

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
December 12 - Naden Band (Grades 1, 2, and 3)
December 12 - Last Swim Club for Session 1 (3:30 p.m. at Crystal Pool)
December 19 - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (9:00 a.m. in the school gym, everyone welcome)
December 20 - Christmas Concert - Tickets Required (1:15 p.m. in the school gym)
December 21 - Christmas Concert - Tickets Required (6:15 p.m. in the school gym)
December 22 - Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation (students in session all day, full uniforms required)
January 8 - First Day Back from Winter Vacation

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Mrs. Whyte, our strings teacher, brought in Brian Yoon from the Victoria Symphony for a master's class. We toured school board trustee, Jordan Watters, through our school this week. The Red Cedar reading club began on Thursday with an enthusiastic group of 26 students and our resident book worm, Mrs. Aerts. Please welcome Mrs. Genny Lau, a new teacher added to our Learning Support department. There are lots of field trips this week. Thank you for sending your students in their full uniforms when we head out into public. SEWING week happens next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. PLEASE take the time to join us for the final step in our mural project. Email rpick@sd61.bc.ca ~Happy Autumn! Miss Pick

Thank You!

We would like to extend a thank you to some of our grade 5 leadership students for their help in the school. Payden and Hope helped Miss Pick lead a school tour this week, and Jon and Jake led a whole school assembly.

Doorbell

We have a door bell located at the north entrance of the school at the ramp entrance that faces Thrifty Foods. The intended purpose of the doorbell is for those requiring the use of the ramp. Office staff are happy to open the door when they hear the bell when there are parents with strollers, those with mobility issues or for those making deliveries to the school. All others need to use the front door of the school facing Quadra Street.

Cheese!

Student Photos have now been distributed. Retakes will be sent home before Christmas. Questions or concerns should be directed to the school office.

Indigenous Garden Planting Week

The back drop to this week has been the installation of a new garden on our school grounds. We are delighted to have had Wendy Tyrell from Habitat Acquisition Trust and Starr Munro who lead the logistics. Thank you to each and every parent and grandparent who answered our call to garden in the rain, wind and sunshine. It is because of your help each and every student in our

school had their hands in shoveling, layering, mulching and planting. We would like to thank Mr. Kissinger, our Aboriginal Assistant, for helping us bless the land with cedar boughs. He acknowledges as well Mrs. Amanda Delorme for her input in the ceremony. Please come to the back of the gym to see our new plantings. We are looking for a name for our garden. Send in your ideas!

Remembering

Teachers recognized our students for their appropriate audience skills during the Remembrance Day assembly last Friday. They sang beautifully, recited 'In Flanders Fields', read poetry and explained their connections. Thank you to Petty Officer First Class Unnika Attridge for sharing her stories and experiences. Three times we have had her speak over the years and we thank her for relating important messages for our students, staff and parents. The hallway bulletin boards are outstanding this month with classroom responses to peace and remembrance.

How Are We Doing With Being ACTIVE On Our Way to School? Results Are In!

Students participated in a hands up survey as a follow up to our 17 month program. The results are in with this message from Lise Richard, our HASTE coordinator:

DRIVING HAS REDUCED BY 5% IN THE MORNING AND 4% IN THE AFTERNOON!!

YAY CLOVERDALE!!!!!! Looks like the shift went towards carpooling and walking! Keep up the GREAT work!

We are excited to see the comparative results from the online parent's survey.

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:

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas gifts?

The following PAC fundraisers are the perfect gifts to give this Christmas:

-Royals Hockey Fundraiser

The CTS PAC still has our ongoing Royals Hockey Fundraiser. Tickets are \$15 each. Come join us on January 5th for a night of family fun right before school starts back after Christmas break. We are selling tickets for February 17th game. At this game we will be selling the 50/50 tickets with half the proceeds going to the CTS PAC. To order tickets email Maureen at:

ctspac.maureen@gmail.com

-QSP Magazine Fundraiser

Order magazine subscriptions online and a percentage of the purchase goes to the CTS PAC. Log on to www.qsp.ca. Enter our group number 3796372 and order. It's that easy!!!

Poinsettia Distribution

We are looking for volunteers to help with Poinsettia distribution. We need volunteers to sort orders on November 30th. We also need volunteers to distribute after school on November 30th and December 1st. If you can help please contact Tara Poilievre at tpoilievre@shaw.ca or 250 595 2760.

DISTRICY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Promoting Positive Behaviour - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets

No one likes nagging, yelling and punishing, neither adults who do it nor children who are on the receiving end. Here are a few ways to encourage the kind of behaviour that can make the day go more smoothly for everyone. 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.

<http://www.welcomehere.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=673>

3 Books = 1 Gift! Make it Happen

Take the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags.

If each child in Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 897 books, enough for gift bags of books to 299 children. **Let's make it happen.** Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school office.