

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

January 8 - First Day Back from Winter Vacation  
January 8-12 - Cloverdale Traditional Kindergarten Registration Week  
January 15 - Spellathon Pledge Sheets Go Home  
January 15-18 - Early French Immersion Registration Week (Kindergarten and Grade 1)  
January 16 - PAC Information Night (6:30 p.m. in the school library)  
January 22 - Spellathon Pledge Sheets Due Back  
January 25 - Full School Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym)  
January 26 - Professional Development Day (school specific)  
January 29 - All Spellathon Pledges Due Back Today  
January 29-February 2 - General Kindergarten & Late French Immersion Registration Week (Grade 6)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

"Old or young, big or little, quick or slow, everyone and everything can bring something good to the world. Everyone has something to share!" That's what Christmas is all about! Wise words from the Christmas concert play last night! Thank you for sharing your time with us! We are grateful for all we have here at the school; the people, the resources and the dedication of both for student learning! Thank you for large donation of food that we will give to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

Thank you for the \$483.55 collected at the door toward books and balls for our school in Lamay Primary School in Tanzania! Our total over the past six years is now \$2645.42!

We would like to wish Ms. Megan Loma the very best on her first full time teaching position at Hillcrest Elementary School. She leaves her part time position here in Grade 1. We look forward to meeting Ms. Karlee Bowers in the New Year.

From all of us here at Cloverdale Traditional School we wish you all the joy and happiness for the season and the New Year!

~Miss Pick

### *Future Registration at CTS*

The Greater Victoria School District #61 has made recent changes to the enrolment priorities across the district, including Cloverdale Traditional School. A media release will come from the district in early spring 2018 that is specific to our school and what the changes will mean going forward. Once we receive this message from the school district we will forward it to our parent body and post it on our website. For information on Kindergarten Registration for September 2018, please see our website (<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/school-spotlight/kindergarten-september-2018-procedures-have-changed-for-cloverdale-traditional-school-action-required-in-january-2/>). If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office at 250.382.7231.

### *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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@tyeeaquaticclub.com)

## **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!!!

### *Register to Attend the CTS PAC's Annual Life In Middle School Presentation*

Each year the CTS PAC hosts an information night for Grade 5 students, their families (*and any other interested parents*) titled: Life In Middle School. During this event, recent CTS grads and their parents return to share their stories about choosing and transitioning to Middle School. This year the School Administration will also be reviewing changes to the Grade 5 Middle School enrolment/transfer process and what you need to know as a parent.

This year's PAC information night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the CTS Library. This event is free to attend, but pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Please register to attend by Friday, January 12, 2018.

Register on line at: <https://goo.gl/forms/LvTD4arBqIFfVnYu1>.

Complimentary child-minding will be available in the school gymnasium for families in attendance at the event. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided.

## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

### *Child Care Capital Funding announced for the Cloverdale Out of School Care Society*

On December 4, 2017, the Province announced that five daycare providers, that operate from schools in the Greater Victoria School District, received notice that they had been approved to receive various amounts of funding to create more child care spaces. These new child care spots are to be committed primarily to the "Out of School Care" providers. Funding to create 20 preschool spots for the Cloverdale Child Care Society at Cloverdale Traditional School has been received. The final plans are still subject to the approval by the school board of SD61.

The Greater Victoria School District has supported these grant applications and the Facilities Department will be spearheading the next steps for each of these groups. There are many issues and decisions to be made before plans are finalized including: VIHA licensing, site planning, zone regulations, building, by-laws, outdoor learning spaces, building permits, future planning to name a few.

### *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>

### *Singing Through the Day - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets*

Children start hearing and responding to sounds before they are born. In fact, even in the first few days of life, they recognize their own mother's voice. After all, they've been listening to her talk for months.

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>