

Cloverdale Traditional School

Bi-Weekly News

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

September 23 – Non-Instructional Day – No Students in Session
September 26 -Terry Fox Run (1:30 p.m. Outside – Everyone Welcome)
September 27 – Orange Shirt Day at Cloverdale
September 27 – September Assembly 11:00 a.m. in the gym (Everyone Welcome)
September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed
October 4 – Fun Lunch Orders for October – January Due to Office by 3:00 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

Happy Friday everyone! We hope you are looking forward to a wonderful weekend. The sun is setting earlier these days, but we have mostly been pretty lucky to enjoy some warmer weather. Thank you to families who joined us last week at the Meet the Teacher event.

The Cloverdale PAC held their first meeting of the year this week, and are looking forward to meeting all the new parents, as well as encouraging all parents to participate with them; on the executive, at their meetings, helping with events, etc.

Our various extra-curricular activities are slowly starting up. We will host cross country and a few after school 'clubs' to start the year. Remind your students to listen for announcements. Thank you to the adults in our building who volunteer their time for these pursuits.

I'd like to thank the dedicated Cloverdale staff for their hard work over the past few weeks in ensuring that students enjoyed a smooth start to this school year. I would also like to thank the students for their cooperation and commitment to learning through this time. Finally, I would like to thank parents for their continued support, involvement and patience as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for each and every student. I know we are all looking forward to another terrific year of learning together here at Cloverdale Elementary.

Does Your Child Walk Home from School?

If your child walks home from school without a parent/guardian please make sure that you email your permission to Cloverdale@sd61.bc.ca. This ensures that our after school supervisors can watch to make sure these students head off for home before after school supervision ends.

Toonies for Terry

On Thursday September 26 our students will participate in our annual Terry Fox run. We will be fundraising all week by asking students to bring a toonie to school for "Toonies for Terry". Please consider sending a donation with your student next week. Donations are not required, they are voluntary. All students will participate in our Terry Fox run, whether they bring a donation or not. Want to donate online? Use the link here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/73637>.

Orange Shirt Day

Since we will not be in session on September 30 we will be participating in a school wide orange shirt day on Friday, September 27. Please consider sending your child to school in an orange shirt this day to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

Safe Arrival Program

If your child will be absent from school or will arrive late it is important to notify the school office. Each day the office goes through the daily attendance and phones home for any child that is not in school and we have not have a phone call or email from a parent to excuse. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school if your child is away or will be late. We rely on our safe arrival program to ensure that no one got lost or injured on their way to school. Each call we have to make can slow us down from reaching a parent of a child that is potentially in an unsafe situation. Please do your part! You can call the dedicated safe arrival phone number at 250-382-7231 and press 1. This is a voicemail only phone line that you can leave a message on any day of the week or any time of day. Alternatively, you can also email cloverdalesafearrival@sd61.bc.ca and inform us of an absence or late arrival. Often telling the classroom teacher is not helpful as they may be away the day your child isn't here and then the information is not passed on. The office has the ability to enter an absence ahead of the day or in a block of days for those away for an extended period. Teachers are not able to do this.

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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