

# Cloverdale Traditional School

## Bi-Weekly News

### 2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

January 4 – Welcome Back! First day back from Winter Break. Welcome 2022!

January 8 – Grade 5 Bottle Drive

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*

As students, staff and families are preparing for the winter break, it is my pleasure to reflect on the wonderful term of learning, building relationships and planning for future successes here at **Cloverdale**. Staff has given their best personal and professional attention to the needs of all our students in their work, to provide the best learning experiences for students. Parents continue to play an integral part in supporting student achievement. Clear, regular communication with classroom teachers, whether by phone or home-school agenda, it is very helpful in ensuring that our students' needs are being met.

Our office and custodial staff contribute greatly to the success of our students as well. I would like to acknowledge their professional and personal contributions to the culture of our school and the success of our students. Thank you for the kindness, helpfulness and sensitivity that you bring to us every day.

The support of our PAC is also very much appreciated. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, energetic team of volunteers willing to work so very hard to bring many opportunities to our students to enrich their educational experience. The seemingly endless energy, enthusiasm and optimism of this amazing group of people are so very appreciated by the entire **CTS** community.

The entire staff would like to send thanks to PAC for the lovely surprise snacks that arrived in our staffroom earlier this week. What a treat!

On behalf of the staff and students of **Cloverdale Traditional School**, I extend our heartfelt thanks and warm wishes for a happy, peaceful winter break.

#### *Donations to Lamay Primary School*

Thank you to everyone who sent in their donations for Lamay Primary School. We will provide an update in January with our total funds raised.

#### *Grade 5 Bottle Drive – January 8, 2022*

It's time to save a few of those holiday refundable beverage containers. This year, our Grade 5 Leadership Team is hosting a No Sort Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The bottle drive runs from 10 am-2pm.

Our grade 5 student volunteers, staff and parents will be here at the Cloverdale Traditional School drive thru to help collect your donations. This year, bottles will not be sorted here at the school. Refundable beverage containers will be placed in large standalone bags provided by the Bottle Depot. The Bottle Depot will sort all refundable bottles and 80% of the proceeds will go directly to the Cloverdale Grade 5 Legacy gift.

Each year the Grade 5 leadership team raises funds to purchase a Legacy Gift for the school. In the past the Grade 5 students have donated funds to help with the PAC purchase of Gaga Ball Pit as well as the school Seaquaria. They have purchased the tables you see at the front of the school, along with the bike racks and benches. Our new removable basketball hoops and the school logo on the gym wall were also gifted by our past Grade 5 students.

If you are not able to bring your donation on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mrs. Sapsford to make other arrangements. Please do not send recycling products such as milk cartons/soy or almond containers/ or food jars. Thank you for your continued support.

#### *Book Fair*

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Book Fair fundraiser for the school library. The online model has been tricky but thanks to your support and a very generous donation from Russell Books, we raised \$590. All orders have been distributed, please contact Ms. Aerts at [naerts@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:naerts@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

#### *Donation*

Our school was pleasantly surprised recently to receive a gift of \$250 from the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association to go toward purchasing books for our library. The donation was part of an effort to support the schools within the Association's boundaries. To learn more about this organization or to get involved, check out their website: <https://qchca.org/>. Thank you QCHCA.

### **DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

#### *Educational Assistant Training Program January 31 – February 18*

Are you looking to be part of a team that helps students reach their greatest potential? Do you want to make a difference in the everyday lives of children? We have an opportunity for you! The Greater Victoria School District is offering a three-week condensed training program, designed to get aspiring Educational Assistants classroom ready! Please visit the [Employment](#) page on the SD 61 website for more information about the program, including requirements for acceptance into the program and the application process. Or click here – [Education Assistant Training Program](#). Deadline to apply is Friday, December 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.