

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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 (9:15 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*

Are you starting to hum our Christmas Concert tunes? It is that time of the year again. Have your child practice the words and actions for their songs with you. We are looking for clear enunciation of the lyrics and of course a big smile! We are sold out for the Thursday night performance, but have lots of tickets for the Wednesday afternoon show. As always the dress rehearsal Tuesday at 9:30 am is open to all and you don't need a ticket to attend. Contact our school office if you still need tickets. See above for dates and times. Term I report cards go home today with your child. Every report card contains a positive comment about your child's learning and some encouragement toward Term 2 goals. Please sit with your child and review their current status, talk about how far they have developed since last June and talk about what improvements can be made by March break. Make a commitment as a family to increase reading fluency and practice instant recall of math facts. Use your teacher's newsletter and your child's planner as some of the ways to review and expand concepts. The New BC Curriculum link: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>. We were hosts to three Royals Hockey team members this week as a kick off to the Hat Trick for Literacy Program. The hockey players told the students their favourite childhood books prior to a scrimmage against the Grade 5 students. Lots of compliments by their promotions agent on the energetic and respectful audience! Encourage your child to participate in the program and a free hockey game ticket will be provided. Forms were sent home this week. Thank you to Mrs. Jost for organizing. Four members of the Rubik's Cube Club achieved success this week! Thank you to Mrs. Gleeson for leading the club! We wrap up Swim Club for term 1 next week with the final practice on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mrs. Bird looks forward to recognizing the team at the final assembly on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 jump on board the school busses for the Naden Band concert on Tuesday at 12:45 pm. Please ensure uniform items are clean and fit well. Our students are growing! ~Miss Pick

### *Christmas Concert Tickets*

All Christmas concert tickets have now been sent home. There are still some tickets available for the Wednesday afternoon concert. If you would like some additional tickets to the Wednesday show, please contact the office directly.

### *CTS Emergency Food and Water Supplies*

As part of our ongoing school wide emergency preparedness, individual rations of emergency food and water arrived this week to replace our current supply. We purchased food and water for 325 persons in 2012. This high quality food and water had a shelf life of five years. It was made and packaged in Delta, BC by FAST Inc. This company ships food and water to disasters all over the world. The food and water expired last month. We were able to repurchase food and water thanks to the \$15 donations by new kindergarten and new grade 1-5 parents every fall for the past five years. Thanks to Starr Munro and a wonderful group of parents, we moved the new food and water into our emergency supplies area, which is the kiln room (a dry, heated storage room under the ramp at the back of the school just outside the gym doors). We have asked FAST about how to dispose of the expired food and water. They have written back that the food and water has a longer than a 5 year shelf life, but that they can't legally stamp it past five

years. **We are offering our current parents the expired food and water (free of charge) for your home emergency supply kits and will be distributing it at the January and February PAC nights.** The water packs could be frozen and used as emergency ice packs, and/or stored for longer periods of time as individual washing/cooking water. The food supplies might last a couple of years more, pending they are stored carefully and kept dry. Always be sure to double check the safety and quality of all emergency preparedness supplies before using

**What are the ingredients in the F.A.S.T. emergency food rations?**

The F.A.S.T. emergency food rations are made at a plant in Delta, BC using a combination of wheat flour, sugar, canola shortening, coconut and flavouring. There are no preservatives added. The food rations are 100% vegan and trans-fat free.

*Active and Safe Routes to School*

For the past year our school has been participating in an Active and Safe Routes to School program promoting and encouraging active modes of transportation to and from school. From cycling or walking, to busing or driving to a five-minute walk away there is a solution that suits every family. By choosing active transportation together we can make our school zone a safer place for everyone by reducing the traffic congestion in the immediate area. As part of our Active and Safe Routes to School program a 'Best Routes to School' map has been created. Check out the map (<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2017/12/Pamphlet.pdf>) to find the active travel option that works for your family.

**PAC UPDATES:**

*Royals Hockey Fundraiser*

The CTS PAC still has our ongoing Royals Hockey Fundraiser. Tickets are \$15 each. Come join us on January 5<sup>th</sup> for a night of family fun right before school starts back after Christmas break. We are selling tickets for February 17<sup>th</sup> game. At this game we will be selling the 50/50 tickets with half the proceeds going to the CTS PAC. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the 50/50 ticket sales. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be sent out after the Christmas break. Come have some fun at the game and raise money for the CTS PAC. To order tickets email Maureen at: [ctspac.maureen@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.qsp.ca). Enter our group number 3796372 and order. It's that easy!!!

*Movie Night Thank You's*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made our family movie night a huge success. Thank you to our parents Starr and Adina for organizing the event. Thank you to the families who gave us their Christmas movies to use for the evening. It was a fun night thank you to all the families who attended.

**DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

*The Pleasures of Reading Aloud Product - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets*

There are lots of reasons to look at books and read aloud to children, starting when they are very young and continuing well after they can read for themselves. It's a time to enjoy moments of relaxation and closeness, to share interests and explore the world. In addition, experts suggest that reading to children 20 minutes a day improves their chances of success in school.

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>