

# Cloverdale Traditional School

## Weekly News

### **1 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:**

November 9 – Student Photo Retakes

November 11 – Remembrance Day, Lest We Forget (School Closed)

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

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

### **SCHOOL UPDATES:**

#### *Principal's Message*

November weather has certainly started out in a changeable fashion; sunny and warm one minute, then windy and rainy the next. Students continue to enjoy outdoor recess and noon play opportunities. Please continue to ensure that your child has warm, waterproof outerwear. The cooler, damp weather of November also brings an increase in concern over the flu and cold season. Thank you for your continued support by keeping your child home if they are sick, where they can rest and recover most quickly. We also appreciate the many phone calls from parents informing us of a child's absence. It is very helpful to know when your child will not be attending. As darkness falls earlier with each day, it is important that students are aware of safe routes home and that all drivers exercise extreme caution in our student drop off and pick up zones. The staff parking lot is a very busy place. Student safety is our first concern. Please do NOT park or stop in the middle of any of the through lanes to pick up or drop off students. The disability parking spot must only be used if displaying an appropriate permit. Thank you for your continued support of our safe drop off and pick up routines.

Students have been actively engaged in their academic programs. Teachers and support staff are doing what they do best at Cloverdale – providing a caring, engaging learning environment for our students to succeed.

In the coming weeks, we have much to look forward to. I'd like to thank students, staff and parents for their hard work and support in all aspects of life at Cloverdale Traditional School.

#### *Lockdown DRILL at Cloverdale*

On November 16th we will be having a lockdown DRILL organized by Saanich Police. Schools practice lockdown drills in order to prepare for the unlikely event that we would have to go into lockdown due to a potential threat to our safety. We keep these drills low key, but wanted to share with parents that this practice drill is part of our safety plan.

#### *Citizenship at Cloverdale*

The rate of change in our world with respect to technology is extraordinary. At Cloverdale Traditional School, we continue to educate and set high expectations with our students with respect to *citizenship in general*, as well as *digital citizenship*. With the privilege of having an iPad or Chromebook, we have the responsibility of using these devices appropriately. Students at Cloverdale have the opportunity to use technology in our school and we have clear expectations for their use. iPads and Chromebooks can be used in class under the direction of a teacher or educational assistant. We are delighted to be using several iPad and Chromebook carts in our school, which is allowing for creativity and showing learning in a variety of ways.

#### *Student Photo Retakes*

Please note this change in date. Student photo retakes will be MONDAY NOVEMBER 9. If your child did not have their photo taken on the original photo day they will automatically be photographed on retake day. If your child had photos take on the original photo day and you would like them to have a retake please indicate so in your child's agenda planner so that the teacher knows to send them for a retake.

### *Poppy Donations*

On Tuesday, for our virtual Remembrance Day assembly, each child will be given a poppy in their classroom to wear. All our poppies are donated from the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign. We ask that all families consider making a small donation to the poppy fund. If you wish to donate please send some coins with your child to school and teachers will collect donations in their classrooms for us to send to the Legion. Thank you.

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

#### *Parking at Thrifty Foods*

When dropping off or picking up children, please do not park in the Thrifty Foods parking lot. This is a private parking lot for those who are shopping in the store. There have been some issues lately with customers not being able to find parking spaces because our parents have been parked in the lot for pick up or drop off time. We ask that you please use the pickup/drop off lane at the front of the school, the back parking on Linwood Ave, or find parking on surrounding side streets.

#### *Fostering Social Emotional Skills at Home – District Snapshot*

Click the link for more info:

[https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web\\_version/ffbb1d4556f0b84cbdbc93fd77bad6c415621dc101017a6b1a1804859c62c97c/Stakmail/233882/0/shared/0](https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web_version/ffbb1d4556f0b84cbdbc93fd77bad6c415621dc101017a6b1a1804859c62c97c/Stakmail/233882/0/shared/0)

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/>