

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

September 23 – Non-Instructional Day (no students in session)
September 26 – Terry Fox Run
September 29 – Orange Shirt Day Recognized at Cloverdale Traditional School
September 29 – Assembly Cancelled
September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – 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

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. We are delighted to say that we are well underway with our programs at **Cloverdale!** It is our intent to have all students at our school feel like they belong here – it is their place! Our standards of behaviour and respect have been set high, all in an effort to create a positive, safe environment for teaching and learning.

A package of very important school documents was sent home with students last week. Please take the time to read, update, sign and return these to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. The student information verification form is extremely important, as it is vital that we have current contact information for you and your child on file. Please take extra care to review the verification form.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year together.

Safe Arrival Program

If your child will be absent from school or will arrive late it is important to notify the school office. Each day the office goes through the daily attendance and phones home for any child that is not in school and we have not have a phone call or email from a parent to excuse. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school if your child is away or will be late. We rely on our safe arrival program to ensure that no one got lost or injured on their way to school. Each call we have to make can slow us down from reaching a parent of a child that is potentially in an unsafe situation. Please do your part! You can call the dedicated safe arrival phone number at 250-361-3706. This is a voicemail only phone line that you can leave a message on any day of the week or any time of day. Alternatively you can also email cloverdalesafearrival@sd61.bc.ca and inform us of an absence or late arrival. Often telling the classroom teacher is not helpful as they may be away the day your child isn't here and then the information is not passed on. The office has the ability to enter an absence ahead of the day or in a block of days for those away for an extended period. Teachers are not able to do this.

Orange Shirt Day

Since we will not be in session on September 30 we will be participating in a school wide orange shirt day on Thursday, September 29. Please consider sending your child to school in an orange shirt this day to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

Toonies for Terry

On Monday our students will participate in our annual Terry Fox run. We will be fundraising all week by asking students to bring a toonie to school for "Toonies for Terry". Please consider sending a donation with your student next week. Donations are not required, they are voluntary.

Fun Lunch

Fun lunch is back! Watch for information and order forms to come home next week. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns. Our first fun lunch will take place in October for those interested in ordering.

September Assembly

We will not be holding our September assembly on September 29 as planned. Instead our staff and students will be taking part in a drumming event to mark the day.

Online School Spirit Wear

Final reminder that the deadline to purchase Cloverdale spirit wear is September 25 at midnight. Follow the link here to see what is being offered <https://cloverdalefall2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. We will not offer another school store until next September so don't miss out on ordering!

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

District Snapshot – Supporting Our Students by Supporting Those Who Care for Them

Click here for the latest mental health and wellness snapshot for elementary school families:

https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web_version/47ec1915c81237cff19ac7205e14c135ab9a1752189257205418991eeb00a9e9/Stakmail/276188/0/shared/0

PAC UPDATES:

First PAC Meeting of the Year

Thank you to all the families that joined us for the first meeting of the year this week. We had a great turnout and some excellent discussions. PAC meetings are a great way to stay connected to the school community, to hear from our Principal and Vice-Principal, to ask questions or share your thoughts and feedback with fellow parents and our admin team. The next virtual PAC meeting is Tuesday November 1st at 7pm. Look for the invitation closer to the date.

Halloween Dance

Save the Date - Friday October 28th we are thrilled to be hosting the Halloween Dance again! If you would like to volunteer to help with the organizing committee for this event please email the PAC at cts.parents@gmail.com. A huge thank you to CTS Parent and Teacher Mo Khari who has agreed to be the Event Coordinator for this year.

Community Values Coupon Book

Coming soon - Community Values Coupon Book Fundraiser. We are excited to be once again be one of the selected schools to be able to sell this amazing coupon book filled with coupons to several local businesses!