

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:

December 20 – December Assembly 9:00 a.m. in the Gym – Everyone Welcome
December 21 – Floor Hockey for Grade 4 & 5 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the Gym
December 22 – Pajama Day/Favorite Holiday Sweater Day/Favorite Winter Outfit Day
December 22 – Term 1 Report Cards Available Through Parent Connect at 3:00 p.m.
December 22 – Last Day Before Winter Vacation – School in Session 8:45 a.m. – 2:37 p.m.
January 8 – Welcome Back Students! School in Session 8:45 a.m. – 2:37 p.m.

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

There have been many interesting learning activities in and around **CTS**. Students and staff have been busy with these activities while working through assessment and report writing. The teachers work diligently to provide families with information about a student's learning abilities; their strengths and stretches, and appreciate that parents use this information to support their children at home. Reports cards will be available for viewing on December 22. Please see the information below about accessing these. Please remember these are a snapshot of your child's progress at a very specific point in time. The growth we see in students happens at varying times, in varying rates, and in different ways.

Please use the report to have a conversation with your child about their progress and the things they have accomplished in class. This is a good opportunity to begin goal setting with your child, discussing one thing they would like to work on and together setting the simple, very specific steps required to meet that goal.

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. If you need a coat or jacket, please help yourself from 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.

We will be setting the rack up outside the main gym doors, and will have access for parents immediately before school in the morning for the next two weeks. We will unlock the outside doors for people to enter.

As we work through the time of year in which we see many viral illnesses, we kindly request that you keep children home if they are ill. This week's contest word is vacation.

Have a wonderful break!

New Report Card Information

Report cards you will receive this year will reflect the new Ministry of Education and Child Care reporting order. The Greater Victoria School District has been preparing for these changes and you will likely notice a minimal difference from the previous year.

Some highlights include:

- The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale from K-9 and letter grades and percentages in grades 10-12
- Descriptive feedback on all report cards from K-12
- Student self-reflection of Core Competencies and goal setting
- Graduation status update for students in grade 10-12 in June

As a district, one change we have made this fall is the way you will receive your child's report card. Families will access report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on December 22, 2023 after 3:00 p.m. Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect.

To access the report cards, parents and caregivers need to first create a Parent Connect account. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website or [click here](#).

If you require a paper copy of your child's report card, please reach out to your child's teacher directly.

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment please [click here](#).

Upcoming Kindergarten Registration

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child. Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). Early French Immersion registration is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29- February 2. All required documents needed for the online registration are found here:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

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 & INFORMATION:

SOGI 123 Parents' Guide to SOGI in Schools

Please see the district information here: [https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-
content/uploads/sites/63/2023/12/Parents-Guide-to-SOGI-in-Schools.pdf](https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/12/Parents-Guide-to-SOGI-in-Schools.pdf)

Community Resources

See here for some information on resources for our greater community: [Resources | Capital Region Food \(foodsharenetwork.com\)](#)

See here for a list of organizations offering free Christmas dinners:

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/12/Christmas-Dinners.pdf>