

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 - Photo Re-Take Order Forms Due to the Office
December 1 - Last Day to Return Christmas Concert Ticket Request Forms
December 1 - PAC Movie Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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

Weather was up and down this week, but our focus was true. Teachers are busy assessing in preparation for Term 1 report cards. We have had a week of sewing for the mural and were delighted to have Mrs. Camden come from retirement to help with this project. We thank Starr Munro and Karen Grigolato for organizing the old Comfort Kits and preparing them to be sent home to families for updating. More news to follow. We want to thank Amanda Bown and Tara Poilievre for conducting head lice checks. There is a decline in the number of cases for this session. Karen is here a lot these days as she leads the Grade 5 actors through their lines in preparation for the Christmas concert. Teachers are learners and tomorrow we are off in many directions with some taking workshops in Aboriginal education and assistive technologies as well as some of our teachers are staying on campus to expand their strategies with the new math manipulatives we recently received. See you on Monday. ~Miss Pick

Re-enrolling Students

We have received many questions surrounding the information about enrolment priorities that was sent home from the school district Superintendent this week. We would like to clarify that if you are currently a Kindergarten through grade 4 student; your space at Cloverdale Traditional is confirmed for your next school year. You do not need to re-enroll or show proof of address at this time. The new enrolment priorities only affect those coming into Kindergarten, and those leaving the school for grade 6. Click here to see further information on our website: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/how-to-registerwaitlist-information/>

Christmas Concert Tickets

Please be sure to carefully read the information about our upcoming Christmas Concert that was sent home today. You only need to return 1 form per family, with the eldest child. If you have questions or concerns please contact the school office.

Congratulations Swimmers!

The following Cloverdale Swimmers took part in the swim meet at Crystal Pool this past Sunday: Madi, Ella, Mabel, Lucy, Keira, and Serenity. They all competed in several events, and received certificates with their times. Well done!

The December newsletters will have information about registering for session 2.

Lockdown Drill

Cst. Ogilvie and two other Saanich police officers joined in on our Lockdown drill this week. Students were told in advance about the drill and teachers reviewed procedures with their classes. At 11:30 a.m. Miss Pick announced on the PA system, 'This is a Lock down drill. This is a Lock down drill'. Classroom doors were closed, as were the blinds to the windows, and lights were turned off. Students and staff moved to the designated lockdown area labeled in their classrooms and remained silent while the police officers and Miss Pick walked the hallways to check that doors were locked. Following a quick debrief, the police officers determined the drill was a success. Miss Pick announced over the PA system that the drill was over. In addition, students were told that when a real lockdown occurs there will be no PA announcement to let them know it is over. Instead, police officers and school staff will open up their classroom door with a key to let them know next steps (continue with their regular activities or leave the building). Stopping by classrooms afterward, we discussed the success of the drill thanks to the students following directions, taking the drill seriously and above all being prepared.

PAC UPDATES:

PAC Movie Night

We hope to see everyone at movie night next Friday, December 1. Parent supervision is required. The movies are still being voted on. Check your email for the links to vote. More information on the chosen movies will be sent out next week. Come in your pajamas with blankets and pillows to get comfy and cozy and enjoy some Christmas movies!

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:

Want to Learn More About Digital Citizenship for Parents?

See the link for more information:

https://bettereducate.com/uploads/file/41861_digitalcitizenshipguideforparents_digitalcitizenshipuideforparents.pdf

GVSD # 61 is Hiring!

Come join the team as an Educational Assistant! See the flyer for more info:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Were-hiring-EA.pdf>

Supporting Children's Play - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets

Children explore and discover their world through play, and the essence of play is free choice: deciding what to do, when and with whom to do it. In a world that is rapidly changing, children need to learn and to practise the skill of making choices while they play.

Adults can play with children (peek-a-boo with a ten month old) or can organize children's play (coaching a soccer team). They can also support children's play without being directly involved.

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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