

## IMPORTANT DATES:

September 18 - Professional Development Day (no students in session)  
September 21 - School BBQ and Welcome Night (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)  
September 25 - Student Photo Day  
September 25 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m. location TBA)  
September 29 - Full School Assembly (everyone welcome, 9:00 a.m. in the school gym)  
September 29 - Terry Fox Run (2:15 p.m.)  
October 2 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m., location TBA)  
October 3 - PAC Parent Information Night (7:00 p.m. in the school library)  
October 4 - Parent Teacher Interviews (all students dismissed at 11:54 a.m.)  
October 5 - Parent Teacher Interviews (all students dismissed at 11:54 a.m.)  
October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (school closed)  
October 10 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m., location TBA)

## SCHOOL UPDATES:

### *Principal's Message*

We had a lot of firsts this week! We close out on our first full week of school this year! We have seen the first school days with all Kindergarten students in attendance, our first Cross Country running practices took place on the soccer field, among many other activities ramping up to the full repertoire of programming and procedures offering. Safety first! Please know the food items not accepted in your child's classroom. Letters were sent home on the first day we moved classes last week. It is all of our responsibility to ensure a safe environment for all of our students. This year we have ten students with anaphylaxis to food items. Thank you for your support. School District employees are here daily completing the portable, please remind your students to stay away from equipment and vehicles. Learning first! Please know that routines are now in effect. For Grade 1-5 students the agenda is to be signed daily and returned. Ensure your child has a homework routine and a place to focus at home on the activities listed in the agenda and the classroom newsletter. We use the ten minute rule for homework; ten minutes per grade level: Grade 2 – twenty minutes, Grade 3 thirty minutes and so on. Encourage nightly reading from the 'book bag' (primary grades) as well as a wide variety of quality literature for reading at home as well. Many teachers are assessing student knowledge these weeks in numeracy to determine programming. Traditional first! We have now completed uniform checks in Grades 1-5 and have sent home blue uniform slips. Overall, we notice support for our uniform policy especially of note are our new students to the school. A school logo sweater is mandatory at school each day. They can be purchased at [www.ablecresting.com](http://www.ablecresting.com)

### *Uniform Tip!*

Pages 18-21 in your child's planner contains the details of our school uniform. Please review!

### *PAC Meeting Appreciation!*

Thank you to the many parents who were in attendance for our first PAC night. We 'toasted' to a new school year and heard from many coordinators about upcoming events. We feel very supported to have such an active and giving group of parents for their support, volunteerism, connections to the community. Thank you to Megan Squires from the Active and Safe Routes to Schools program for presenting the Drive to 5 program with our parent coordinator Marilyn Kay.

### *Changes in Recycling*

At Cloverdale Traditional, we try to encourage the use of environmentally friendly packaging such as reusable plastic containers instead of throw-away wrap. SD61 is no longer recycling foil, soft plastics or juice boxes, so we are discouraging students from bringing these items to school. Foil packaging (ie granola bar wrappers), soft plastic (ie zippered snack bags) and juice boxes will be sent back home in your child's lunch kit. These items can be recycled at home. We are still collecting compost, hard plastic and gabled milk containers. We also recycle paper towels at school.

### *Swim Club Starts Oct.10th!*

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 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The program will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> and run for 10 sessions. The cost is \$80 with payment due by the third practice. The swim club will also be available during terms 2 and 3. Parents are responsible for their children before and after practice at 4:15 p.m. Subsidies are available for those families in need (please contact Mrs. Bird at [mbird@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mbird@sd61.bc.ca)). We look forward to another fun season! To register, please use the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/g9uOBwvwcNzVNdyI2>

Any questions may be directed to the Tyee School Program Administrator, Jennika, at [admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com](mailto:admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com)

### *Agenda Planners*

We ask for an \$8 donation toward planners this year. All funds go toward the invoice. Shortages come from the school budget. We thank you for your donation.

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *Welcome Back BBQ and Open House*

Come and meet the CTS teachers, administration, staff and PAC at the Back to School BBQ and Open House on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm-7pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up, cooking hotdogs and clean up. If you can help please email [cts.pac@vpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vpac.ca). Looking forward to seeing everyone there. We will also have our consignment uniforms for sale at the BBQ.

### *Save Around Books*

Save Around books will be sent home this Friday September 15th. This is a PAC fundraiser. One book and an order form will be sent home. If you do not wish to participate please return the book and form to school ASAP. The books are \$25 each. All orders have to be handed in by Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### *Walk and Wheel to School*

Walk and Wheel to School is from October 2 – 6. The Getting to School link can be found on our Cloverdale School website. Information for active and safe routes to school can be found on the bulletin board outside the computer lab.

One of the active routes is the Drive to 5. Drive to 5 is a designated area 5-10 minutes from school where parents can park and walk their children to school, children can walk by themselves or parents and children can walk in groups. During the week of Walk and Wheel we are looking for parents that might be interested in volunteering to walk groups from the Drive to 5 locations. If you are please contact Marilyn Kay at [mmdowsley@hotmail.com](mailto:mmdowsley@hotmail.com)