

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

January 9 - PAC Information Night (6:30 p.m. in the school library)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We are into the festive season now! The crafts, artwork, and song selections tell us Christmas is here. Thank you for reviewing all that is available on this newsletter and your child's classroom newsletter about next week's Christmas concert details and costume requests. We would like to thank Mr. Andrew and Miss Carlie for our Friday Term 1 PISE sessions. The following classes had 9 sessions in the gym focusing on physical literacy: Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Marta, Mrs. Marshall/Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Kheari. There will be other classes taking their session in term 2. Report Cards were sent home last Friday. Please don't wait if you have questions. Email or write a note in your child's agenda to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

Congratulations on our school's Term 1 Swim team which wrapped up this week. Parents let me know at the last lesson how much they appreciated this term's session and that progress in swim skills has been noted. We received lots of feedback from the Grade 1, 2 and 3 students on how much they enjoyed the wonderful Christmas concert by Naden Band. We received lots of positive feedback from our teachers and parent volunteers on the audience behaviour of our young attendees. I found it joyful to watch our students respond to the song choices, costumes and music. Parents should be proud! Thank you to the Piasta family who built a very large and shiny prop for the concert that you will all get to see next week! Mrs. Piasta also set up our school Christmas trees this year. Thank you Mrs. Grigolato for the hours of rehearsing with our Grade 5 students who are now practicing on stage with the mics. Enjoy the weekend! I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all next week! ~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.

Uniform Free Day - Coming in the New Year

This week our grade 5 Leadership Team voted on a theme for Uniform Free day. This is the day that you don't have to wear your uniform. The theme chosen this year is Dress Up Like Someone Else Day. This means you can pick a friend and plan an outfit to wear together. You can pick a few friends to all dress up in the same outfit. You can also dress up like your parent or other family member. We already heard of someone who wants to dress up like their dad and another student who wants to dress up like their high school sister. Another way to dress up like someone is to dress up like a character from a book. You can always wear your uniform if you choose. More information will be in the school newsletter in January. The date for dress up day will be in the new year.

Report Card Envelope Reminder

Please remember to send back Report Card envelopes as we reuse them each term and we like to read the Parent comment Box on the back of them.

Charity Fund

Each Christmas Concert we donate the proceeds at the door for our sister school in Tanzania. Our link to Lamay Primary School is Mrs. Catriona Harker, a former vice principal to Cloverdale School. She takes our funds directly and uses all 100% of the funds toward the purchase of balls and books for the school. These items are purchased in Tanzania. Please consider donating at the Christmas concert door to this worthy cause.

Lost and Found

Items will be donated to the Salvation Army on Friday, December 22nd. The truck will be here to pick up all items in the lost and found bin at 3:30pm (except for crested items which we will set aside). Please check the lost and found located near the bin ahead of this time. Smaller and more valuable lost and found items are in the school office.

Second Term Swim Club Starts Tuesday January 9th!

The swim program will again be run by the Tyee Aquatic Club and is open to students from kindergarten to grade 5. Practices are at Crystal Pool on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The program will begin on January 9th and run for 10 sessions. The cost is \$80 with payment due by the third practice. Parents are responsible for their children before and after practice at 4:15 p.m. Subsidies are available for those families in need (please contact Mrs. Bird at mbird@sd61.bc.ca). We look forward to another fun season! To register, please use the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/YVxdAfGolfWbKyTe2>

Any questions may be directed to the Tyee School Program Administrator, Jennika, at admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com

Congratulations to the following swimmers who took part in the swim club during the first term: Samson, Heather, Tyver, Chief, Bianca, Fraser, Walter, Keyon, Sydney, Keira, Serenity, Rae, Zander, Mabel, Lucy, Odessa, Gordon, Pio, Ella, Abdul, Maxwell, Ruby, Stephanie, Elina, Cameron, Everett, Maddi, Leo, Noora, Ohenewaa, Philhelmina, Wesley, Noah and Hailey. Well done!

PAC UPDATES:

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. 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

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!!!

PAC Information Night

Join us Tuesday January 9th 2018 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for our information night. The topic is Grade 5 Middle School Information Night. Significant changes are taking place for the current grade 5 class as they select their grade 6 school. All grade 5 parents need to be in attendance to learn about these changes.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

District Info Night for New Kindergarten Families

School District #61 hosts an information night for new Kindergarten families every January. This year's session will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at SJ Willis. See the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/calendar-event/welcome-to-kindergarten-information-night/>

Mad Science - Tech and Nature

In six weekly science lessons children will learn about variety of subjects related to the natural environment and find out how that knowledge influences the development of technology. They will build exciting environmental take-homes to continue their explorations with parents and friends. Every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the String Room beginning January 24, 2018. For more info, see the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2017/12/NatureTech-school-for-parents.pdf>

Change Waiting Time to Play Time Product - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets

Let's face it; it's frustrating and boring to have to wait, both for children and for adults. It doesn't put anyone in a good mood. But there are ways to change boring to fun, by turning waiting time into a chance to learn and connect.

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>