

# Cloverdale Traditional School

## Bi-Weekly News

### 2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

November 8 – Lockdown Drill

November 10 – Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly (School Only)

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

November 12 – Non-instructional Day (No Students in Session)

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 has started out in blustery fashion. Students are continuing to enjoy outdoor recess and noon play opportunities. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and outdoor shoes. The cooler, damp weather of November also brings an increase in concern over the flu and cold season. Frequent hand washing, and teaching of proper personal hygiene continue to be a focus at **Cloverdale**. Thank you for your continued support by keeping your child home if he/she is sick where they can rest and recover most quickly. We also appreciate the many phone calls and emails from parents informing us of a child's absence. It is very helpful to know when your child will not be attending.

Report cards will be going home at the beginning of next month. Our staff and students are working hard in classrooms and are engaged in some innovative and interesting lessons covering every aspect of curriculum. Thank you to the dedicated work and efforts of all to ensure that our students have the best educational experience possible during their time at **CTS**.

We would like to say thank you to the Board Game Café who donated class sets of games to the school!

As the weather continues to be dreary and 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 and fire lanes are NOT for student drop off or pick up. Parents are asked NOT to use these areas. Please plan accordingly. We thank you for your patience and continued support of our safe drop off and pick up routines.

Please remember that a spare mask is very important in helping to keep everyone safe and our costs down. If you could please make sure your child has a spare tucked into a 'baggie' for keeping at school, we would appreciate it.

**Cloverdale** continues to be an outstanding place for students to do their learning because of the many partnerships we enjoy. Parents, relatives, community members and groups support the great work being done at **Cloverdale** in so many ways. It is my privilege and pleasure to work with such an amazing community of people. Thank you!

#### *Remembrance Day*

On Wednesday, November 10 we will recognize Remembrance Day in classrooms with a virtual assembly. All students will be provided with a poppy. We ask that you consider sending a small cash donation to school with your child for the Poppy Fund. All money collected will be donated to the Poppy Fund via the Royal Canadian Legion.

### *Photo Re-Takes*

If you are still interested in another chance at student photo re-takes and have not already let the school know, please reply to this email before end of day Friday, November 5. We will only be offering an additional day if we have enough interest.

## **DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

### *Mental Health and Wellness Snapshot*

This month's topic is 'How to Talk so Kids will Listen and How to Listen so Kids will Talk'. Read more here:

[https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web\\_version/fca6f7fd2b72f1bebcc482197bfdc963734b27b09c04e4afdf2f87f03bf7c976/Stakmail/261948/0/shared/0](https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web_version/fca6f7fd2b72f1bebcc482197bfdc963734b27b09c04e4afdf2f87f03bf7c976/Stakmail/261948/0/shared/0)

### *VIE Homestay Families Needed'*

Student stays can range from short term (a couple of weeks to 4 months) to a half term (5 months) to a full term (1 year or longer). Students are enrolled in a middle or secondary program throughout the district.

It is a great opportunity for your family to share in an intercultural exchange of ideas, food and life.

Our host families are offered an orientation, on-going support (24/7 emergency line), a homestay manual, and a \$975 monthly student support fee.

To find out more about homestay program or to apply please visit our website:

[www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Gary Garraway at the Homestay Office.

Email: [ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca) Telephone: 250-592-6871

### *1000x5*

This year, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Every month 1000x5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bags: 3 books for each receiving child. If each child at Cloverdale Traditional School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and pre-schoolers, we would collect 936 books, enough for gift bags of books to 312 children. Drop books in the pink bin in the school office.