

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 7 - Winter Walk to School Day
February 8 - Talent Show Act Previews (12:20 p.m. in the gym)
February 9 - Talent Show Act Previews (12:20 p.m. in the school gym)
February 9 - International Winter Bike Day
February 12 - Family Day (school closed)
February 15-23 - K-12 Student Transfer Process Week
February 16 - Talent Show Performance (12:20 p.m. in the school gym)
February 16 - PAC Open Gym Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
February 17 - Victoria Royals vs Vancouver Giants PAC 50/50 Fundraiser
February 21 - Ready, Set Learn (6:00 p.m. in the school gym)
February 22 - Grade 2 & 4 Symphony Trip
February 23 - Deadline to Submit Transfer Requests (3:00 p.m.)
February 23 - Professional Development Day
March 2 - Full School Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym - Everyone welcome)

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

A new Educational Assistant to our school district spent two days shadowing our EAG's. This is wonderful acknowledgement of the strong support team of EA's that we have on staff at Cloverdale Traditional. PISE is offering ten weeks of programming on fitness training for teachers and students on Fridays. This term the following classes have Mr. Ben Orr as their PISE instructor: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Dailyde, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Petrovic. At the assembly today we recognized the Hat Trick for Literacy winners (recipients of free Royals hockey tickets), a few swimmers from term one, a few more students who completed their Digital Literacy Citizenship, the Challenge Team, the Mad Scientists, the Leadership Team and the January birthdays. Thank you to Kaede and Tarissa, our MC's for today. We offer so many opportunities for students in our school! Thank you to staff who spearhead these groups and to parents who encourage their children to join in and make their elementary school experience extraordinary! ~ Miss Pick

Getting to School

In light of the upcoming [Winter Walk to School Day](#) (February 7) and [International Winter Bike Day](#) (February 9), here is a link as a reminder about Active and Safe Routes to School and 'Drive to 5'. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/getting-to-school/>

Out of the Box Challenge

Four students represented our school in a challenge activity during the afternoon of January 23rd, at Monterey Middle School. The Grade 4 student team included Brooklynn, Lucy, Connor and Thimath and they were led by Mrs. Glover. The surprise challenge this year was to create a marble track using only 100 drinking straws, 10 feet of masking tape, one marble and one paper plate. The goal was to run the marble at least one meter in one direction from the top of a 50 cm tower and then have the marble change direction for at least 50 cm and land in the paper plate. There 24 teams from 15 schools and only 3 teams achieved success in this challenge. We are delighted to announce that our school team was one of the three successful teams! They listed the following reasons for their win: created a trough to keep the marble on track, talking and listening to one another, building the tower first before the track and checking their measurements. Congratulations team!

Talent Show

Students are welcome to display their talent at an upcoming Talent Show! This is a chance for students to show their school friends an activity or talent in which they are taking lessons outside of school. This new initiative came to the staff thanks to some keen students. Students can perform, dance, play an instrument during the Talent show or showcase their talent by bringing video footage (example: dirt bike racing, martial arts, gymnastics, etc.). Students can bring a usb or send their video link to rpick@sd61.bc.ca. Mrs. Morrell and Miss Pick will be in the gym for two lunch hours to review the performances: Thursday and Friday, February 8th and 9th. Performers must be in attendance on at least one of these days. If performers or parents of performers are submitting a digital demonstration of their talent in either email attachment, link or usb these also must be submitted by noon on February 9th in order to be part of the review. The free Talent Show will take place on Friday, February 16th from 12:20 p.m. -12:45 p.m.

Uniform Free Day

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 Friday, March 16, 2018

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.](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiQ9kNIhNcMfdr4i6koZNiQIFeWtyTqyogISE2CV510/edit?usp=sharing)

CTS PAC Meeting

Come and join us for our PAC meeting on February 6th from 6:30-p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the school library. Babysitting is available in the gym.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Ready, Set, Learn: Paving a successful learning path from preschool to kindergarten

The Songhees & Esquimalt Nations, in collaboration with the Greater Victoria School District and Victoria Early Years Centre welcomes preschoolers and their families to attend a free community dinner. The Ready, Set, Learn community gathering focuses on 'Learning Through Play' and is geared towards families with children aged 3-and-4 years old. The goal is to support families in helping their children get ready for school and lifelong learning through everyday activities and play.

The event will take place Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at the Songhees Wellness Centre located at 1100 Admirals Road from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. There will be a variety of stations hosted by

professionals and organizations who work to support children in the early years. The stations will include activities for preschoolers, as well as, information for parents to take with them. There will also be free bus tickets available for families after dinner.

When: Tuesday, January 30, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. —7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm.

Where: The Songhees Wellness Centre 1100 Admirals Road

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