

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:

November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m. in the Gym (Everyone Welcome)
November 10 – Fun Lunch (Pizza Hut) for those who ordered
November 13 – Remembrance Day Observed (School Closed)

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

November has started out in blustery fashion. Students are continuing to enjoy outdoor recess and noon play opportunities. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and outdoor shoes. The cooler, damp weather of November also brings an increase in concern over the flu and cold season. Frequent hand washing, and teaching of proper personal hygiene continue to be a focus at **Cloverdale**. Thank you for your continued support by keeping your child home if he/she is sick where they can rest and recover most quickly. We also appreciate the many phone calls and emails from parents informing us of a child's absence. It is very helpful to know when your child will not be attending.

As the weather continues to be dreary and darkness falls earlier with each day, it is important that students are aware of safe routes home and that all drivers exercise extreme caution in our student drop off and pick up zones. The staff parking area and fire lanes are NOT for student drop off or pick up. Parents are asked NOT to use these areas. Please plan accordingly. We thank you for your patience and continued support of our safe drop off and pick up routines.

As many of you are aware, staff have made a switch from Winter to Spring Concert this year. We will be hosting this performance shortly before spring break. This week's contest work is rain.

The Ministry has provided districts with funding to support food programs for students during the school day for families in financial need. Please let Ms. Ottenbreit know if you would like to request school day food support for your student.

Coat Swap As the weather gets colder we are accepting donations of clean coats and jackets. Please bring them to the office or hang them directly on the clothing rack located outside the main gym doors. Thank you to those who have already donated. If your child(ren) need a coat or jacket, please help yourself to anything on the rack. We all know how quickly children grow and this allows us to swap and exchange in the spirit of supporting one another during this time of growing inflation. The coat swap rack is accessible for parents immediately before school in the morning. We will unlock the doors outside the gym for people to enter.

Cloverdale continues to be an outstanding place for students to do their learning because of the many partnerships we enjoy. Parents, relatives, community members and groups support the great work being done at **Cloverdale** in so many ways. It is my privilege and pleasure to work with such an amazing community of people. Thank you!

Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 10 we will recognize Remembrance Day with a full school assembly. All students will be provided with a poppy. We ask that you consider sending a small cash donation to school with you child for the Poppy Fund. All money collected will be donated to the Poppy Fund via the Royal Canadian Legion. Parents and family members are welcome to join in our assembly if they wish to.

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_sen&multi_permaLinks=6563257810368837

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

SOGI Parent Information Session

See the poster here for more info and for the link to join in: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/10/SOGI-Parent-Info-Session.pdf>

Cedar Hill School Replacement Project Update

See the memo here for updates : https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/10/3-CEDAR-HILL-MIDDLE-SCHOOL-PROJECT-REPORT-3-10-17_2023.pdf

1000 x 5

This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000 x 5 pops 2000 books into 1000 gift bags; 3 books for each receiving child. If each child in Cloverdale Traditional School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1071 books, enough for gift bags for 357 children. Let's make it happen. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school office.

Mental Health and Wellness Snapshot: Parent Child Connection

This month's topic is "What to Say to Your Kids When Nothing Else Works". Follow the link here: https://src.campayn.com/stakmails/web_version/ecfb3254a4995da19d0022af94895799d9cdd86b235b7bc5a90ad1b2973e9b77/Stakmail/306688/0/shared/0