

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

Last week's Professional Day had our staff in many different learning directions on and off campus. There was first aid and student safety training as well as classes on counseling therapies, science, technology, coding, literacy, numeracy, and brain health. 100th day was celebrated in Kindergarten and you can see responses by many classes to this day and to Chinese New Year on the bulletin boards around the school. Staff and Students are ready for a Basketball showdown today at noon as we wrap up the season (although the Grade 5 team has one more tournament on Monday). As basketball winds down, floor hockey begins to wind up. We recognized Mad Scientists, the Grade 5 Basketball players, February birthdays and a few last Talent Show entries at the assembly today. Our monthly slide show pictured our students 'Actively Learning' and 'Actively Helping'. Thank you Chloe and Olivia, our MC's. Thank you to Star Munro who has been helping measure Grade 5 students for their PAC purchased t-shirts. Speaking of shirts there were many pink ones on Wednesday as we learned the kindness and respect messaging behind 'Pink Shirt Day'. In all of this the assessment for learning of term 2 curriculum continues with report cards coming out one week today ~ Miss Pick

Welcome!

We would like to welcome a new volunteer to our school. Miss Rachel Gordon will be joining us on Wednesday afternoons for the rest of the school year to shadow our Speech Pathologist Ms. Camille Traverse.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Stephanie McIntosh who is working in the office and library, and Mrs. Coreen Huggins, EAG and Student Supervisor

Victoria Royals Hockey Game Choir Performance

Thank you to all Choir members who has returned their permission forms and ordered tickets for the Royals game on March 11. We are so excited for you to have the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at this game. If you have not yet returned your money for your ticket orders, please provide it to the office before the end of the day on Tuesday, March 7 or we will not be able to order your tickets. All paid for tickets will be sent home before the end of next week. If you do not have a child performing with the choir, but would like to attend the game, you can order tickets through the office for \$15.00 each.

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

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>

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 will be sent home early next week. Look for them in your child's agenda. It's a quick turnaround, with orders due Thursday, March 15th. Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday, May 10th, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.! Pick Up Location: TBD. 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.

Parent Info Night Cancelled

The parent info night scheduled for Tuesday March 6th has been cancelled.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Mad Science

Congratulations to all of our Mad Scientists on the completion of their session! Great job Nolan, Callum, Wyatt, Joseph, Malcolm, Alicia-Marie, Alivia, Caleb, Lacey, Riley, and Rose. Click here for info on upcoming sessions and Spring Break camps: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/03/MAD-SCIENCE-OF-Vancouver-Island.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.