

CONTEST ALERT

Each week read the newsletters carefully to find the hidden contest word of the week. Reply to the newsletter, indicating the contest word and your child's name for an entry into a draw to win fun lunch for your child for February, March, April, May and June. The more weeks you find the word, the more entries you get into the draw. Draw will take place in mid-January.

Cloverdale Traditional School Bi-Weekly News

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

October 20 – Non-Instructional Day (No Students in Session)
October 25 – Cross Country Finals 3:45 p.m. at UVic/Cedar Hill Corner
October 23 – Fun Lunch Orders Due 2:30 p.m. No Late Orders Accepted
October 27 – October Assembly 10:45 a.m. in the Gym (Everyone Welcome)
October 27 – PAC Halloween Dance 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Gym
October 31 – Black and Orange Day (No Costumes)

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

October has been a very busy month at **Cloverdale School**. This week, we hosted parent/teacher conferences. These meetings are important in establishing strong partnerships and good communication to support our students in their success at school. Thank you to parents and staff for their time and efforts. If you were unable to attend parent/teacher conferences, and haven't already done so, please make alternate arrangements to check in and discuss your child's educational program with the teacher. Classrooms continue to be active, meaningful learning environments, participation in nightly home reading is increasing.

Please review safe Halloween behaviors with your children as we move closer to this fun day. Attached you will find a link to some helpful tips from the Canadian Red Cross. **Cloverdale** will be celebrating Black and Orange day on Tuesday, October 31. **No costumes** will be worn to school, but all students will be encouraged to show spirit by wearing black and orange. Our earthquake drill was very successful, as students discussed ways to keep themselves safe. Our photo retake day went smoothly, also!

Friday will be a teacher professional development day, with no students in session. Our teachers have wide ranging passions and are working on interesting new learning for themselves: outdoor education, math workshops, technology initiatives, science planning, and much more.

We have attached a link to information regarding student reporting for those who are interested in the changes the Ministry is making.

Thank you to everyone for what is turning out to be a very productive year!

Halloween Safety from the Canadian Red Cross:

<https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-safety>

K-12 Reporting information for Parents and Caregivers:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

Safe Arrival Program Phone Number Change

For many years we have had a dedicated phone number that was just for safe arrival calls. With a new upgrade to our phone system we no longer need a separate phone number for our safe arrival calls. After October 31 the dedicate phone number (250-384-5661) will no longer be in service. If you are calling to report a student absence you can do so by calling the main school phone number at 250-382-7231 and pushing "1" when you hear the automated message. This will forward you to the dedicated mail box for safe arrival for you to leave you message. Remember that you can also submit an absence by email to cloverdalesafearrival@sd61.bc.ca.

This week's contest word is: Orange

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Halloween Dance

Friday October 27th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Snacks and pizza will be available to purchase. Costumes welcome, no weapons allowed.

The Card Project

To see your child's art online and to order, go to www.TheCardProject.ca. The art goes online on October 20th. Our School Access Code is CT77. Priority order deadline is October 29th and final orders are due November 12th.

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_sseen&multi_permalinks=6563257810368837

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

SD61 Cold and Flu Season Reminders

We have reached that time of the year again! It is cold and flu season. As students return to classrooms for the new school year, as the leaves start to turn and the temperature drops, the tissues and sneezes begin to appear. Additionally, with COVID-19 circulating within our community, it is important to take extra precautions.

Please remind your child of the following important habits:

- Make sure to wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching face, mouth, or eyes.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing by leaning into your elbow or using a disposable tissue. Quickly throw away any used tissues and wash or sanitize your hands after.
- Respect the personal space bubbles of other students.
- Stay home when sick!

Please monitor your children daily for any cold or flu-like symptoms. In accordance with the Public Health Guidelines, students and staff are asked to stay home when sick or displaying any symptoms of sickness. If students develop symptoms throughout the day while they are at school, they will be reminded to use tissues or lean into their elbow to cover their coughs and sneezes. If required, an office staff member will contact you to arrange a pickup of your sick

child. These protocols are in place to lower the risk of transmission of communicable disease and to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

For more information on the health and safety protocols implemented in our schools go to: [Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)