families to be part of!

##### *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@vcpcac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpcac.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@vcpcac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpcac.ca) ASAP.

## COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT UPDATES:

### *Linwood Avenue Construction - Will Impact Cloverdale Traditional Parents*

Please see the link for information about some upcoming sewer and sidewalk construction on Linwood Avenue that will impact the road between Cook Street and Tolmie Avenue.

[https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/1141\\_001.pdf](https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/1141_001.pdf)

### *Legislative Assembly of BC Summer Break Program*

See the following poster for information about free upcoming summer break programs through the Legislative Assembly of BC for children ages 6-10. The camps include a guided tour, scavenger hunt, and art activity (1.5 hour program). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Summer-Break-2017-Program-Poster.pdf>

### *Medic Alert - No Child Without*

Please see the attached poster about the No Child Without program for children in need of medic alert bracelets. [https://www.medicalert.ca/e-](https://www.medicalert.ca/e-connects/2017/05_NCWSchool/en/articles/tile5.asp?FirstName=Cloverdale/GVSD)

[connects/2017/05\\_NCWSchool/en/articles/tile5.asp?FirstName=Cloverdale/GVSD](https://www.medicalert.ca/e-connects/2017/05_NCWSchool/en/articles/tile5.asp?FirstName=Cloverdale/GVSD)

### *1000 x 5*

We need books for babies and preschoolers! Please see the attached info.

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/May-2017.pdf>

### *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Famil Sport & Recreation Festival at PISE*

Click here to see the post for this free event taking place this Saturday (May 6).

<http://piseworld.com/events/> or

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/PacificInstituteForSportExcellence/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=10154291524909905](https://www.facebook.com/pg/PacificInstituteForSportExcellence/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154291524909905)