

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 13 - Remembrance Day Observed (school closed)
November 14 - Native Plant Garden Blessing Ceremony (9:00 a.m.)
November 14 - 16 - Green Spots Habitat Restoration/Native Plant Project
November 14 - Swim Club (3:30 p.m. at Crystal Pool)
November 19 - Swim Meet at Crystal Pool (1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
November 21 - Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening
November 21 - Swim Club (3:30 p.m. at Crystal Pool)
November 22 - Lockdown Drill (11:30 a.m.)
November 23 - Christmas Concert Ticket Request Forms Go Home
November 24 - Professional Development Day (no students in session)
November 28 - Swim Club (3:30 p.m. at Crystal Pool)
December 1 - Full School Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym, everyone welcome)
December 1 - Last Day to Return Christmas Concert Ticket Request Forms
December 1 - PAC Movie Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the school gym)
December 4 - Christmas Concert Tickets Sent Home
December 5 - Hat Trick for Literacy Kick Off (Victoria Royals Players Here)
December 8 - Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Our Students Remember. Whether you attended the assembly this morning or have completed a gallery walk to see the bulletin boards showcasing art, poetry or stories, our students have spent time understanding the important themes of Remembrance Day. Talk to your child about their learning's. We have had special guests in our school this week from other agencies who work with our students. My belief has always been that when we work together with all stake holders our students benefit. Congratulations to the Grade 5 students who completed their first performance on their stringed instruments Monday night at Mount Douglas Secondary. We had another important PAC business meeting this week where we heard about the successes these last two months. We are continually amazed by the support by our parents on fundraising: almost \$10,000 came through for the coupon books, Halloween dance and poinsettia sales fundraising programs. This meant over \$5000 for the school programs (bussing, rugby jerseys, gardening, music, books. Thank you parents for supporting our PAC. Thank you PAC for making this a place where parents can lead and coordinate. Thank you Coordinators for stepping up. We are forever grateful. The mural project has moved to the third stage with 'dry felting'. This has involved Grade 3, 4, and 5 students. We are now preparing for the sewing week and ask that all sewers willing to give of their time call the school. We will sew in the mornings November 20-22 and could use all the help we can from parents and grandparents. Please call the school if interested. See you next week outdoors at the Native Garden prepping, planting, mulching and blessing. See the details below. ~Miss Pick

Kindergarten 2018

It is that time again to start planning for Kindergarten! Do you have a sibling that is coming to Kindergarten in September 2018 that you have not yet submitted a registration form for? Please let the office know immediately. We must know before January 2018 in order to hold your space.

Noon Hour Supervisor Needed Until January

Do you or someone you know love working with elementary students? Do you love playing in the outdoors? Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School is looking for a supervisor to fill in until January 2018. Noon hour supervision is from 11:54 a.m. - 12:54 a.m.. This position is Monday through Friday, excluding professional development days. If you are interested in applying please submit a resume and proof of valid first aid certificate to our school office. Successful applicants will be required to complete a criminal record check. Questions can be directed to Renee Pick, Principal, by calling 250.382.7231.

PAC UPDATES:

Habitat Restoration Project - Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce that CTS has been selected to participate in the Habitat Acquisition Trusts 2017 Green Spots Program. The program helps schools to develop outdoor education classrooms by creating natural play spaces and native plant gardens on school grounds. The project will take place this month from Tuesday November 14 to Thursday November 16. We need a variety of volunteers (parents, grandparents or community helpers welcome) to help out each day. Please sign up for a volunteer shift online at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EoIzMUaBXdMFSfNz6f8uJSRWBDlyrFF9vCn21O9E9c/edit?usp=sharing> . If you have any questions or want to sign up for a shift please contact Starr Munro at starr.munro@gmail.com.

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: 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). **To order tickets email Maureen at: ctspac.maureen@gmail.com**

DISTRICY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Family Routines - Parents at Play

Sometimes life with children seems to be one long string of tasks, and parents lament that family times that were supposed to be fun are reduced to one more thing to do. But the fun is there to be rediscovered in the magical world of play to which young children hold the key. Entering that world with them rings opportunities to discover a new point of view and to strengthen family ties.

Click the link to see the full article in 14 various languages (including Arabic, Punjabi, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Tagalog, French, Farsi, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Tamil, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Spanish). The English article is the second page of every PDF article in another language.

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