

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

May 6 – Class Photo Day
May 6 - Rugby Practice 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 7 – Indigenous Art Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
May 7 - Be You Club 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 7 – Cross Country Spring Final Race 3:30 p.m. at UVic
May 8 – Student Placement Requests for the 2024-2025 School Year Due
May 8 - Cheer Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 8 - Rugby Practice 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 9 - Grade 5 Craft Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
May 10 – Rugby Jamboree
May 10 – Pizza Hut Fun Lunch (for those who pre-ordered)
May 10 - Indigenous Art Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
May 13 – 16 – District Rainbow Week
May 14 – Indigenous Art Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
May 14 - Be You Club 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 15 – Grade 4/5 Bike Course (Remember your bikes and helmets)
May 15 - Cheer Club 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 16 – District Transition Afternoon (Grade 5's visit their next year Middle School)
May 17 – 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's hard to believe that we are into May! We welcome the spring weather as our 'gardeners' are busy preparing and working on our gardens.

Track practices have started for the 100 metre, 800 metre and relay races. If your child is participating in track please ensure that they come with appropriate footwear for running. The Zone meet will be held on May 24th, 9:45-1:30 at the UVic track. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with the many jobs required to run an efficient meet. Please let us know if this is something you would be willing to help with. City Finals will happen on May 30 in the evening, also at UVic. There is a very quick turn-around time for runners who qualify at the Zone C finals so we ask that you make sure to check backpacks following the Zone meet for information if your child qualifies for the City Finals.

We would like to thank Mrs. Bird, Mrs. MacIsaac, Ms. Williamson, and Mrs. Black for hosting our cross country team, who have worked hard at meets.

Grade 5 transition planning is underway. We will be sending information about events as we receive it.

Students continue to be very active on the playground. Skipping, four square, basketball, and soccer are favorite recess and lunch activities. The skill and fun our students are demonstrating is indeed contributing to healthy living at Cloverdale School. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear to play safely on our playground, fields and courts during these times. 'Flip flops' and/or bare feet are very hazardous on the school fields and blacktop.

We held another very successful lockdown drill last week. The children were respectful and cooperative during this learning.

Remember that after school supervision ends at 2:50 p.m. daily. Parent support and cooperation with prompt pick up at the end of the day is necessary to accommodate staff attendance at off-site meetings and other obligations. Your child's safety and well-being continue to be our priority. Thank you for being punctual to pick up your child(ren) each day.

SD61 celebrates Rainbow Week on May 13-16. At CTS, we honour diversity, and welcome all, to our caring and inclusive community. Our focus is multi-faceted, including family diversity, gender expression, non-conformity and uniqueness. The rainbow is a symbol of hope for a better future. Activities might include: reading, inviting students to highlight their uniqueness by dressing in their favourite colours, art projects, and the distribution of rainbow stickers. Rainbow week is a time for us to recognize and celebrate our differences.

We are asking for your help in improving school attendance. We have recently experienced a great deal of students arriving much later than the entry bell. This makes our attendance difficult, and results in interrupted learning blocks, as students move into classes that have already begun their morning routines.

Head Lice Awareness

<https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2023/05/Head-Lice-Newsletter-Insert.pdf>

Class Photos

On May 6 Edge Imaging will be on site to take class photos. Come dressed in your best! Photos will be send to the school in the following weeks for distribution to classes. Every student will receive a class photo. There is no ordering or charge for this.

Rainbow Week

In School District 61, and at Cloverdale, we work together to ensure that our school is a diverse, inclusive, accepting, welcoming, safe space for everyone- as represented by the rainbow. We embrace this all year round, and observe a special week called Rainbow Week which occurs May 13 - May 16th. To celebrate and recognize these qualities that ensure a safe and welcoming space, we encourage everyone to wear colours of the rainbow during this week as follows: Monday-wear Red/Orange, Tuesday-get your Yellow/Green colours on! Wednesday-play it cool, with Blue/Purple, and Thursday-wear your Rainbow colours! We encourage staff and students to wear the bright colours of the rainbow to show that we are a community who welcomes everyone to our space just as they are.

School Chosen Non-Instructional Day for 2024-2025 School Year

Each year schools choose one non-instructional day that is specific to their school. For the 2024-2025 school year, Cloverdale Traditional School as chosen Friday, January 24, 2025.

2025/2026 & 2026/2027 School Year Calendars

The Greater Victoria School District is asking students, staff, and families to provide feedback on the proposed calendars for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school year as detailed in the links below. Dates have been selected in collaboration with neighbouring districts in Saanich (School District #63) and Sooke (School District #62) to align calendar dates, including spring and winter breaks, as much as possible.

2025/2026: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendars/2025-2026-school-year-calendar/>

2026/2027: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendars/2026-2027-school-year-calendar/>

All feedback can be submitted through email to community@sd61.bc.ca by Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. The calendars will be finalized in June 2024.

A reminder that the school calendar for the upcoming school year (2024/2025) was approved in April Of 2023. The approved dates can be found here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendars/2024-2025-school-year-calendar/>

Thank You!

We would like to thank parents Michelle and Alex Boulos for organizing and making our four new raised garden beds located near the fence on the basketball blacktop. We would also like to thank our CTS PAC for funding this project.

Thank you to Tony Zezza from Gardenworks for donating the wooden trellis and assortment of vegetable seeds and seedlings for planting in the gardens.

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

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

1000 x 5

Have you found the pink bin in the school office? Thanks to you 1000 x 5 has sent over 330,000 books into the homes of babies and preschooler who have few books. 27 agencies in over 70 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month! Including the summer. Please help us fill the shelves so more children can climb onto a lap and hear a good story.

National Child & Youth Mental Health Day

An online event for parents and caring adults with Kim Barthel. See the poster here for more information. <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2024/04/FamilySmart-Kim-Barthel-Event-May-7-2024-Web.pdf>

Community Event for Families New to Canada

Learn about the Victoria School District and meet community partners and services. Refreshments provided and activities for school aged children. See the poster for more details: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2024/04/Community-Event-May-7-2024-003.pdf>

Greater Victoria Public Library Summer Reading Club

See the info here: <https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2024/04/2024-Letter-to-the-Elementary-Schools-summer.pdf>

Homestay Opportunities

It's that time of year! The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new families interested in joining the vibrant hosting community. With students arriving to attend short term programs in the summer (2-6 week stays) and longer-term programs in the Fall, there are many opportunities to begin hosting.

Host Families provide 3 meals a day along with healthy snacks and a welcoming environment. \$1260 per month is provided as reimbursement for student support (pro-rated for shorter stays.) Orientation and 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.

For more information:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

Phone: 250-592-6871

Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca