

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
February 28 - Anti-Bullying Day (pink shirt day)
March 2 - Full School Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym - everyone welcome)
March 11 - Cloverdale Traditional Choir Performs at Royals Hockey Game (2:00 p.m.)
March 16 - Full School Assembly (9:00 a.m. in the school gym - everyone welcome)
March 16 - Dress Up Like Someone Else Day (or school uniform)
March 16 - Last Day of School Before Spring Break (students in session all day)
April 4 - School Reopens from Spring Break

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Congratulations to our basketball team and coaches Petrovic and Gartly on the success of the Grade 5 Jamboree! Thank you as well to Mrs. Jost for supporting the team. The Cheetah's played well, showed determination and sportsmanship at the Doncaster Elementary event yesterday. Our dedicated athletes were: Nick, Chloe, John, Jake, Zaiven, Liam, Olivia, Abdul, Tarissa, Essien, Caleb and Myles. Congratulations to the courageous and talented performers at the 'Greatest Talent Show on Earth' today at noon in the school gym. We had 16 performers showcase their talent either live or on video. We were entertained with musical, dance, and animal and drone training performances. It was a sensational show and we thank Zoe for her skillful master of ceremonies duties in a tricky show. Thank you Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Morrell for all their help. The performers hope to inspire others! Well done Abdul, Hunter, Alicia-Marie, Hope, Angus, Noora, Grace Mc, Rose, Kaede, Grace M, Ella, River and Liam. Special mention to Sydney, Charlotte, London, Maya, and Chloe. See you tonight at the open gym night and tomorrow at the Royals game! Look forward to hosting all the future 3 and 4 year old students at the Ready, Set, Learn open house on Wednesday, February 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in our school gym! ~Miss Pick

Student Transfer Process Week

A reminder to all grade 5 families that you must submit your transfer request before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23 in order to be considered for transfer to a middle school other than your catchment school. Please see the office for a form.

Spellathon

Thank you to all the students who fundraised through our annual Spellathon. This year our students raised a total of \$4258.55. Way to go everyone! This money will be split between our 14 divisions for classroom and field trip use.

Head Lice Volunteers

We need volunteers! Please email Amanda Bown (ambown@shaw.ca). Here's why: Lice are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed. Anyone with hair can get head lice. Lice do not have wings and cannot fly or jump. Lice move quickly in dry hair and this makes them hard to see. Lice do not live long once they are off the head. They only lay eggs close to the scalp. Having head lice does not always make the scalp itchy. Lice commonly move to other heads when heads touch and rarely by sharing hairbrushes and combs. Lice are common where children play or work closely together. Once a lice egg has hatched, the empty eggshell stays stuck to the hair. If you find an eggshell more than half an inch from the scalp, it is most likely empty. The eggshells are white and look like dandruff but cannot be brushed or blown away.

Choir Singing at the Royals Game!

Our Cloverdale Traditional School choir is THRILLED to have been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Sunday, MARCH 11th (2:00 p.m. afternoon matinee) Royals Game! Choir members have been working hard at their weekly choir rehearsals to polish up "O Canada". Watch for an information letter and permission slip coming home today. Mrs. Jones hopes to see as many of her choir members as possible in attendance. Tickets will go on sale in the next week or two, for \$15, and can be ordered through Mrs. Jones. Choir MEMBERS will not need to purchase a ticket; they will receive a complimentary ticket as a thank you for performing.

News from Mrs. Aerts

Divisions 4, 5 & 6 recently completed a "Mock Caldecott Award" unit with our teacher librarian, Ms. Aerts. The Caldecott Award is presented to the most distinguished American picture book in February of each year. Together we read and evaluated 14 picture books that were potential contenders for the award. Along the way we learned about elements of art and how pictures work to tell us a story and inspire particular feelings. Students voted for their favourite book earlier in January; our three classes had many favourites but *Red & Lulu* by Matt Tavares was the most popular. This week the actual winner and honor books (runners up) were announced. It turns out the Caldecott Committee did not agree with our choice but we were happy to see that the book they chose was one of the ones that we had read: *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell. (The Caldecott Committee does not announce its shortlist so we were guessing at which books might be up for consideration and it was possible that the winner could be a book we didn't know). Our students would highly recommend these beautiful and entertaining books for others to enjoy; to see a list of the books we read click here: <https://goo.gl/bFfYi8>.

School Travel Plan

Our School Travel Plan is ready! In partnership with Active and Safe Routes to School and HASTE, the final draft has been approved. Click here to see the information: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/02/School-Travel-Plan.pdf>

Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run

The Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run takes place on Sunday, April 29th. Join Team Cloverdale for this fun family event. Each participant receives a T-shirt, finisher's medal, and post-race snacks. This is the fourth year that Cloverdale Traditional has entered a team, and we hope to make it our biggest team ever! To register, simply go to the Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run site, click the "Register Now" button and follow the steps (<http://www.tc10k.ca/thrifty-foods-family-run/>). Make sure you select "Island Farms School Team Challenge", and then "Cloverdale Traditional Runners". All runners must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Petrovic at smpetrovic@sd61.bc.ca

PAC UPDATES:

Open Gym Night

Open gym night is tonight Friday, February 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Parents must be in attendance with their children. See the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/02/cts-open-gym-night-2018.pdf>

Royals Hockey

The Royals hockey game on Saturday February 17th is a big fundraiser for our CTS PAC. We will be selling 50/50 tickets during the game. We look forward to seeing our CTS staff and CTS families in the stands for a fun night of hockey and to support CTS.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Ready, Set, Learn: Paving a Successful Learning Path from Preschool to Kindergarten

The Greater Victoria School District and the Victoria Early Years Centre welcome preschoolers and their families to attend free community events with a goal of supporting the positive development of children before they start school. The Ready, Set, Learn community gatherings focus on 'Learning Through Play' and are geared towards families with children aged 3-and-4 years old. There will be food and 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 about how to help children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning through everyday activities. These are drop in events; come when you can and leave when you need to! There will also be free bus tickets available for families.

There are three events coming up in February:

Oak Bay Ready, Set, Learn: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 4:30-6:00 PM (food available) at Margaret Jenkins Elementary School in the gym. Hosted by Margaret Jenkins and Willows

Fernwood Ready, Set, Learn: Monday, February 26, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 PM (dinner served between 5:00 & 6:00) at the Fernwood Community Centre. Hosted by George Jay, Oaklands, and Quadra

Gordon Head Ready, Set, Learn: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 4:30-6:00 PM (food available) at Lambrick Park Secondary School in the multipurpose room. Hosted by Campus View, Frank Hobbs, and Torquay