

# Cloverdale Traditional School

## Bi-Weekly News

### CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

September 13 – Meet the Teacher Night & Community Picnic (see below)  
September 20 – Student Photo Day  
September 22 – 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*

Welcome back! We are off to a wonderful start. Students are getting settled in, and ready for a fabulous year of learning.

We have had an exciting first few days as we meet and greet new friends and get reacquainted with classmates from previous years. Our transitions have been smooth and our students continue to live up to **Cloverdale's** high standards of citizenship, respect and responsibility. We have begun another school year, full of outstanding potential. We have been saying hello to returning families and welcoming all the new families to our community. **Cloverdale** is a very full school this year with over 350 students, in 16 divisions.

Cloverdale School has new staff to introduce:

Mr. Ben Rogers – Classroom Teacher  
Mrs. Meghan MacIsaac – Classroom Teacher  
Mrs. Tracey Williams – Teacher/Librarian  
Ms. Melanie Neilson – Early Literacy Collaboration Teacher  
Ms. Helen Bell - Speech and Language Pathologist  
Mr. Osiris Dekort – Daytime Custodian  
Ms. Emily Barchyn – English Language Learner Teacher  
Ms. Emily Stark – Youth and Family Counsellor  
Ms. Heather Seaman – Classroom Teacher  
Ms. Annie Zhang – Educational Assistant  
Ms. Adrienne Wicks – District Educational Assistant

#### *From the Desk of Our New Vice Principal, Mrs. Deanna Reid*

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year, let's make it amazing! I am very excited to join the Cloverdale Team as the Vice-Principal and Grade 5 teacher. This will be my eleventh year teaching with the GVSD. My goal this year is to support all of our students to feel included, safe and successful at Cloverdale. I look forward to connecting with you.

#### *Meet the Teacher Night & Community Picnic*

On Wednesday, September 13 we are having our Meet the Teacher Night and Community Picnic. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a brief message from our Principal outside on the field. From there we invite families inside to visit their child's classroom. Teachers will do a brief 10 minute session at 5:15 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. to allow for those with more than one child to attend more than one session. Once the sessions are over we are pleased to host a Community Picnic. Bring your picnic blanket or law chairs and join us on the back field. We will have the Country Crepe Food Truck (see the menu here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/school-spotlight/meet-the-teacher-night-and-community-picnic-wednesday-september-13/>) and the Candy Time Food Truck (selling snacks of mini donuts, lemonade, snow cones, and cotton candy for \$5 per item). Families can also bring their own picnic. This social event was well attended

and enjoyed by all last year. We are so pleased to be able to offer this gathering to our families again. Thank you to CTS PAC for helping with the costs associated with arranging these food trucks to attend.

### *Student Photo Day*

Come dressed in your best! Student photo day is Wednesday, September 20. Classes will each take turns going to the gym to have their photo taken. Approximately 2 weeks later the school will receive photo proofs that will be sent home with each child. You can then decide to order photos through the photo company if you wish. All students will be photographed and no pre-ordering is required. There will be a photo retake day in October for any students who are away or are not happy with the photo proof.

### *Parent Parking and Drop off/Pick Up*

We ask that when parents are dropping off and picking up that they do not park in the staff parking lot behind staff cars. Our staff all come and go at different times and it is a problem when they cannot get in or out. We also have daily bussing. This bus must travel through the staff lane. The staff parking lot is off limits for parents.

Parent parking is not allowed in the pickup/drop off lane, nor in front of the garbage/recycling bins. Please do not block the flow of those who are driving through. There is some parking behind the school on Linwood or on side streets surrounding the school area. Please do not park at Thrifty Foods as there is a possibility that you may be towed.

### *News from the Library*

My name is Tracey Williams and I am thrilled to be working with our students this year in the library. Book exchanges will begin the week of September 18th. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, I would love to hear from you. We are also planning a Book Fair for the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> and will be looking for helpers! Please contact me at:

[twilliams@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:twilliams@sd61.bc.ca)

### **CTS PAC UPDATES:**

What to stay up-to-date with the CTS PAC? You can do so by following their Facebook page here:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/164562303571785/?hoisted\\_section\\_header\\_type=recently\\_s  
een&multi\\_permaLinks=6563257810368837](https://www.facebook.com/groups/164562303571785/?hoisted_section_header_type=recently_seen&multi_permaLinks=6563257810368837)

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

#### *GVSD Accessibility Feedback Tool*

In accordance with the Accessible BC Act, GVSD 61 has launched an accessibility feedback tool, and is looking for members of our learning community to join the GVSD Accessibility Advisory Group as we finalize the first multi-year GVSD Accessibility Plan. [Click here to learn more](#) and/or provide feedback.