

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 7 – Floor Hockey for Grade 4 & 5 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the Gym
December 8 – PAC Board Game Night 6:00 – 8:00 in the gym – Everyone Welcome
December 14 - Floor Hockey for Grade 4 & 5 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the Gym
December 15 – Fun Lunch (Pizza Hut) for Those Who Pre-ordered

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

We are starting the last stretch to our winter break; a well-deserved time of rest for all. Our school community has been working to 'be the best we can be', and has earned some extra play, sleep and family time during the holiday!

We have many activities happening in and around our school; lunch time chess club has begun (thank you to PAC for helping us by purchasing new chess sets), after school floor hockey has started for intermediate students, we have had BC Transit come to deliver, the youth BusReady program, the organization Youth Adapt organization came to speak to some classes, and our very caring Grade Five Leadership Team are working toward a fundraiser for Lamay Primary School (our sister school) in Tanzania.

I want to thank families for continuing daily health checks with children and keeping students home when symptoms are apparent; calling the school to let us know your child will be absent.

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, or speak to the school's office staff directly.

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

Grade 5 Transition to Middle School

In early January we will be emailing home grade 5 transition letters to all our grade 5 students. These letters let parents know where your grade 5 student will be automatically transitioned to for grade 6. It is important that you have an up-to-date address on file with the school as this is what will determine your child's middle school. If you are unsure, or need to change your address you need to check in with the office to clarify. Please make sure you do this before January 9, 2024.

Lamay Primary

One of our Cloverdale Traditional School traditions is giving back to those in need. For over 10 years, students and families have donated money to support our sister school in Katesh, Tanzania. Last year through your generous donations we raised over \$500.00. Catriona Harker, past principal of Cloverdale, sent us pictures showing the smiling faces of the children and teachers with the supplies purchased with our donations. (school supplies along with story books and soccer balls). The grade 5 students are eager to continue the tradition and are taking this on as one of their Leadership projects again this year. They are asking for your help. From December 4th - 20th, they will be collecting donations for our sister school. Donations can be sent to school with your child. All funds will go directly to Mrs. Harker who will continue to use the funds to support the students at Lamay Primary School. On behalf of all of our grade 5 Leadership students we thank you for your continued support. This week's contest work is: winter.

CTS PAC UPDATES:

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

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