



December 2, 2010

“There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million” ~Walt Streightiff

Vice-Principal’s Message

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send a note to all families of Cloverdale Traditional School. I am enjoying getting to know the students this year and have felt very welcomed by staff, students and families. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Halloween dance last month and seeing so many families in such fabulous costumes. Thanks to all those parents who worked so hard to organize that event.

Early in November was our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Students looked fabulous as they attended, proudly wearing school vests and their poppies. They displayed solemn respectful behavior throughout the ceremony and listened intently to the messages given by Mrs. Upton and Master Seaman Joe Csiki, who attended representing the Military. The final song that all students sang at the end exemplified their social conscience and respect for those that fought in wars.

As well in November was the annual Craft Fair. The decorations, games, overall set up and organization along with community participation made this event a huge success. Thank you to the many parents that volunteered their time to make this event a success and to the many Cloverdale staff members who attended to sell raffle tickets.

Teachers have been busy assessing student work and writing report cards that will be coming home on Friday this week. Confirmation of parent and teacher conference times will be included in the report card envelopes. We look forward to having parents attend interviews next week. This is such a wonderful time for all of us to discuss student progress and share information about the children that will ensure their successes every day.

Theme baskets are being put together by individual classes and some tickets were sold at the craft fair. Additional tickets have been sent home and will be sold during the concert evenings on Dec. 15th and 16th. Draws will take place at the end of the concert on Dec. 16th. We are eagerly anticipating the concert and have been hearing beautiful voices coming from the music room already. Poinsettias are available for pick up today, Dec. 2 in the gym.

I would like to wish everyone a fun and exciting holiday season. I hope everyone enjoys time with friends and families during this festive time.

Mrs. H. Meidinger, Vice Principal



Cloverdale Traditional School Annual Bottle Drive

Save your bottles! We will be having our BIG Bottle Drive on Saturday January 8th. Watch for an email and The Saanich News for contact information. This is a major fund raiser for Cloverdale Traditional School.

Naden Band Concert



Thank you to the PAC for making it possible for all students in Grade 1-5 to attend the Naden Band Concert. This event takes place on Wednesday, December 15th. We will leave the school after lunch recess and return to the school by 3:00 pm. We are all looking forward to this annual event.

Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair opened today and will continue until Tuesday December 7. Students may purchase books during recess, lunch and after school each day. In addition, it will be open on Tuesday morning, December 7 from 8:20-8:45.

Book Fair this Evening

Take advantage of the special Family Evening Event this evening. The Book Fair is open from 5:30-6:30 pm. Come with your children and visit with Clifford the Big Red Dog while you browse the many display cases of books.



Cloverdale Traditional Spectacular

Mark December 15 and 16 @ 6:30-8:00 pm on your Calendar.

Admission: a twoonie or loonie to support our school in Tanzania and/or a donation of nonperishable food for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

December 15 and 16 are the dates of our Christmas Spectacular. This is an opportunity for us to come and share in the music of the season with all of the students at Cloverdale Traditional School. Ticket information will be coming home early next week.

Although families are able to attend only one evening, all students except Kindergarten are required to attend both evenings. For Kindergarten students, Div. 12 will perform on December 15 and Div. 13 will have their turn on December 16.

Two Learning Outcomes for Music are:

- applies appropriate skills to a variety of roles including performer and audience member
- demonstrates, as either musician or audience member, responsibility for self and the group

The Concert is the one opportunity that all children have to perform with an audience other than their school mates.



Theme Baskets

The children have all taken home raffle tickets for the Theme Baskets. We ask that the money or tickets be returned to the school by Monday December 13. More tickets are available upon request.

Tickets will be available for sale both evenings of the concert. The draw will take place at the close of the Christmas Spectacular on December 16.



Litterless Lunches



As we continue to promote community awareness and discuss ways we can be responsible citizens, we have been talking with students about ways we can create less garbage. While we actively recycle juice boxes and paper at the school we do not have the ability to recycle various forms of plastic. Therefore, we ask that as much as possible students come to school using reusable containers for both food and drinks in their lunches. We appreciate any support that families can offer in this regard.

Cloverdale Traditional School Website

Do you visit the CTS Website? Do you know what you might find on the website?



On the Home Page:

1. You can find out what is happening at the school. This is updated weekly with events that involve all students at the school.
2. There are links to:
 - a. parent information,
 - b. e-Learning on the SD61 Website,
 - c. Accelerated Home Connect,
 - d. Resources and the
 - e. Cloverdale Out of School Care
 - f. 2010/2011 School Calendar
 - g. The Parent Handbook
 - h. Uniform Information
 - i. PAC

Enjoy investigating all of valuable information that is there.

Cloverdale Traditional School Website <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/cloverdale/>.



ABORIGINAL NATIONS NEWLETTER REPORT

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Aboriginal & Metis Family Dinner

Thank you to all who attended our family dinner night. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal together on a cold winter night and the chance to get to know one another. The children also enjoyed needle felting in between bites and laughter. All in all it was a harmonious evening. Many thanks to Auggie Thomas from the Esquimalt Nation for coming out to drum a prayer song for us and to Thrifty Foods for donating all the food.

Our next family evening is scheduled on February 15, 2011. We hope to see you all there.

Potlatch

Plans for our annual potlatch are underway. The grade fives have been very busy creating their emblems to be put on the back of their button blankets which will be worn at the potlatch

tentatively scheduled June 9, 2011. Besides button blankets, there is much to be done in the way of making gifts for all our many guests (approximately 400). In preparation for the event, the students will also have their first dance workshop with Auggie Thomas sometime in January 2011. Any parents who want to volunteer their assistance in making crafts to give away are more than welcome. At present, we have 35 blankets that need buttons sewn on and numerous other things like "dream catchers" to be made. If you would like to help, please contact me, Pamela Bourque, through our Cloverdale office. I am here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all day. Many thanks.

Smoked Fish

Sometime after Christmas, we will have an opportunity to see a salmon smoking demonstration. This is a great example of sharing one of the wonderful aspects of Coast Salish culture. The dates will be announced in the next newsletter.

New Books!

We are happy to announce that we now have a new collection of First Nations and Metis books. They are currently on display in our library and students as well as parents are welcome to take them out on loan. Our collection is continuously growing, so please come often and enjoy our beautiful new books.

Doll making Workshop for Adults

Coming **January 18, 2011** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. there will be a free introductory doll making evening with Pamela Bourque here at Cloverdale. No previous experience necessary and supplies will be provided. Registration takes place the first week of January by calling the school.



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Elementary School
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Greeting of the Season!

A word from the PAC Exec's

The PAC executive would like to send out a call to parents to let them know of a committee that has just been set up that is called the "Joint Discussion Committee". This committee will sit and discuss the Traditional school model and look at the last 4 years at Cloverdale to see how the traditional model is working.

If you are interested in joining the discussions please email :

Discuss-cloverdale@hotmail.com

Fundraising made Easy!

We have a new fundraising opportunity that has been set up for us (thanks Kelly!)

Cobs Breads "Dough Raiser" account for Cloverdale School has been set up at the Shelbourne Plaza (Shelbourne and Cedar Hill Xrd). When you make a purchase at Cobs Breads in the Shelbourne Plaza, they will make a 5% donation to the school.

Just mention "Cloverdale School" when you make a purchase and it will automatically added to our account. This is only good for the Shelbourne Plaza store only at this point in time!

Don't Forget!

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Bottles anyone??

Reminder that we are coming up to that time of year again – the annual bottle drive!

On January 8th – we will need volunteers that can:

- 1) Drive around and collect bottles
- 2) Sort the bottles at the school

Please make sure to contact all your neighbours and let them know to save their bottles and cans for us to pick up and take away in the new year!

Thanks Everyone!

PAC Social

Friday Dec 3rd -
in the school gym.
Movie Night -
featuring :
The Santa Clause!!
Be there! Bring
snacks! Feel free
to bring chairs and
blankets!



**Next PAC Meeting - Jan 25th! 6:30 - Library
Child minding in the gym!**