

# Cloverdale Traditional School

## Bi-Weekly News

### **2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:**

December 10 – Fun Lunch Day (if you pre-ordered pizza lunch)

December 17 – Pajama Day/Favorite Holiday Sweater/Favorite Holiday Outfit

December 17 – Final Day Before Winter Break (regular school hours)

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*

A very Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrate.

We are on the last stretch to our winter break; a well-deserved time of rest for all. Our school community has been working to 'be the best we can be', and has earned some extra play, sleep and family time!

Report cards will come home today. 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. A reminder to please use the school absence line or email in order to report that your child will be away from school.

You have received information about the virtual concert being created by staff and students. We will be recording during the final week before break and will attempt to make sure you have the private link by late Wednesday of that week.

#### *Donations to Lamay Primary School*

One of our Cloverdale Traditional School traditions is giving back to those in need. For over 10 years, students and families have donated money to support our sister school in Katesh, Tanzania. Last year the donations raised \$730.00. Catriona Harker, past principal of Cloverdale, sent us pictures showing the smiling faces of the children and teachers with the supplies purchased with our donations. (school supplies, a clock, teacher charts and reference books along with story books and soccer balls )

The grade 5 students are eager to continue the tradition and are taking this on as one of their Leadership projects this year. They are asking for your help. From December 6th - 17th, they will be collecting donations for our sister school. Donations can be sent to school with your child. They will be collected and counted by our grade 5 students. All funds will go directly to Mrs. Harker who will continue to use the funds to support the students at Lamay Primary School. On behalf of all of our grade 5 Leadership students we thank you for your continued support.

### **PAC UPDATES:**

#### *Poinsettia Fundraiser a Success!*

Thank you to all the families that supported our Poinsettia fundraiser, once again it was a big success. Also, a very special thank you to Hilary Hagel for organizing this year's fundraiser and to all the parents that volunteered their time on Wednesday to help unload, sort and hand out the plants. We couldn't have done it without you - thank you!

### *Friendly COVID Reminders*

As we move into the winter months, hopefully all students are settling well into their school routines including **wearing their mask to school**. It would be incredibly helpful if all families could please send one extra mask to be kept at school in case their child forgets their mask or their mask gets dirty. We are asking all families to please be diligent in ensuring their child has their mask everyday and an extra to spare for "just in case" situations.

We'd also like to encourage all parents to wear their own masks while on the school grounds. It's an excellent way to model positive mask wearing for the students.

Now to thank you for reading our message, here's a joke about masks: *I used to wonder how Darth Vader ate with that mask on but then I realized he's probably force fed.*

### *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:**

### *The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)*

School District 61 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 4 and grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. For more information and to view the questionnaires: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>. Parent FAQs: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>. If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at [mdi@help.ubc.ca](mailto:mdi@help.ubc.ca).

### *Mental Health and Wellness Snapshot*

December's snapshot is about helping your child build friendship skills. Click the link here to see more info:

[https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web\\_version/fa14af8c3ab0c278a84a3a17a2a9b6763db8c8523d50d5a579713c186f75c5b1/Stakmail/263003/0/shared/0](https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web_version/fa14af8c3ab0c278a84a3a17a2a9b6763db8c8523d50d5a579713c186f75c5b1/Stakmail/263003/0/shared/0)

### *1000 x 5*

Every week 1000 x 5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 600 of your books! Join the 100's of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000 x 5 pops 2400 books into 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 15 dedicated volunteers. Drop your books for babies and preschools off in the pink bin in the school office.