

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Snow brings so much joy! We tried extra hard to focus on our studies Wednesday afternoon while the big flakes came down. It was a slow and safe pick up thanks to all. We were delighted to see 125 future students and parents at our Ready, Set, Learn last night! Amazing that so many came out considering the weather! Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped with this event. We appreciate Tracey Knight and Marilyn Kay at the uniform consignment booth and to the staff who led the evening activities: Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Petrovic, Ms. Glover, and Mrs. Jost. We are very excited about the Kindergarten class of 2018-2019.

Thanks to an ArtStarts grant we had Mr. Milton Randall and his drumming workshops all day on Tuesday. Every class had sessions with him and every student played on the djembe/bongo drums. It was a lively performance and conga line at 2:00 p.m. Thanks to all the helpers who came early in the morning and stayed after the bell to load the drums. Lots of compliments from Mr. Randall on our musical geniuses in the school! More compliments came from the Grade 4 staff after a field trip to the Victoria Symphony at UVIC. Thank you for showing your manners and being good audience members. Due to a last minute bussing issue our Grade 2 classes weren't able to go so another plan is in the works for them. Last Friday was another great family night at Open Gym night. Thank you, PAC, for arranging this for our school community! Pro D sessions tomorrow are taking the teachers in many directions. Enjoy the snow and take care out there! ~Miss Pick

Rugby

Rugby will be starting on March 5th. We are delaying the start of practices due to inclement weather. Rugby is open to all grade 3, 4 and 5 students. Practices will be Monday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please have your child see Mrs. Jost for a permission form.

New Signs in Our School

Please run taps for 30 seconds before drinking the water when you see this sign posted. There is no need to run the taps if you are using the water to wash your hands. This is not a new procedure, but the signs are new. Click here to see what the sign looks like:
<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/02/Full-page-photo.pdf>

Times Colonist Raise-a-Reader

Thank you to the Times Colonist Raise-a-Reader fund for their ongoing support of literacy in our community and particularly for the \$2,200 grant they have allocated to our school to purchase recreational reading books for our library. We love new books!

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:

Royals Hockey

Saturday night was our PAC fundraiser at the Victoria Royals hockey game. We had a fun evening selling 50/50 tickets and watching a good hockey game. Thank you to our PAC executive Maureen, Erin, Dawn, Marilyn and Sarah who worked hard to organize and coordinate this event. Thank you to Karen G. for helping us sell the hockey tickets. Thank you to Michelle V. for the all the information and helpful hints. Your valuable information helped the event run smoothly. Thank you to Miss Pick for the help with setting up, making sure everyone had their bright green Cloverdale shirts and for being our "runner". Finally, thank you to all our Cloverdale families: Shannon, Sasa, Olivia, Connor, Jim, Cam, Michelle, Chase, Erin, Evan, Liam, Dani, Barb, Dawn, Matthew, Grace, Kris, Gordie, Gunnar, Jack, Karen, Sawyer, Sydney, Marilyn, Keira, Kieran, Liam, Maureen, Rose, Max, Michelle M., Noel, Richard, Ryan, Ryan H., Shannon, Sophie, Tanya, Chloe, Tara, Samantha, Genessa, Tracey and Zaiven. Our final total \$5236.00. Great job everyone.

Gym Night

Last Friday was our open gym night. We had a good turn out and everyone had fun. Thank you to Adina A. and Shannon P. for organizing the event.

Parent Information Night

Join us for our parent information night Tuesday March 6th 7:00 p.n. -8:30 p.m. in the CTS library. Child-minding is available in the gym. Topic to be announced shortly.

Executive Nominations

It's that time of year again. We are looking for nominations for our PAC Executive for the 2018-2019 school year. The following positions will be available for the coming year: President, Secretary and a Member-at-Large. If you are interested in joining the PAC Executive Committee please email your name and desired position to Starr Munro of the Nomination Committee starr.munro@gmail.com

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 two events coming up in February:

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

The State of Kids & Reading in Canada

To view some information from the Kids and Family Reading Report: Canadian Edition, click here: http://www.scholastic.ca/readingreport/files/SM_KFRR_Infographics_F_Sec1.pdf