

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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  
May 17 - Grade 5 Transition Day  
May 17 - New Kindergarten Orientation Day (10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the school gym)  
May 18 - Professional Development Day - No students in session  
May 21 - Victoria Day - School closed  
May 25 - Assembly - Everyone Welcome (9:00 a.m. in the school gym)  
May 26 - Grade 5 Bottle Drive (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Message*

There are salmon swimming, chicks chirping and a garter snake sighting! Wiggly worms on opened palms, flowers gratefully left blooming for everyone's enjoyment and the food gardens are flourishing. Spring has arrived at Cloverdale Traditional. We opened our Earth Day with beautiful words, singing and drumming by Louise Milburn, former Anishinaabe Cultural teacher with our school district. All staff and students stood in a circle under the gary oak trees and joined in with the 'Mother Earth' song. We then spent time in the fourteen gardens, one per class, on our school property. Thanks to the parents led by Starr Munro, we built insect homes, mason bee houses and butterfly baths. We would like to thank Claudia Laszlo and Ben Orr from PISE who finish Session 2 today benefiting the following classes and teachers: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Dailyde, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Clifford, and Mrs. Petrovic. Session 3 starts next week for Grade 4 and 5 classes. We lowered our Canada flag to half-mast today in honour of National Day of Mourning sponsored by Work Safe. A congratulation to the Grade 5's on the Strings performance at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival. See you tonight at the Inflatable Fun night. ~Miss Pick

### *Thrifty Foods TC Family Fun Run*

The race takes place this Sunday (April 29). We have a team of 55 people entered. Come on out and cheer us on!

### *Next Year's Grade Configuration:*

We meet deadlines regularly on projecting our next year's enrolment as well as the following 5 years. Historically, very few families transfer out of this school midway during their child's elementary school years. Our numbers are predictable and allow us early and solid planning. We are grateful for this piece that adds to the backdrop of our school community. As you know we were provided a third Kindergarten class for September 2018 making it the first time the school will go to 15 divisions. At this time our preliminary numbers show the following grade configuration for September 2018.

3 Kindergarten classes  
3 Grade 1 classes  
3 Grade 2 classes  
2 Grade 3 classes  
2 Grade 4 classes  
2 Grade 5 classes

### *Parent Feedback Request - Code of Conduct*

We are reviewing our Code of Conduct again this year. Please pop by the school to write your thoughts on the document in the hallway near the office. You can also look in your child's agenda planner or on the school website (<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/handbook-conduct/>) for the same wording and email your thoughts to [cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca). Please submit your thoughts no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018.

### *Finalized 1028-2019 School District Calendar*

At the School Board Meeting on Monday, April 23, the 2018-2019 School District Calendar was finalized to include the change to Family Day and the addition of a Curriculum Implementation Day. Please see below:

School Opening	September 4, 2018
First non-instructional day	September 17, 2018
Thanksgiving	October 8, 2018
Second non-instructional day (Province-wide)	October 19, 2018
Remembrance Day	November 12, 2018
Third non-instructional day	November 23, 2018
Schools close for Winter vacation	December 21, 2018
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	January 7, 2019
School specific non-instructional day	January 21, 2019
Fourth non-instructional day	February 15, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Schools close for Spring vacation	March 15, 2019
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	April 1, 2019
Fifth non-instructional day	April 12, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Sixth non-instructional day	May 17, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Administrative Day and School Closing	June 28, 2019

### *Dress Code*

The Board of Education approved *Policy 5132 Student Dress Code* and *Regulation 5132 Student Dress Code*. In December, The Board of Education directed the Superintendent to develop a draft dress code policy and regulation to bring back to the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee and all stakeholders. There have been 16 public meetings about dress code since June 2016.

*Policy 5132 Student Dress Code* will be reviewed annually. For more details about the policy and regulation passed, please review Board Agenda (pages 74-77): [www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2018/04/April-23-2018-Regular-Agenda-and-Attachments\\_revised.pdf](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2018/04/April-23-2018-Regular-Agenda-and-Attachments_revised.pdf).

With regards to our school specifically, the policy states "Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School may have a standard school uniform".

### *Year End Activities*

Here is a list of upcoming year end activities. Add them to your calendar, we hope to see everyone there!

Year Ed Dance	June 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.
Parent Appreciation Morning	June 12 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Salmon Ceremony and Feast	June 15 @ 11:00 a.m.
Beach Day (Willows Beach)	June 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
Fun Day	June 27 @ 1:00 p.m.
Year End Assembly	June 28 @ 9:00 a.m.

### *Chicks in Need of Homes*

As many of you have heard, Mrs. Gordon's grade one class have been busily learning about oviparous animals (animals that hatch from eggs) as part of their unit on living and non-living things. They have had chicken eggs incubating in their classroom for the past three weeks and are egg-sited to announce that they have had seven baby chicks hatch this week. If you have not had a chance to do so, please stop by our grade one classroom and check out our chicks anytime before or after school. We have seven chicks so far and, because they are from a number of different types of chickens, they all look quite different. If any of our Cloverdale families are interested in adopting any of our chicks, they will be available as of Wednesday May 2. Please send Mrs. Gordon an email ([cgordon@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cgordon@sd61.bc.ca)) if you are interested in taking home a baby chick to raise as your own. It has been a very egg-citing week for all of our children!

### *Grade 5 Legacy Wear*

Beginning Friday, May 4, our grade 5 students are permitted to wear their grade 5 legacy shirts on Fridays until the end of the school year as stated in our School Uniform & Dress Code Policy (<https://cloverdale.public.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2013/05/CTS-School-Uniform-and-Dress-Code-Policy-April-2015.pdf>)

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *PAC SOCIAL: Inflatable Fun Night!*

Your entire family is invited to join us for a FREE PAC Social Event, Friday April 27, 2018 starting at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the CTS Gym. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a snack. Parent supervision is required.

### *CTS PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM)*

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CTS Library for the CTS PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will be voting in next year's Executive Committee (*still looking for volunteers!*) AND have a couple of motions to vote on as well. Please note that we will need Quorum for this meeting. If you can join us please do! The May meeting is great chance to learn more about what the PAC has done this past year, to see what activities are still being organized for the remainder of the year and to review budget and planning considerations for next year! Complimentary child-minding is available in the school gym for parents in attendance at the meeting.

### *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](mailto: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)

### *Plant Pickup*

Spring plants that were ordered back in March will be ready for pick up on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm until 5pm. Plants can be picked up in front of the gym. We are looking for volunteers to give a half hour or more of their time to help hand out the orders. Email the PAC if interested [cts.pac@vcpac.ca](mailto:cts.pac@vcpac.ca) .

## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

### *Cloverdale/Quadra Community Jane's Walk*

See the poster for information on this event, taking place on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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>

### *9<sup>th</sup> Annual KidsRun Victoria*

Sunday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Tillicum Centre. See the poster here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/04/KidsRun.pdf>

### *Urban Powwow Dance Lessons*

See the poster here for more information and to RSVP: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/04/Doc1.pdf>