

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 15 - Spellathon Pledge Sheets Go Home
January 15-18 - Early French Immersion Registration Week (Kindergarten and Grade 1)
January 16 - PAC Information Night Life in Middle School (6:30 p.m. in the school library)
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:

Vice-Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope that you had time to spend with family and friends over the holidays. The students have jumped right back into their learning and teachers are working hard preparing lessons and activities. One of our major fund raisers starts next week. On Monday, students will be bringing home an information sheet and a list of spelling words. Students are to practice the words and the spelling test will be on Monday January 22, 2018. Please help your child learn the words. Grade 5 Basketball has started. Mr. Gartly and Mrs. Petrovic are once again coaching the team. The spring running club has started with practices at lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. All students are welcome. Spring choir has also become. Any student in grade 3, 4 and 5 is welcome to join. Our Hat Trick for Literacy opportunity finishes next week. So far we have 12 students that have completed 3 physical activities in one week, and read 3 books. Please make sure the completed forms are returned to the school by January 26. Hockey ticket vouchers will be sent home shortly afterwards. This is a great opportunity for students to read, be physically active and to attend a Royals hockey game. Kindergarten registration has been a huge success this week. A big thank you to everyone that help direct parents, the students who showed respect and kindness to all of our guests and to the office staff who processed all of the information. We had 87 registrations! ~ Mrs. Jost

Last chance to Register for Second Term Swim Club

We had our first of 10 swim practices this week but you may still register. The program is run by the Tyee Aquatic Club and is open to students from kindergarten to grade 5 (\$80). Practices are at Crystal Pool on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Parents are responsible for their children before and after practice at 4:15 p.m. 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

PAC UPDATES:

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 computer lab for families in attendance at the event. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided.

Royals Hockey Fundraiser

The CTS PAC still has our ongoing Royals Hockey Fundraiser. Tickets are \$15 each. 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 soon or email the PAC at cts.pac@vcpac.ca to volunteer. The more volunteers we have the more tickets we can sell. Come have some fun at the game and raise money for the CTS PAC. To order tickets email Maureen at: ctspac.maureen@gmail.com

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, which 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. It will also add 20 out of school care spaces that will be lost from inside the school for September 2018. The building is multipurpose. 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>

11th Annual 2018 Vancouver Island Parent Conference - Parenting Now for the Future

Registration is open for the 2018 Vancouver Island Parent Conference at www.vipc.ca/registration. We sincerely hope you can join us for this exciting event! A full description of all speakers and workshops can be found at www.vipc.ca. Don't miss out on the special early bird offer!

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Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the school office. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 150,000 books donated over the last eight years