

## IMPORTANT DATES:

November 4 - Royals Hockey Game (Ticket Sale Fundraiser by CTS PAC)  
November 7 - Student Photo Re-Takes  
November 7 - Swim Club (3:30 p.m. at Crystal Pool)  
November 7 - PAC Business Meeting (6:30 p.m. in the school library)  
November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly (9:00 a.m., everyone welcome)  
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 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 - PAC Movie Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the school gym)

## SCHOOL UPDATES:

### *Principal's Message*

This was a full week! We noticed that overall, the students focused on their learning this week especially on October 31<sup>st</sup>! We had strong participation in dressing up in orange and black on that day. Although we allowed a Halloween treat each day at school this week, we would like for treats to stay at home moving forward into next week. I would like to thank Leslie Smith and James Whitehouse for their parent leadership in running the Halloween dances over the past years. They are super organizers and make it fun for all of us. It was a wonderful, family oriented dance again this year. Thank you and we will miss you as you head to middle school next year. We enjoyed meeting Miss Danielle Shock, a Grade 9 student and daughter of Mrs. Hierath. She joined her mother in 'Take Your Kid to Work Day' and said in the morning before her Grade 5 classroom visit that she looked forward to seeing her mother as a teacher and not a mother! Grade 1 classes have begun their brisk weekly walks in the neighborhood and the Walking School Bus took place today for the first time. Grade levels have switched playgrounds on November 1<sup>st</sup> with the Grade 1's and 2's moving to the front of the gym and the playground on the Quadra Street side. The Grades 3's, 4's and 5's have moved to the basketball court, the north play structure and the soccer field. The kindergarten students remain in the nature playground. Thank you to all of our EAG's and Supervisors for all their hard work. We are looking for a supervisor from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. daily until Christmas break. If you are interested and have your first aid certificate please drop me an email. We wish the Grade 5 students good luck at their first Strings Concert this upcoming Monday night. Stay warm and upright on these frosty days! ~Miss Pick

### Red Cedar

On Wednesday morning, five members from our 2016/17 Red Cedar Book Club had the opportunity to see local author Julie Lawson speak at the public library about the writing process and her new book *A Blinding Light*, a fictional story based on the Halifax Explosion of 1917. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and represented our school well with their excellent manners and thoughtful contributions to the questions and discussion. For those who didn't get a chance to attend today, Ms. Lawson will be presenting again at Munro Books on Sunday, November 26 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; more details are available here: <https://www.munrobooks.com/?q=h.calevent&eid=909>. See a photo of the group with the author here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2015/10/Full-page-photo-9.pdf>  
Our Red Cedar Book Club for this school year will be having our first meeting next Tuesday, November 7. We are looking forward to another great year of reading fabulous books by Canadian authors, culminating with a trip to Vancouver in May to the Red Cedar Awards Gala. Please feel free to contact Ms. Aerts ([naerts@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:naerts@sd61.bc.ca)) if you have any questions about the Club.

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *PAC Meeting*

November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the CTS library is our November PAC Business Meeting. We will be reviewing upcoming events. We are seeking parent input and help on a variety of different projects. Complimentary child minding is available in the gym for attending parents. See you there!!

### *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 5<sup>th</sup>, and February 17<sup>th</sup> and help CTS fundraise. On the February 17<sup>th</sup> 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 email Maureen at: [ctspac.maureen@gmail.com](mailto:ctspac.maureen@gmail.com)**

### *Halloween Dance*

Again we had another successful Halloween Dance. The PAC raised \$1291 during the evening. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time. Special thanks to James and Leslie for coordinating such a fun evening.

### *Poinsettias*

Our poinsettia fundraiser is now over. Orders will be ready for pick up at the school at the end of November and beginning of December.

### *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/1EoIzMUaBX-dMFSfNz6f8uJSRWBDlyrfF9vCn21O9E9c/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](mailto:starr.munro@gmail.com).

## **DISTRICY AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

### *Family Routines - Multilingual Parent Resources*

Life with children can seem chaotic, at times even out of control. Establishing some basic routines can restore a sense of order that will make life easier for both parents and children. A routine doesn't mean a rigid schedule; young children need structure with flexibility (especially on weekends). For most families, things work better when everyday activities follow a predictable pattern.

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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