

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

October 6 - Fresh to You Fundraiser Order Forms Sent Home
October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
October 10 - Cross Country Race 3:45 p.m. at Lansdowne
October 11 - Fire Drill
October 11 - Emergency Preparedness Presentations
October 13 - Community Values Coupon Book Fundraiser Closes
October 17 - Early Dismissal (All Students Dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
October 17-18 - Fall Conferences (See Below for More Info)
October 17 - Cross Country Race 3:45 p.m. at Lambrick Park
October 18 - Fresh to You Fundraiser Orders Due Back (See Info Below)
October 19 - Photo Retakes (See Info Below)
October 19 - Great BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill
October 20 - 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 is hard to believe we are already into October. The weather is changing as we settle into fall. Please remember that the children at Cloverdale spend time outdoors daily, in most weather conditions. It is important that the students come ready for the variable weather that Victoria is known for, with rain gear and warm clothing if necessary. We know that this outdoor time is beneficial to the health and wellness of our students, and are expecting families to please help students remember appropriate clothing.

We had our very first fire drill of the year last week! The students were spectacular; very well behaved and respectful of the seriousness of this practice.

Thanks to our generous families we raised over \$398 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go! A few clubs to mention: Cross Country for grades 3, 4 and 5 is up and running; Thank you to Mrs. Black, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. P., as well as all the other staff who support this. We also have a lunchtime "Cartooning Club" for grades 4 and 5. Cloverdale has a group of drummers getting ready for the Premiers Awards
We are well on our way to another successful year.

Please note: Saanich Engineering will begin Water main upgrades on Quadra Street, between Cook and Holmes. This construction is planned to begin early November and is expected to last 3 months. Please consider alternate routes during this time.

Please see a letter here about the new FFF (Feeding the Futures Fund):

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/10/FFF-Letter-to-Families.pdf>

Fresh to You Fundraiser

Coming home with your child today is information on an upcoming fundraiser called "Fresh to You". This is a great opportunity for families to order a produce box that will be delivered to the school for pick up between November 15-25. Once the pick up date is confirmed we will contact those who ordered to make arrangements. Produce boxes come in 2 sizes (bundle 1 for \$25 and bundle 2 for \$30. This is our first time trying this unique fundraiser. With your help we think it will be a great success! Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Fall Conferences

Fall parent teacher conferences will be held October 17 and October 18. An email went home to parents earlier this week with the details on how to book your conference. Please note that conferences are 10 minutes in length and are meant for the parent and teacher only (no children). If you have not yet booked, there is still time to do so. See all the info and the booking link here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/school-spotlight/fall-conference-booking-information-2/>

Community Values Coupon Book Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year is well underway. Please continue to send in your orders or return your books if you do not wish to sell. You are required to return any books that you are not selling or you will be invoiced for the cost. Our goal is to raise \$5000. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Haywood (jhaywood@sd61.bc.ca).

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.

Fun Lunch is Back!

Back by popular demand is school fun lunch! Ordering information went home last week and is due back by Monday, October 23 at 2:30 p.m. No late orders will be accepted. In this round of ordering we are offering dates in October, November, December, and January. Ordering opportunities for the rest of the school year will be send home in January. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Photo Retakes

Individual student photo retakes will take place on October 19. Students who were away for the original photo day or were not happy with the photo taken on the first photo day will have an opportunity to have their photo taken on this day. If you would like your student to have a photo retake please send the teacher a note so they know to send them to the gym when it is their classrooms turn. Please note that if you had photos taken on the first photo day and have retakes taken, both versions of the photos will be available to you in your Edgewise account to choose from. As with the first photo day we will receive photo proofs to send home to parents within a few weeks of the photos being taken. Please inquire with the office if you have questions.

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
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DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the school office? These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. 311,000 book sin 12 years. Thank you.