

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 22 - Spellathon Pledge Sheets Due Back
January 25 - Full School Assembly (Thursday at 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)
February 6 - PAC Business Meeting and Information Night (6:30 p.m. in the library)
February 12 - Family Day (school closed)
February 15-23 - K-12 Student Transfer Process Week
February 16 - PAC Open Gym Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

We have the logistics of our Kindergarten for September 2018 all set thanks to an incredible office team of Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Haywood and Mrs. Jost. Thank you so much for welcoming our new families using a new system last week. Accolades were abundant from new parents and school district staff. Thank you to our PAC parents who were here early as well on the first Monday back welcoming and supporting the process: Mrs. Starr Munro and Mrs. Sarah Stark.

Our lunch hours offer great choices for students. Basketball and floor hockey are in full swing for the Grade 5 students, Running Club has over 60 members from all grades, Choir for Grades 3, 4 and 5 has started the new year with a brand new set of songs, community members within the Big Sisters program are here offering mentorship and the Triple C club champion our connection to the environment. We also want to acknowledge the Green team for sorting through organics and hard plastics, the volunteers in the recess equipment sign out booth and the Grade 5 lunch monitors for their continued service.

We have increased the number of afterschool opportunities for students this term. We host the Noisy Reading Club offered by the *Read Now Society* again this year. There are 2 groups of six students each being offered twice weekly intensive support in a fun and active way. For the first time as well we have piano lessons offered to six selected students thanks to a new program called *Heart of the City*.

Thank you to our head lice team again this week: Mrs. Tara Poilievre and Mrs. Amanda Bown for their eagle eyes. The numbers of cases of head lice have reduced significantly to just five.

Each morning during announcements I'm reading a section about our traditional school from the school agenda planner. This week the topic was:

Our Guiding Principles:

- Students achieve their fullest potential in a structured environment where skills and concepts, in distinct subjects, are presented in a sequential manner and consistently applied throughout the school.
- Students will strive for individual excellence and maximize their individual achievement when high standards and expectations are reinforced both at home and at school.
- Behavioral expectations, clearly defined and communicated in our school code of conduct, create an environment in which students act in a respectful and responsible manner.
- The goals of the school community are best met when parental involvement is expected and the PAC and school work together in a systematic, cooperative and thoughtful manner.

~Have a great weekend! Miss Pick

Grade 5 Life in Middle

Thank you PAC for working together on this shared event for our families. Over 60 people in attendance! Thank you to the following Alumni students for taking part on our Life in Middle Panel: Genevieve from Glanford; Jacob from Rockheights, Samuel from Lansdowne, Julia from Colquitz, and Hannah from Cedar Hill. Thank you to parent, Shannon Wilkinson for organizing our evening, Starr Munro for communications, and Mrs. Jost for speaking to parents about the

new registration and transfer process for Grade 5 students. Important information was handed out that night. Letters will be coming to our Grade 5 families prior to Transfer Process Week. The transfer process takes place February 15 – 23. Congratulations to Yasmeen Hinton who won the family hot chocolate door prize!

PAC UPDATES:

Royals Hockey Game

Come join us for a fun evening at the Victoria Royals game February 17th 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased by contacting the PAC at cts.pac@vcpac.ca. At this game we are also selling tickets for the 50/50 during the game. All proceeds from the 50/50 will be a fundraiser for the PAC. Our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We need a large number of volunteers to help sell 50/50 tickets during the game. Please sign up using the link.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiQ9kNIhNcMfdr4i6koZNiQIFeWtyTqyogISE2CV510/edit?usp=sharing>.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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>

National Little League

National Little League are holding FREE Drop-in indoor skills clinics at Quadra Elementary School (3031 Quadra Street) on the following Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm: January 25th, February 1st, February 8th

Any child aged 7-12 who lives or goes to school in the catchment area is welcome, beginners included. Feel free to drop in any evening; there is no need to register in advance. Please note, however, children may be turned away if the gym is too full.

Website: www.nationallittleleague.org