

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 9 - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
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

This report will begin with a mention about Term 2 Student Reports. They are coming home today in your child's backpack. Please review with your child. A lot of behind the scenes effort by the teachers has taken place over the past few weeks to pull together this assessment. Celebrate the highlights and make a plan for the areas to work toward. Please send back the signed envelope next week. If you have any questions at all please write a note or email your child's teacher. Teachers had the opportunity to have a technology lesson at our first of three Lunch and Learn sessions with Mr. Rohan Gowda. Congratulations to the Grade 5 Hockey and Basketball teams who competed at Jamborees this week. Today at lunch we have the Student versus Staff floor hockey game. Cross Country Running and Rugby have started and there are forms now due to the office. Just wait until you see the new rugby shirts which have just arrived! Thank you PAC! Congratulations to Lucy, Keira and Serenity who represented our school at the Tyee Club Swim Meet on Sunday! Best Wishes to the 37 member choir, and their conductor, Mrs. Jones on leading 'O Canada' this Sunday at the Royals Hockey game. Thank you for the support as 99 tickets were purchased by their supporters! Enjoy the warmer temperatures! ~ Miss Pick

Triple C

Triple C would love it if you voted for their project with BC Green Games. Students are concentrating their efforts on reducing the use of plastics this year. They have a chance to win \$500 or a mural made from recycled paints! If you can, please vote several times a day, they would appreciate it. Just go to <https://www.bcgreengames.ca/project/plastic-busters2216>

Why Can't I skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Is this a common question in your house? See this interesting and informative fact sheet with visuals. Share it with your children to help them see what 20 minutes of reading every day looks like be the end of 6th grade! <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/03/why-cant-i-skip-reading-2.pdf>

Dress Up Like Someone Else Day - Uniform Free Day

Each year our grade 5 Leadership Team gets to vote 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. The date for dress up day will be Friday, March 16, 2018

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:

Hanging Basket & Spring Flower Sales

Each basket/pot comes in a variety of colours. What a great way to brighten up your outdoor spaces at home. And just in time for Mother's Day! Order forms were sent home this week in your child's agenda. It's a quick turnaround, with orders due Thursday, March 15th. No late orders please. Orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 10th, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30p.m. in front of the gym! All money raised will go directly to supporting the ongoing needs of the PAC.

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: Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary and 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:

Aboriginal Student Actors/Drummers/Singers/Stage & Tech Crew Wanted

If you are interested in performing in the play "The Sacred Circle" come to the pizza meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 3:45 p.m. No experience necessary. See the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/03/Sacred-Circle-Poster-Actors-Wanted-2018.pdf>

What Canadian Kids and Parents Want in Books

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_Sec2.pdf

Exchange Student Host Families Needed

Local SD 61 students are participating in an exchange program with students from Yamate High School which is located in Yokohama, Tokyo. Yamate students will be in Victoria from April 13th to 27th and the international program is in the process of finding additional families to host Japanese students. Ideally, host families will be able to accommodate two Japanese students (the students can share a bedroom); however, accommodating two students is not a requirement. The funding for hosting is \$450 per student and if space in the home is an issue students can sleep on air mattresses. There will be some expectations in regards to transporting students to certain activities but students will also be provided with transit passes as well. During their stay in Victoria, Japanese students will participate in 3 days of extra-curricular activities and will attend high school classes the rest of the time. This is an excellent opportunity for local families to engage with students from another culture. If you are interested in hosting students, please contact the international students program at 250.592.6871.