

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
October 10 - Fire Drill 10:00 a.m.
October 10 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m., Clover Point)
October 16 - Cross Country (3:30 p.m., Lambrick Park)
October 19 - Earthquake Drill (10:00 a.m.)
October 19 - Student Photo Orders Due Today
October 20 - Provincial Professional Development Day (no students in session)
October 23 - Cross Country Finals (1:00 p.m., Beacon Hill Park)
October 27 - Assembly 9:00 a.m. (everyone welcome)
October 27 - Halloween Dance (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., school gym)
October 31 - Black and Orange Day

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We are feeling grateful for all that we share within the generous community that makes up at Cloverdale Traditional School. We feel your support in countless ways. Parent and Teacher Interviews were a success and we are finalizing our parent attendance numbers which we will share next week. We can tell you that 109 students were in the gym for child minding. We provide this service so that parents can have private, focused time with their child's teacher. Our staff invites you to keep connected with them through the agenda planner, email or a phone call (we have individual voice mailboxes now). Don't wait – talk to us about concerns you have so we can work together on ensuring a strong educational experience for your child.

Welcome all families to our morning reading sessions in the primary classes. Cross Country Running club for Grades 3-5 continues at noon hours. The noon hour Running Club for all interested K-5 students begins next week. Noisy Reading club and our Swim Club also begin next week.

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) had an information night for PAC Executive members last evening and our Pac Chair, Maureen Andersen and I attended. The sessions involved reviewing the roles and responsibilities of PAC Executive members as well as reviewed successes and challenges of supporting parent involvement. The sessions were led by Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools and Audrey Smith, VCPAC chair. Here is their informative website: <https://www.vcpac.ca/>
Happy Thanksgiving to each of you! ~Miss Pick

Walk and Wheel 2 School Week

We counted who walked and rolled to school this week as part of a CRD and Island Health campaign. They provided us with information, recognition treats and a plan. Students came in roller skates, roller blades, scooters and bikes this week as well as on foot. We heard parents arranging with one another to drop students off at each other's homes in order to walk to school. We heard from students that they parked their car at various neighborhood parks and walked the rest of the way for the first time. We hope this kick started active school travel, helped alleviate traffic congestion and increased physical health. We would like to thank Megan Squires from the CRD, Mrs. Jost, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Vanderham for assisting with the giant sticker chart in the mornings this week. See a photo here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Full-page-photo-6.pdf>

New NUMERACY Materials

Thousands of dollars of math manipulatives arrived at school over the past few weeks. The school district has made this substantial purchase for schools to support the new curriculum. The items will remain as property of the school. Thanks to our teacher leaders in Numeracy, Mrs. Marta for primary and Mrs. Gleeson for intermediate, we now have the items placed in 14 tubs for each of our 14 classrooms in the school. The items help reinforce math concepts by encouraging oral explanation and demonstrating of the knowledge of fractions, number sense,

place value, to name a few. Class sets of many of the items means the student have their very own to create, explain and extend their numeracy thinking. There are some shared items as well that are being organized for the shared teacher resource room. These include teaching clocks among other items. Thank you as well to Mrs. Jost for transporting these items!

Parent Data Base

We would like to thank Tara Poilievre for her many hours of creating a data base built on the returned Volunteer Parent Forms which was one of the many forms in the September verification pack up. We now have an incredible list for each of the categories: field trips, Christmas Concert, Clubs, Library help. In addition we have lists for many of the PAC events which include: dance committee, poinsettia and spring flower sales, social committee, fundraising committee, emergency preparedness committee among others. We are grateful for you the volunteers and for these contact lists

Best Routes to School Map

The final updated version of the Best Routes to School Map can be found here: <http://hastebc.org/node/4669>. Click the link, select our school and the PDF will open. Consider exploring the map with your family and choosing a new route to school, or using a “drive to 5” location for your morning or after school arrival and departure.

Head Lice Team

What a team of dedicated eagle eyes! They have now finished a head lice check, the first of the year in one morning. Thank you to Tara Poilievre, Amanda Bown and Hanadi Ponsford. We appreciate their volunteer daytime hours and service toward our school families.

PISE in the school!

Each Friday – We are thrilled to have Coach Andrew McMillan as our Physical Literacy Leader in the gym each Friday for ten sessions for the following classes: Mrs. Kheari, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Marta, Mrs. McIntyre/Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Coulter.

Tuesday Night was PISE for Parents and a keen group of 12 parents with as many students joined in the gym for how to help increase your physical literacy at home. The session was interactive and we chased around the gym increasing our understanding of the fundamental movements that we build upon for a long life of movement, fitness and sport. The evening session was co-led by Coach Andrew McMillan and Chris Wright, the coordinator for the program.

Winter Coats

Does your child need a new winter coat? If you are living on a lower income or are otherwise experiencing some financial distress, Coats For Kids can provide you with a new or near to new winter coat. Please reply to areid@sd61.bc.ca with your child's name, age and size. Any information you provide is confidential.

PAC UPDATES:

CTS PAC Email – Technical Difficulties!

Just a heads up that we have been having some issues with the cts.pac@vcpac.ca email address. A number of emails sent to this address over the past month have not been received. We are working on remedying this issue at this time – and hope to have it fixed soon. If you have any messages (old or new) for the CTS PAC please leave them with the school office and they will be passed to the appropriate person to respond. Alternatively, feel free to use: cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca

Save Around Books

Save Around Books Fundraiser has now ended. If you have unreturned books please send them to the school office ASAP. All families with books/orders not returned will receive an invoice for \$25. If you have any questions, issues or concerns please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Halloween Dance

Our Halloween Dance is coming up on Friday October 27th from 6:30-8:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Please go to the following online link to sign up for a short shift. Many hands make light work!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1To4_W0p7GMhBxRWSnhEH2JsEcAfTZQo8AdAQutmmGRo/edit?usp=sharing

Our fabulous Halloween Dance coordinators James and Leslie are graduating out of CTS next year. We are looking for some parent volunteers that would be interested in organizing the dance – in the future. James and Leslie would be happy to have you work along side them this year and learn the ropes. If interested please contact the school office with your name and contact information.

Royals Hockey CTS PAC Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that we are hosting a Royals Hockey Fundraiser this year! The CTS PAC will be selling tickets at discounted prices for several Royals hockey games during the season (Tickets are only \$15!). You can buy home game tickets for the following dates: November 4th, January 5th, and February 17th and help CTS fundraise. On the February 17th game we will also be selling 50/50 draw tickets (half the proceeds from the night go to the PAC). Watch for additional information coming home with your child about volunteer needs and ticket purchasing. To order tickets now for the November 4, 2017 game email Maureen at: ctspac.maureen@gmail.com. Tickets for the November 4th game are only available until October 27th.

DISTRICY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Reynolds Family of Schools

The trustees currently assigned to our school are Ms. Peg Orcherton and Ms. Deborah Nohr. Our Associate Superintendent is Ms. Deb Whitten. Our VCPAC representative is Ms. Audrey Smith.

1000 x 5 Books Part of October Fun

As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the school office? These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. **140,000 books in 6.5 years!!**

Driving Speed Reader

Did you know you can find speed reader information online from the District of Saanich? This is great information for deciding on your active travel route to school! If there's a road you are concerned about - check online for average speeds on roads of concern. Perhaps you could find some good news - like we did about Savannah Ave. Savannah was raised as a concern area because of the lack of sidewalks or bike lanes of the road to support active travel. Speed was also raised as an issue. While there is work to be done on Savannah - the maximum speed read registered at 74kph, 24kph over the speed limit - the average speed driven was 20kph!

Nice to learn through data that there are lots of cautious drivers using Savannah Ave also."

http://www.saanichpolice.ca/images/pdfs/Speed_Reports/Savannah_Ave_3700_block_capturing_NB_traffic.pdf

Mad Science - Science in the Home, Mindful Parenting

Mindfulness is the art of being present in the moment. It can help both parents and kids unwind after a long day. Practice mindfulness by setting aside 20 minutes each day to be with your child or children. There must be no distractions (cooking, cleaning, or other tasks) allowed during this time! Think or ask these questions, as you pause to reconnect as a family:

- What is happening at this moment?
- How does my child feel and what does my child need?
- How do I feel and what do I need?

This daily routine of collecting, evaluating, and assessing emotions allows you to connect with your inner self and with your growing child!