

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 4 - First Day of School (Students in Session until 11:54 a.m. only) - Full Uniform  
September 11 - PAC Meeting - First of the Year (6:30 p.m. in the school library)  
September 17 - Professional Development Day (no students in session)

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal Report*

I am filled with gratitude for my school community experience at Cloverdale Traditional. In my first weeks over seven years ago, people made appointments to meet me. They wanted to make sure I understood how hard they worked to keep this school from closing and what thought and effort went into turning it to a Traditional School of Choice. I knew I was in a special place from the very beginning. Thank you from all of those from the past for another year of valuing respect and staying true to our guiding principles. They are timeless. People are willing to line up because of those words. There have been a multitude of events thanks to our highly skilled superstar parents. Thank you PAC Executive, the Coordinators and families for attending and fundraising as well as supporting families during our times of sorrow and challenge. Parent involvement as a guiding principle is active here! Thank you to our tremendous staff who are the drivers behind our academic offering and who create a classroom environment based on expectation, responsibility and respect. We have a truly dedicated professional staff and they are the reason our families stay. This school has enormous capacity and untapped success. We move forward when we work together. It has been a privilege to be part of your young families. The students are the shining light for me. Our students blossom because of the extra effort behind this school of choice. Everyone who is here took extra time to make the decision to attend as a family and as a staff member. Our students conduct inside and outside this building is known. Remember to respect each other. In the words of a student who loved this place very much, 'Be Kind'. You are in good hands with Mrs. Jost. Her leadership in the past three years has made this more of a co-principalship with her multiple strengths and soaring effort able to position this school for the future. She is innovative and has a clear sense of CTS values and essence. She is an optimist and is leaving day to day teaching to make a difference systemically; she truly believes in each student and knows intimately how to support them to take themselves to the next level. Each month I hope she will let me sit with her at the principal's meetings so I can ask how you are all doing. Life is like a book some chapters are sad some are happy some exciting but if you never turn the page you will never know what the next chapter holds. Thank you for the privilege to work here. I will always treasure my time here.

### *New Additions to Our School Staff Families*

The following staff members have added to their families this past school year. Congratulations to you all! Mr. Kissinger had his first child, Paxton. Mrs. Shaver had her third child, Walker. Mrs. Gardiner had her first child, Indy.

### *Thank You!*

Thank you to Linda Bilach and Irwin Leonardo for cleaning our school and keeping it safe and healthy for our students and staff. Thank you to Erin and Evan McAskile and their children Liam and Dani for changing the school sign all year long - rain, snow, and sun. Best Wishes to current and former PAC Executive members and Committee Chairs who are moving on to middle school. Thank you for all you have done over the years to lead and support committee work, fundraise and build our school community: Tracey Knight, Tanya Creed, Karen Pavich, Michele Mork, Shannon Brown, Rosaline Canessa, Kendra Allen, Miki Rogalski.

### *Staff Appreciation Hosted by the PAC*

Thank you so much for the wonderfully tasty luncheon last Wednesday. It felt like a warm hug. Thank you to Tanya Creed for organizing and to Starr Munro, Karen Grigolato and Megan Galloway for serving. The staff feedback and gratitude was apparent! Thank you for nourishing our souls with soups, salads, and dessert!

### *Swim Club*

Congratulations to Swim Club members of term 3: Bella, Chief, Serenity, Lucy, Keira, Santiago, Noah, Cameron, Pio, Everett, Wesley, Scarlett, Heather, Fraser, Ohenewaa, Aizah, Salma, Zahra and Hailey! Special congratulations to Serenity and Keira who took part in the swim meet. Look for information in September's newsletters about next year's Swim Club – Tuesdays after school.

### *Celebrating Cultural Holidays!*

We are proud that the students of Cloverdale Traditional School come from a diverse background of cultural traditions. We would like to do more to honour the special holidays that our students celebrate. Any information that you wish to share will be compiled so that our school may acknowledge and learn about these special customs. Feel free to email ELL Teacher, Mrs. Bird, (including dates for 2018/19) at [mbird@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mbird@sd61.bc.ca) if you would like to share.

### *Library News*

Great news for our school library: CTS has been selected by Chapters Victoria for the 'Adopt a School' fundraiser! Exact dates are still being finalized but essentially this means that, for a three week period this fall, Chapters customers will be asked if they'd like to add a donation to their purchase; we will receive all of those donations in the form of new books selected by us for our library. Stay tuned for more details in September.

Also, Ms. Aerts would like to thank all of our students and their families for doing such a great job in taking care of and returning their books to the library this year. As of Thursday we had fewer than 10 books outstanding which is truly amazing given how many books circulate each week in our library. To get satisfy your reading needs over the summer don't forget to check out the public library and their great summer reading club program: <https://www.gvpl.ca/src/> See you in September!

### *Comfort Kits*

We are sending home the comfort kits to be updated with a new letter and picture for next year. We also ask that you replace the food item in the kit with something fresh in the fall. More information will come in the fall.

## **PAC UPDATES:**

### *School Supplies for 2018-2019*

A bright green note came home with students this week with all the information required to order your school supplies for next year. If you did not receive it, please go to our website for the information. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2018/06/Monks-2018-2019-School-Supply-Fundraiser.pdf>. When ordering, if you do not receive your confirmation email, please check your junk mail folder.

### *New CTS PAC Email Address*

We have been having some server difficulties with the existing PAC email address, so we have switched things up and created a new Gmail email address for the PAC Executive. Please update your contact lists and make note that the new email address for the CTS PAC is [cts.parents@gmail.com](mailto:cts.parents@gmail.com). When you send an email to this account, one of the current CTS PAC Executive members will respond to you.

### *PAC Chair Needed*

Just a reminder that we are still in need of a Chair or Co-Chair to join the PAC Executive. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved please email us at [cts.parents@gmail.com](mailto:cts.parents@gmail.com) and be sure to attend the first PAC meeting of September in the new school year.

### *Coordinators Needed*

We are looking for parents to take on a coordinator role for the following:

1. Back to school BBQ (third week of September)
2. Lice check committee (we need a group of 3-6 parents to do lice checks once a month during school hours).

Please email the CTS PAC if interested.

### *Gardening Committee Volunteers*

If you are interested or available to help out with maintaining the CTS gardens over the summer please contact Starr Munro at [Starr.munro@gmail.com](mailto:Starr.munro@gmail.com).

### *Able Crest Uniforms*

If you ordered uniform items at our uniform sizing event in May your order has arrived. The orders can be picked up at the school office. Orders are organized under the name in which the order was placed. Once you collect your order please review it to make sure that all items are there. If there is a problem with your order please contact Able directly.

### *Thank you!*

The PAC would like to thank all the CTS parents and families that have volunteered their time and attended our PAC events this past year. Without your help and participation we would not be able to do what we do. We wish everyone a wonderful summer. Our first PAC meeting is Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 in the school library. See you then.