

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

November 26 – Fun Lunch Orders Due

December 1 – Poinsettia Pick Up (2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the school gym)

December 3 – Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home

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

There have been many interesting learning activities in and around **CTS**. Students and staff have been busy with these activities while working through assessment and report writing. The teachers work diligently to provide families with information about a student's learning abilities; their strengths and stretches, and appreciate that parents use this information to support their children at home. Reports cards will be coming home December 3. Please remember these are a snapshot of your child's progress at a very specific point in time. The growth we see in students happens at varying times, in varying rates, and in different ways.

Please use the report to have a conversation with your child about their progress and the things they have accomplished in class. This is a good opportunity to begin goal setting with your child, discussing one thing they would like to work on and together setting the simple, very specific steps required to meet that goal. Please return the signed envelope. The report is yours to keep. We have certainly been experiencing drastic weather changes in the last few weeks. It is imperative that students come prepared for the changeable weather that Victoria is known for! We would like to thank all those who participated in and helped with our wonderful Remembrance Day virtual ceremony. As you know, all students were given a poppy to wear for that event, which should have come home with the child. We are still accepting poppy donations, which will be delivered to *The Poppy Fund*, through the local Legion.

Another thank you! This time to CFAX, for their wonderful donation of magnetic marbles. They brought us over 2000, which will be used for science and math activities.

Fun Lunch Order Forms

CTS is offering 4 fun lunch days this school year. If you did not receive an order form home last week and you would like to order pizza lunch for your child for any of the days we are offering this year please reply to this email and we will send another one home with your child. We will not be offering any other times to order through the year. Even if you only want to participate in the June date you must order now. Pizza lunch is \$25 for all 4 dates or \$6.50 per date if you don't want to order for all 4.

Russell Books Fair Coming Next Week!

Our annual Book Fair with Russell Books starts next week, Nov 22 - Dec 5. Do some holiday shopping and expand your book collection while also supporting our school library! There are virtual and in-store shopping options available with choices for kids and adults. Please visit our Book Fair website for more details, <https://sites.google.com/sd61learn.ca/2021-book-fair/home>. Feel free to share this link with friends and family - all orders are welcome and benefit our library. Contact Ms. Aerts at naerts@sd61.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Report Card Proficiency Scales

With upcoming report cards we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that CTS is involved in piloting a provincial initiative for the 2021-2022 school year that will see all classroom teachers use Proficiency Scales to communicate student learning. An email was sent to families on September 24 with more information. We have posted that email to our website as an easy reference for parents when report cards come home. You can access it here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/report-card-proficiency-scale/>

Poppy Donations

On November 10 we held our virtual Remembrance Day assembly. Poppies were provided to all staff and students through the Royal Canadian Legion and the Poppy Trust Fund. We did not receive many donations for poppies so we are reaching out to our families again to ask that you consider sending a small contribution with your student to donate. All donations will be collected in the office until November 26 and remitted to the Poppy Trust Fund at that time. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

PAC UPDATES:

Poinsettia Pick Up Information

Thank you to all the families that supported our Poinsettia Fundraiser this year. Poinsettia Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday December 1st from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. outside the gymnasium doors (facing Quadra Street/front playground). We are asking parents to please sign up in advance for a pick up time, wear a mask, and to form a socially distanced line outside the gymnasium doors. To sign up for your pick up time-slot follow this link: <https://forms.gle/5T7zRUFrjAroo1aW6>

Parent Volunteers Needed

We will also be needing parent volunteers on Wednesday December 1st to help with unloading and handing out the poinsettias. If you are able to volunteer please indicate so on the google form (link above) or contact the CTS PAC at cts.parents@gmail.com.

PAC Meeting Info

Our next virtual PAC Meeting is Tuesday February 1st, 2022 from 7-9pm (meetings usually end around 8pm). Please look for the invitation in the school newsletter closer to the date. We hope to see you there!

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Planning for a New Seismically Safe Cedar Hill Middle School

The Greater Victoria School District is in the early stages of planning for a new Cedar Hill Middle School and is asking you to be involved in the design process. The current school has an H-1 seismic ranking, the highest level of priority need and needs to be replaced.

The District is inviting staff, current and future students, and current and future families to share their input through a survey on what is important to them when building a new school that will serve the community for many years to come.

All input provided in this survey will help inform the design plans for the new replacement school. This is the first opportunity for the school and broader community to share their ideas. To learn more about the project and engagement opportunities, please visit: www.sd61.bc.ca

To participate in the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CedarHillSurvey>

This survey will close at 4 p.m. on November 23, 2021.

Childhood Stress & Anxiety Building Resilience

Join registered clinical counsellor and psycho-educational consultant Julie-Anne Richards Tuesday November 23 via Zoom for this free event tailored to parents, caregivers and educators supporting children ages 5-12. See the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2021/11/Nov2321ZoomPoster.pdf>