

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 17-April 19 - Book Fair
April 18 - Student Led Conferences - All students dismissed at 11:54 a.m.
April 19 - Student Led Conferences - All students dismissed at 11:54 a.m.
April 20 - Professional Development Day - No students in session
April 23 - Cross Country Race at Clover Point (3:45 p.m.)
April 26 - Strings Festival Performance at Claremont School
April 27 - Assembly - Everyone Welcome (9:00 a.m. in the school gym)
April 27 - PAC Inflatable Fun Night (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)
April 29 - Thrifty Foods Family Fun Run
April 30 - Class and Whole School Photos
April 30 - Cross Country Race at Lambrick Park (3:45 p.m.)
May 1 - Student Placement Request Letters Go Home
May 8 - Strings and Choir Performance at Broadmead Lodge
May 10 - PAC Hanging Basket Pick Up
May 11 - Rugby Jamboree at Gordon Head Middle School
May 12 - Quadra Village Days

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

Yes, spring is in the air, and yet 2018-2019 is the focus for our office staff this week as we begin the staffing process. We are delighted to have been allotted staffing for fifteen divisions as we move to approximately 310 students K-5 for next September which is up fifty from when I started seven years ago. At this point all of our classes will be straight grades and class sizes will meet legislation requirements that were put into effect this year. We are busy putting the wheels in motion for Earth Day gardening activities, Cross country running meets, track and field practices, the Choir and Strings visit to Broadmead Lodge and term three classroom field trips. Thank you for supporting these worthwhile activities. I had the opportunity to meet the Jane's Walk organizers and encourage families and our community to attend the historical walk on May 5th as our school is one of the stops. Teachers had their second 'Lunch and Learn' technology session yesterday and we worked through a few more apps for the iPad that we can adapt for many subject areas. Mr. Rohan Gowda, from our school district Learning Initiatives department, was our facilitator. Congratulations to Mr. Kissinger and his wife who recently welcomed Paxton into their family! Congratulations to Ms Wilson, Ms Krilow and Ms Fynn who completed their final practicums at our school resulting in teaching degrees from the University of Victoria. Thanks to Mrs. Petrovic, Mrs. Gleeson and Mrs. Marta who opened up their classrooms for this valuable experience. See you at Student Led Conferences next week. Please note that I am offering a space for one sibling while you take the other to the conference. We won't be in the gym this year. Please find us exploring math centres in the Strings room (next to the music room). Have a good weekend! ~Miss Pick

Student Led Conferences

If you have not already done so, please book your Student Led Conference by visiting the online booking system. For more information and a link to the online booking system, please see the information on the front page of our website: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/school-spotlight/book-your-student-led-conference-online/>. Childminding will be available for those who need it in the music room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Russell Books Fair - Opens Next Week!

Please join us next week, Apr 17-19, for our annual Book Fair in the library. This popular event promotes reading in our school community and raises funds to purchase new books for our library. See here for a detailed schedule of sale times: <https://goo.gl/skaQWZ> .

We are also looking for a few more volunteers for this event so if you can spare some time, we'd much appreciate it. See here for the Volunteer Schedule: <https://goo.gl/z1Xzom> or contact Teacher Librarian Nicole Aerts at naerts@sd61.bc.ca.

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:

CTS Bottle Drive - Saturday May 26 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

It has become a tradition for the Grade 5 students to give a legacy gift to the school as a thank you for many great years as part of the CTS school community. This year, the Grade 5s are having a Bottle Drive to fundraise enough money for their gift, with a goal of raising \$700. Please support them by bringing your refundable empties to the parking lot at the front of the school on Saturday, May 26 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Seeking Parent Volunteer Coordinators!

The CTS PAC is in need of some parent volunteers to take on coordinating some of our annual fundraising events/activities happening both this year and next year. We have lots of resources and supports to help you, and in some cases even a "mentor" to work with you.

If you are willing or interested in helping out or learning more about any of these Coordinator roles please email: cts.pac@vcpac.ca.

We need Coordinators for the following fundraisers/events:

- Year End Dance (June 8, 2018 - Planning begins in May)
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Mid June 2018 - Planning begins in May. Mentor available)
- School Supply Fundraiser (May/June/Sept 2018 - Planning begins April. Mentor available)
- Back to School BBQ (September 2018 - Planning begins end of August/early Sept)

PAC Executive for 2018-2019

We are looking to fill the following positions on our executive for next year: Chair/Co chair, Secretary, Member at Large. To learn about the roles and responsibilities of the positions click on the attached link <https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2013/03/CTS-PAC-Roles-and-Responsibilities.pdf>. If you are interested in any of these positions please send your nominations to starr.munro@gmail.com. We are voting at the AGM on May 1st.

PAC Fun Night

Join us on Friday April 27th for Inflatable Fun Night in the CTS gym at 6:30pm. Come and have fun with other CTS families. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Seeking Earth Day Parent Volunteer Helpers (Monday, April 23)

CTS will be hosting its first ever Earth Day gardening day on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. We are looking for parent volunteers to help teacher and students care for and explore the garden beds throughout the day. If you (or a grandparent, neighbour, or friend) have time available on Monday for an hour or two to help out, please sign up for a shift via our online volunteer form at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EoV_2c6vCrhpXx_3j3xIs8gfBAnPYojCnVqorc6l6Ic/edit?usp=sharing or email starr.munro@gmail.com.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Cloverdale/Quadra Community Jane's Walk

See the poster for information on this event, taking place on Saturday, May 5th. There is no cost to attend. The walking tour leaves from Cloverdale Traditional School grounds.

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/04/Cloverdale-Walk-Poster-5-1.pdf>

Free Presentation on Childhood Anxiety

All parents and educators are welcome to attend the FREE Presentation on Childhood Anxiety: Empowering Strategies-Effective Support & Building Resilience, by Julie-Anne Richards, MA, RCC. This Presentation is tailored for those caring for children 5 - 11 years old. This engaging and informative Presentation has been held at View Royal, Torquay, Frank Hobbs, Margaret Jenkins, Willows, Braefoot, McKenzie and George Jay (at Vic High).. This presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 18, at Quadra School, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. See the poster for the link to register here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/04/QuadraPoster.pdf>