

# Cloverdale Traditional School Weekly News

## **1 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:**

November 11 – Remembrance Day, School Closed. *Lest We Forget*

November 12 – Fire Drill 1:30 p.m.

November 13 – Family Fun Run (8:15 a.m. on the field, everyone welcome)

November 15 – PAC Open Gym Night (6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the gym, everyone welcome)

For a further look ahead, please browse the calendar section of our website here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/calendar/>

## **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

### *Principal's Blog*

Today our students attended our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Thank you to our choir, strings, colour guard, and speakers for their contributions. I hope that families will have an opportunity to participate in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in and around Victoria, or to watch on TV. *Lest We Forget*.

Each day, students are asked a question during the announcements. Some teachers are using them in their classroom and they would also be good questions to discuss at home.

Create time each day for everyone to be unplugged and to then use that time to try a new outdoor activity, or go for a walk in the neighbourhood to observe all the changes of Fall.

To stay up-to-date on messages from Mrs. Jost, follow her blog here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/principal-blog/>

### *Coats for Kids*

We are collecting warm coats (new and gently used) for our annual Coats for Kids drive. If you have a coat to donate, please place it in the large box in front of the office. If your child is in need of a winter coat through this program please email [sjost@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sjost@sd61.bc.ca).

## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY UPDATES & INFORMATION:**

### *Lead In School Water*

With the newspaper article recently out about lead in water across Canada, and also on CFX the School District is receiving a lot of enquiries as to where our district stands with lead removal, mostly from parents.

With currently 748 filtered stations in our district, 381 of them still have a sign above them advising to flush the water for 30 seconds before use. The flushing clears any small amounts of lead to under the .5 level the Guidelines dictate we must be under. We are in compliance.

At the moment we are working our way through the remaining stations at an average rate of 65 per month. Target date to complete these and take confirmation samples prior to eliminating the need for flushing is April 2020.

The information obtained by some is outdated. Sampling began in 2016 to verify what the lead levels were like at the time. This was completed and reported on to the Ministry and to VIHA to following year. The district began installing and re-testing in 2017 with the understanding many sites had higher lead levels. As these were identified, signage was put in place identifying the need to flush for 30-90 seconds. Some stations were shut off until our staff could get to them to install filtration and re-test.

As of now (a few months back) we are in compliance. We keep a dedicated staff member (Plumber familiar with these) on them constantly. When not grabbing samples or changing filters, he does other plumbing work in the district. But, he will be the one monitoring and keeping us in compliance.

### *1000 x 5*

3 books + 1 gift! Help top last year's drive of 4000 books. This is the third year of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts, Every month 1000x5 pops 3000 books into 1000 gift bags, three books for each receiving child. If you have books to donate, please do so to the pink bin in the school office.

### *Free Field Hockey Trial*

Victoria Junior Field Hockey League is hosting our annual Come Try the Game Free session at UVic water turf (right beside CARSA) on Sunday, November 24th, 2019 from 3:30 – 4:30pm. If your child is between the age of 5-18, and would like to try a new sport for FREE we look forward to seeing you. Please feel free to bring a friend as well.

Please bring shin pads and mouth guards if you have them. Sticks, balls, coaching and fun will be provided. Sign up at the link below.

<http://vjfha.victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca/clubs/393/announcements/2126245-Come-Try-it-FREE-Day-November-24th-2019-3-30pm-4-30pm>

For information on upcoming community events, news from the school district, weekend and after school activities, and pro-d day camps, see our website here:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/district-and-community-updates-information/>