

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 (9:15 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

Another drippy day has taken us into December with a mix of indoor and outside recesses. Thank you for sending the students in rubber boots, coats with hoods and umbrellas. Keeping a change of clothes in the backpack is also helpful. Several teachers were off campus this week to take part in observing numeracy teachers, Nikki Lineman and Carol Fullerton in action. All three pianos on site have had tuning this week! Six Grade 5 students joined in with Mrs. Karen Whyte at the rehearsal for the Victoria Symphony last Friday. The Grade 5 actors have been busy with their parts under the direction of parent, Karen Grigolato and the full school practiced the main Christmas concert song today during the assembly. Thank you to Hope and Ella for being the Grade 5 MC's for the assembly today. We had special guest, former vice principal, Catriona Harker, to give us an update on our sister school, Lamay Primary School, in Tanzania. See you tonight at Movie Night in the gym.

Unknown Individual on the school grounds

Several staff members have seen what we believe to be the same unknown individual on the school grounds and possibly in the school building on four occasions in the past two weeks. We are working with our school district and Saanich Police. PLEASE help our school community stay safe by ensure all exit doors are closed securely when you exit. The only door left unlocked is the front door. Our staff is fully aware and are keeping vigilant. We do ask for your assistance, parents. We will provide more details as we receive them.

Christmas Concert Tickets

Thank you for returning your ticket request forms to us. Initial tickets will be sent home on Monday, with second request tickets coming home Wednesday. If after filling all first and second requests there are tickets left over, we will advise you that they will be available on a first come first serve basis. Stay tuned!

Grade 1 Books

Thank you to TD and the Canadian Children's Book Centre for presenting each Grade 1 students with their own copy of Good Morning, Canada in honour of our country's 150th Birthday.

Drop Off Zone Reminder

Please remember that our student drop off zone is for dropping and going, not for parking and leaving your vehicle. If you wish to park and get out of your vehicle, please use Linwood Avenue, or one of the 'Drive to 5' locations. Please do not park in the staff parking lot as there are no extra spaces for parents to park. Please see the map here <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/school-spotlight/3451/>

PAC UPDATES:

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. We will also have our PAC members selling tickets for the hockey games at the family movie night this Friday, December 1st, 2017.

-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!!!

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

3 Books = 1 Gift - The Challenge Continued!

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 15 dedicated volunteers. Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school office.

Process, not Product - Multilingual Parent Resource Sheets

When you do art and craft activities with children, the process - how things happen - is often much more important than the product - the object you ended up with.

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).

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