

Cloverdale Elementary School

Bi-Weekly News

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

January 24 – School Chosen Non-Instructional Day
January 27 – Fun Lunch Orders Due Today (by 2:30 p.m.) No Late Orders Accepted
January 27 - Grade 4 & 5 Floor Hockey After School in the Gym (2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)
January 27 – January 31 – Kindergarten Registration
January 28 - Grade 4 & 5 Learn to Swim at Crystal Pool After School (3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
January 31 – January Assembly 11:00 a.m. in the Gym – Everyone Welcome
February 3 – PAC West Coast Seeds Fundraise Info Comes Home
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February 4 - Grade 4 & 5 Learn to Swim at Crystal Pool After School (3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
February 7 – Papa John’s Pizza Fun Lunch for Those Who Preordered

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 feels like winter has arrived, with frosty mornings and winter coats. We continue to offer the ‘coat exchange’ in the lower hall outside the gym. Please feel free to add to the collection or take something that suits the needs of your child.

With three weeks officially under our belt, it feels as if the holidays are a distant memory. Cloverdale is off and running in 2025 with our commitment to a strong academic program, opportunities for socialization, developing creativity, working collaboratively, and celebrating a healthy school climate. We are all working hard to make this a great term.

The Cloverdale Cheetah Chase is on. Students are running laps daily, in an attempt to gather enough kilometres to travel across Canada. If you check the map in the main hallway, you will see the current accumulated distance.

We have several lunch time and after school clubs and activities currently taking pace: Running club, Basketball, Craft club, Eras club, Floor hockey, and Pickleball. Our grade 5 leadership team is doing an exceptional job of all the activities they take part in: lunch monitors, morning announcements, M.C. at assemblies, helping on the kindergarten playground, as well as many other things they support.

We are coming to the time of the year that head lice commonly occurs in schools. Please take a moment to review these links outlining how to check for lice and ways to prevent and treat it. Wearing long hair tied back and chatting with your children about not sharing hats/earmuffs/etc. are useful ways to help prevent it.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/head-lice/head-lice>
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

Thank you for all you do to support the students of Cloverdale Elementary. I am proud to be part of such an enthusiastic and engaged community.

CTS PAC UPDATES:

Tree Chipping Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PAC's first Tree Chipping fundraiser. We raised \$467 at this event.

West Coast Seeds Fundraiser

From February 3rd to February 24th, the PAC will be running a West Coast Seeds fundraiser. Info about how to participate will be coming soon.

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

Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Building Resilience-Empowering Strategies & Effective Supports

Parents and educators are welcome to join in the next FREE live presentation of this workshop.

See the poster here: [https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-
content/uploads/sites/63/2025/01/Jan2925LIVEPoster.pdf](https://cloverdale.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/63/2025/01/Jan2925LIVEPoster.pdf)

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2025 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-382-7231.

Free Youth Football Camps – Victoria Spartans Football Club

The Victoria Spartans Football Club is excited to offer free youth football camps for kids aged 8 to 14 on Sunday, January 25, with additional camp days on February 8 and February 22. These cleats-only, non-contact camps focus on teaching the fundamentals of football in a fun and supportive environment. Led by Head Coach Patrick MacDonald, a former NFL and CFL player and two-time Grey Cup champion, these sessions are a great opportunity for young athletes to develop skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game. Registration is free with a donation to the food bank. Poster attached. [Registration Link](#)