

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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 15 - Basketball Jamboree (3:30 p.m. at Doncaster)  
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*

Have you seen the snowdrops blooming? Are there any other signs that we are moving toward the other side of winter? Thank you for continuing to send your child dressed for the rainy weather. Our school continues to be active and lively – students, staff and parents! Students are actively engaged in their learning with more than just rote memorization of facts (we need this too!), but with producing both orally and concretely their understanding of numeracy concepts. We are seeing daily use of the thousands of school district dollars in the purchase of math manipulatives in each of our classrooms. Our keen spellers (thanks to your support of our annual spellathon) more than memorized with their study of word families and meanings which is a vital part of the process. The professional development day last Friday had our staff working collectively on a new curriculum in the morning and technology in the afternoon. In the morning we had a guest teacher walk us through programming ideas for Applied Design, Skills, and Technology. We learned about the importance of discovery and hands on approach with this curriculum. It's the first one at the top of this list (just click on your child's grade to see the targets): <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/overview> In the afternoon two teachers from the school district's Technology for Learning department described the multiple offerings for supporting teachers and we learned multiple ways to use to increase our use of use of the iPad for student learning. It was a full day with an engaged staff! Thank you to the many parents who are moving along with the next PAC fundraiser. The effort and time by our parent team in advance of the February 17<sup>th</sup> Royals Hockey game is commendable! Thank you for your support parents! ~Miss Pick

### *New Faces*

Please welcome the following student teacher practicum students. As always we would like to recognize the teachers who open up their classrooms for their learning experiences.

Sydney Wilson - Mrs. Marta's Class - Grade2  
Lancy Fynn - Mrs. Petrovic's Class - Kindergarten  
Gabrielle Krilow - Mrs. Gleeson's Class - Grade 4

### *Snow Fence*

Our school district has placed a snow fence to protect the Native Planting Knowledge garden between the school gym and the portables. Please remind your child not to lean on this fencing. We look forward to a more permanent plan

### *Research Conducted at Cloverdale Traditional*

Mrs. Breanne Glover, our inclusive learning teacher, is completing her Master's Degree and is involving our primary classes in her study. She provides thirty minutes of classroom reading support five days a week which, among many positives, lowers the student to teacher ratio and supports students within their classroom setting. Parents of those students are receiving more detailed information and a request for consent form in another email.

### *Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run*

The Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run takes place on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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](mailto:smpetrovic@sd61.bc.ca)

### *Message from Triple C*

Did you know you can find out how to recycle almost anything through the CRD website? Try going to myrecyclopeda and type in what you'd like to recycle. Here is the link. <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/reduce-reuse-recycle/myrecyclopeda>

### *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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 email attachment, link or usb these also must be submitted by noon on February 9<sup>th</sup> in order to be part of the review. The free Talent Show will take place on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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*

Tickets to attend the game are still available until Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We are also still looking for volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets at the Royals Hockey Game on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is our big fundraiser for the PAC so come have a fun night of hockey and help support our PAC. Sign up using the link or contact the PAC at [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca). <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiQ9kNIhNcMfdr4i6koZNiQIFeWtyTqyogISE2CV510/edit?usp=sharing>.

*Join us for the CTS PAC February Business Meeting*

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for the CTS PAC February Business Meeting.

Complimentary child-minding is available in the school gymnasium for parents in attendance.

Active and quiet activities are available for children of all ages.

Please join us at the PAC Meeting to learn more about the Royals Hockey Fundraiser and the 50/50 night on Saturday February 17. **We still need more volunteers to sign up to help to sell 50/50 tickets.** Come find out how you can help and what this fundraising event is all about! (\*Note: This has the potential to be our BIGGEST fundraising event of the year!)

PAC meetings are a great opportunity to learn more about what is going on at our School, what events, activities and fundraisers are planned for the future - and how you can get involved.

Come out, meet other CTS parents, have your say and get involved!

**DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

*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 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.nationallittleleague.org)

*1000 x 5 - 1000 Books by Age Five - Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria*

Have you found the pink bin in the school office? We thank you for your donations of books for babies and preschoolers. This last week, 12 volunteers cleaned, labelled, and gift bagged books for Songhees Preschool, Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several Best Babies programs – in total over 700 books. Thanks to you, next week we will do the same for other families.