

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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)  
October 16 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m., location TBA)  
October 20 - Provincial Professional Development Day (no students in session)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

Last night's Open House and Welcome Back Barbeque was a wonderful example of a successful event led by the combined efforts of the school staff and PAC! We would like to thank the coordinators of the barbeque: Dawn Martin and family as well as Thrifty Foods and David's Tea for their sponsorship. Thank you to the staff for participating and presenting overviews to attendees in their classrooms.

We would like to thank Miss Jost and Miss Bryan for beginning the school year with their classes. Both have accepted new and full time teaching positions in other schools. As more information is available we will be informing the parents of those classes. We would like to welcome Mr. Harry Sandhu, educational assistant, to our school. He had been with us for some time when we were at Richmond school.

Beginning today Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence (PISE) staff will start with term one programming in the gym each Friday morning until Christmas with the following classes: Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Marta, Mrs. McIntyre/Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. Kheari. This well regarded physical literacy program is free for primary classes with the school budget supporting the extension of the program into the intermediate grades. Please welcome Mr. Andrew McMillan, our Physical Literacy Leader. This is a good reminder to ensure your child has quality running shoes for the gym (all colours of non-marking gym shoes welcome).

The school based Professional Development day this past Monday had the following sessions: Technology for Learning session: we reviewed the new Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum, and reviewed and strengthened our school based scope and sequence for technology skills. Aboriginal Education session: we reviewed imbedded curricular related topics, reviewed materials and listed what areas we would like to purchase further resources and guest speakers. We had a show and share session on favourite ways to increase heart rate in our Daily Physical Activity (DPA) tie. Finally, we reviewed the expectations for reading level at each term for each grade level – another school based reference grid we all agree upon here at this school to ensure professional conversation and consistency across the grade levels. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication to work together to strengthen our shared efforts in delivering quality educational programs.

Another September start up activity occurred this week called Class Screening meetings. In these meetings we have last year's teachers meet with this year's teachers to discuss the new class mix of students. Important information is passed between teachers with other key staff present including learning support teachers, ELL teachers, counsellors, speech pathologist and administrator.

Increase in Library time. We are delighted to have Mrs. Nicole Aerts back again this year with an increase to half time. Teachers are now signing up for sessions with her that include library skills in the primary grades as well as co-teaching research projects.

Mrs. Jost and myself attended Emergency Procedures workshops this week to continue our learnings on managing emergency situations.

School Photos on Monday! Full uniforms please. Check pages 18-21 in your child's planner for details on our school uniform.

Have a great weekend! ~Miss Pick

### *Parent Teacher Interviews*

A Synvoice message went home today explaining how to sign up for your Parent Teacher Interview. We have opted to use an online system again this year. If you were with us for Student Led Conferences in the spring last year and you signed up for your conference using the online system you are already registered and able to use the same account. If you are new to the school you will need to sign up for an account. We recommend doing this ahead of time so that you are able to go in and choose your time slot with no delay when the system goes live. Please note that the system will go live for sign up as of Sunday, September 23 at 1:00 a.m. Please note that all appointment times are on a first come, first serve basis.

### **PAC UPDATES:**

#### *Save Around Books*

Our Save Around Books fundraiser continues. The books and order envelopes were sent home last Friday with your child. If you do not wish to participate please return the book and envelope to school ASAP. If you wish to purchase a book keep the book and return the envelope with payment. Books are \$25. Please make cheques payable to CTS PAC. Half of the cost of is donated to CTS PAC. The deadline for orders and return of unsold books is Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Did you know that CTS has ongoing year round fundraisers?

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards - Pick up a Thrifty Foods Smile Card from the CTS office. Load the card with money and use it at any Thrifty Foods. Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the money that you spend to the PAC.

Oliver's Labels - Buy labels from Oliver's Labels and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the CTS PAC.

Bottle Depot - When you return bottles or containers to any Return-It Bottle Depot ask the cashier before they ring through your returns to donate the proceeds directly to CTS PAC.

QSP Magazines - Order magazines online at QSP and CTS PAC will receive a portion of the sales. For information on all of the above fundraisers please go to our school website <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/> and click on PAC and fundraising.

#### *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. For more info click the link: <http://dashbc.ca/what-we-do/programs-initiatives/walk-and-wheel/>. 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. The following parks are the designated Drive to 5 parks: Camrose Park, Tolmie Park, Rutledge Park and Jackson Street Park. 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)

### **DISTRICY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

#### *1000 x 5 Program Needs Your Gently Used Baby and Toddler Books*

The 2017-2018 year has begun and alongside the children entering the building are the 15 retired teachers and principals who meet every Wednesday to sort your donations of books for babies and preschoolers. Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources. 138,000 books in six years! Please drop books for babies and preschoolers into the pink bin, located in the school office, and we will send them on to other families.