

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

2 WEEK LOOK AHEAD:

- May 5 – Yearbook Orders Due to Office (no late orders accepted)
- May 10 – Class Placement Requests Due (email from April 28)
- May 17 – Skipathon Pledge Sheets Go Home
- May 18 – Grade 5 District Transition Afternoon
- May 19 – 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/news-events/calendar/>

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are well into May! We welcome the spring weather as our Weed and Water Wednesday group of students are busy preparing and working on our gardens.

Track practices have started for the 100 metre, 800 metre and relay races. If your child is participating in track please ensure that they come with appropriate footwear for running. The Zone meet will be held on May 29th, 9:45-1:30 at the UVic track. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with the many jobs required to run an efficient meet. Please let us know if this is something you would be willing to help with. City Finals will happen on June 1 in the evening, also at UVic. There is a very quick turn-around time for runners who qualify at the Zone C finals so we ask that you make sure to check backpacks following the Zone meet for information if your child qualifies for the City Finals.

We would like to thank Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Black for hosting our cross country team, who have worked hard at meets.

Grade 5 transition planning is underway. We will be sending information about events as we receive it.

Students continue to be very active on the playground. Skipping, four square, basketball, and soccer are favorite recess and lunch activities. The skill and fun our students are demonstrating is indeed contributing to healthy living at Cloverdale School. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear to play safely on our playground, fields and courts during these times. 'Flip flops' and/or bare feet are very hazardous on the school fields and blacktop.

Remember that after school supervision ends at 2:52 p.m. daily. Parent support and cooperation with prompt pick up at the end of the day is necessary to accommodate staff attendance at off-site meetings and other obligations. Your child's safety and well-being continue to be our priority. Thank you for being punctual to pick up your child(ren) each day.

SD61 celebrates Rainbow Week on May 15 –19. At CTS, we honour diversity, and welcome all, to our caring and inclusive community. Our focus will be on family diversity as well as gender expression and non-conformity. The rainbow is a symbol of hope for a better future. Activities might include: reading, inviting students to highlight their uniqueness by dressing in their favourite colours, art projects, and the distribution of rainbow stickers. Rainbow week is a time for us to recognize and celebrate our differences.

On a very sad note, we will be losing our wonderful Mrs. Sapsford. She will be transferring as Vice-Principal to another school in the district. We wish her well in her new school. We will welcome Ms. Deanna Reed to our school

Student and Family Affordability Fund

In the 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.

Head Lice Awareness

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/05/Head-Lice-Newsletter-Insert.pdf>

Spring Fun, Fitness & Safety Elementary School Newsletter Insert

Please include the following link/information in your school newsletter - [Spring Fun, Fitness and Safety](#)

CTS PAC UPDATES:

PISE Wheelchair Sports Day

On Wednesday, May 3 the PAC hosted PISE at the school giving students a hands-on opportunity at exploring the use of wheelchairs and playing sports. Thank you to Adrien Castle for coordinating and volunteering at the school the day of! For more info on a free PISE event this weekend, see the poster here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/05/FSRF-2023-poster.pdf>

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to coordinate the year end party. If you are interested please email us at cts.parents@gmail.com and let us know.

Monks School Supplies

More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Thank You

Thank you to our long standing PAC member Erin McAskile who has been involved for years and had the role of treasurer. You will be missed.

Executive Committee

Your new PAC Executive Committee was voted in last night. Our PAC for the 2023-2024 school year will be as follows:

Co-Chairs: Emah Christiansen & Michelle Boulos

Treasurer: Nancy Park

Secretary: Sacha Anderson

Members at Large: Louise Ward, Judy Kitts, Julia Couper, Jill Morrison, Sara Brownlee, Shazia Suleman, Adrien Castle