

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

December 6 – Naden Band Concert (Grades 1-3)
December 9 – Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
December 13 – Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal
December 14 – Afternoon Winter Concert (Tickets Required to Attend)
December 15 – Evening Winter Concert (Tickets Required to Attend)
December 16 – Pajama Day/Favorite Winter Sweater or Outfit Day
December 16 – Last Day of School Before Winter Break (Students in Session 8:45 – 2:37)

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 9. 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!

Earlier this fall, the Provincial Government created a Student and Family Affordability Fund with the intention to support families in financial need during these times of increased cost-of-living (for the 2022-2023 school year). Through this fund, Cloverdale has been provided resources to directly help our families in a way that is flexible and private.

If you are facing financial hardship we might be able to help with things like grocery cards and bus tickets. We can also help with school related costs such as field trips and supplies. If this support can help you and your family through difficult times, please contact Ms. Ottenbreit.

Naden Band Reminder

On Tuesday, December 6 our grade 1-3 students, who have returned their permission forms, will be travelling by bus to the Royal Theater to see the Naden Band perform. Thank you to the CTS PAC for providing the funds for the busses.

Lamay Primary

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 through your generous donations we raised over \$900.00. 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 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 again this year. They are asking for your help. From December 5th - 18th, 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.

Concert Reminders

We look forward to welcoming families to our Winter Concert Wednesday December 14 and Thursday December 15. A reminder that this is a ticketed event and those who arrive without a ticket will not be permitted entrance as we are required to abide by the capacity limit of our gym as enforced by the fire department. There is no cost to attend and all tickets have been sent home already. We do ask that you consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate at the door. All items collected will be donated to a food bank in our area. **We do have some tickets still available for the Wednesday afternoon concert. If you would like some, please contact the school office by phone or by replying to this email.**

New Outdoor Communication Boards

New outdoor communication boards have arrived at Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School! The boards are designed to help all students communicate through common play-based language and to increase opportunities for students who may not use speech or signs yet to engage with others during recess. They include a universal core vocabulary with 36 commonly used words that can be used alone or in combination to communicate various messages. Thank you to our District's Speech and Language Pathologists, Inclusive Learning Team and Facilities Department for making this happen.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found will be on display in the downstairs hallway from December 12 – 16. Please stop by and see if you can claim any lost items!

PAC UPDATES:

Open Gym Night

Thank you to all the families that attended open gym night. It was nice to see so many families having fun and playing in the school gym. A big thank you to Mrs. Petrovic and Mrs. Sapsford for helping with the set-up and clean up. The next open gym will be in February. Hope to see you there!

Family Movie Night

Due to unforeseen circumstances family movie night is postponed until the new year. More updates to follow.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you to those that supported this fundraiser and the volunteers who helped make it a success.

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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Thank you for all the books that have been pouring in to be packages in time for the holidays. A huge thank you to Santa's Anonymous for their most generous donation. For quite a few months a new book will be added to each bag of 3 gently used books.