



October 6, 2010

Principal's Message

The month of September has come and gone so quickly. As you are all aware, we were lucky to have an additional teacher given to us during the first week of school. This meant some movement of Grade 1 and Grade 2 students after the initial class placements on the second day of school. The children have now all settled into their classrooms. New friendships are being created while old ones are renewed.

Cloverdale is a busy community of learning. As one walks around the school, everywhere you look students can be seen working hard. Within classrooms you see whole class and small group instruction. The bulletin boards are decorated with original artwork. Students are working in the computer lab, the music room with Ms. Thomson, the gym, and the library. You will find activity in every corner of the school! When you enter Cloverdale Traditional School, what you will see are happy, focused learners everywhere you look.

The fall is a time of adjustment. Once again home reading, homework, and regular bedtime become a part of our lives. It is important that families develop routines to assist their children with each of these important parts of school. When a child knows what to expect, it makes it easier for them. In addition, a good nights' sleep is important for them to be able to learn at school.

Children have success when parents and the school staff work together. Therefore, if you have a question or concern, please phone your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them. If you cannot call during school hours, leave a message on our answering machine and we will get back to you.

At home, let them know school is important. Listen to their stories about their daily events. Help them with their homework. Read with them.

The school year 2010/2011 is going to be exciting!

Kathy Upton

Welcome
Friends



Cloverdale Traditional School Staff

Welcome to:

Mrs. Jamie Dempsey	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Heather Meidinger	Vice Principal/Grade 4,5 Teacher
Mr. Jack Tran	Grade 3 Teacher
Mr. Frank Scigliano	Grade 2,3 Teacher
Ms. Leilani Roberts	Grade 1,2 Teacher
Ms. Michelle Lee	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Christine Tippet	Teacher/Librarian
Mrs. Mary Kelly	School Counsellor

Classroom Teachers

Div. 1	Grade 4/5	Mrs. Heather Meidinger
Div.2	Grade 4/5	Mrs. Marylou Tompkins
Div. 3	Grade 3/4	Mr. Ian Macpherson
Div. 4	Grade 3	Mr. Jack Tran
Div. 5	Grade 2/3	Mr. Frank Scigliano
Div. 6	Grade 2	Ms. Laura Choi
Div. 7	Grade 2	Mrs. Corinne Susut
Div. 8	Grade 1/2	Ms. Leilani Roberts
Div. 9	Grade 1	Mrs. Shannon Petrovic
Div. 10	Grade 1	Mrs. Norma Chan
Div. 11	Grade 1	Mrs. Jill Camden
Div. 12	Kindergarten	Mrs. Cathie Harrower
Div. 13	Kindergarten	Mrs. Cathie Harrower



Uniforms

Thank you to everyone for your assistance in following the uniform guidelines. Although we still have many students without vests, there is a Uniform Sale happening October 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Please check the attached flier with time details. Remember, each Cloverdale Student must have a school vest. Please see Mrs. Upton if you are having difficulty obtaining a vest.

Nail Polish: we still have the occasional student who is coming to school with nail polish. My suggestion to all families is that the children not wear nail polish again until the Christmas Break. This means that you do not have to remember to remove the polish on Sunday evening.

Temporary Tattoos: This is a reminder that children are not to wear temporary tattoos to school.

Thank you for assisting your child with these two items.



Volunteers

Thank you to the many volunteers who have assisted in so many ways already this year:

1. Parents who helped with the BBQ – bringing the food from Thrifty's, setting up tables, cooking hot dogs, serving the food, manning the PAC table, assisting with the clean up.
2. Entertainment Books – all families (parents and children), those who sold books at Safeway, families who manned the drive through sale, Nikki Stone and Ken Su who coordinated the project.
3. Chapters Books – thank you to all families who were able to come and assist in the sale of the cupcakes and chances to win a book a week for a year and to those who donated financially to the success of the Love of Reading Campaign that Chapters Books held in support of the Cloverdale Traditional School Library. We look forward to hearing the results of this campaign.

4. The parents who dutifully change our sign regularly.
5. To all parent volunteers who are taking on tasks to assist directly with the classrooms as:
Class Reps, class helpers, reading with students....

The list goes on and it is only the beginning of October! Your participation is what helps to make Cloverdale Traditional School a terrific place of learning!



1. Thrifty Foods for their generous donation of food and the use of BBQ for our Welcome Back BBQ.
2. Chapters/Indigo Books for selecting Cloverdale Traditional School to be the recipient of a Love of Reading Campaign for our school library.
3. The Victoria Optimists' Club for a generous donation toward a Uniform Assistance Fund for our families.



Cloverdale Traditional School Parking Lot Safety

The school parking lot continues to be a safety concern. As the school has grown, we have more staff and more students who come to this school every day. **The parking lot on Quadra is not for student drop off and pick up.** There is not enough room for parents, children and staff. I am concerned for the safety of your children.

Here are some simple rules that will help make our parking lot safer:

1. The parking lot is only for staff. **Parents are not to use the parking lot.**
2. **Student drop off and parent parking is available:**
 - a. On **Linwood Ave** behind the school.
 - b. The **Thrifty Foods parking lot.** (Thrifty's has kindly told us that you are welcome to use their lot when bringing your students to school or picking them up at the end of the day.)

Tanzania Fund Raiser

This Thanksgiving weekend, we are asking the students to earn money to purchase books for the children in our sister school in Tanzania. (We will learn the name of the school in the New Year.) By working for the money, the children will have ownership and satisfaction in the money that we raise.

How can they raise money? We are asking them to do a 'chore' for which they will be paid this weekend. Maybe they can wash the dishes, set the table; help someone in some way around the house. The money the students earn will be given to Catriona Harker to purchase books the next time she visits Tanzania.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this fund raiser.



Individual Photo Day

October 13 is Photo Day. The order envelopes need to be returned for your child to have their photo taken. Retake Day will be November 19
Please ensure your child has their vest at school for the photo.



Black and Orange Day – October 29

Friday October 29 is our first non-uniform day. This is not a day when children may wear anything of choice. They must follow the guidelines.

Students have two choices of clothing for this one day. They may wear:

1. black and orange
2. Cloverdale uniform

Thank you for helping your child to make the choice of either black and orange or their uniform.



Important Dates

October 11	Thanksgiving	No School
October 13	School Photo Day	
October 22	Pro-D Day	No School for students
October 29	Black and Orange Day	
	PAC Family Dance	6:30-8:00 pm
November 11	Remembrance Day	No School
November 12	Pro-D Day	No School for students

CLOVERDALE



CTS Uniform Sale

Location: School Library

October 25th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
October 26th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
October 27th	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
October 28th	8:00 am – 9:00 am
October 29th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Can you spare some time? Please contact Beth (see below) if you can lend a hand during any of the Uniform Sale times!

If you are unable to come in during these times, please contact Beth at 250-658-9191 or email ctsuniforms@hotmail.ca
Orders must be received by November 1/10.

Orders received after this date will not be processed.

Crested Vest



\$34

Crested Jacket



\$41

It is mandatory for students to bring their Cloverdale Traditional School crested item to school daily. These items are only available at the CTS Uniform Sales.

All orders **must** be prepaid
cash or cheque payable to
Cloverdale Traditional PAC

Order forms and uniform guidelines are
available at the office or can be downloaded
from the school website at:

<http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/cloverdale/uniforms.asp>

Prelude Orchestra Opportunity

School District 61 Middle School Orchestra

Students are invited and encouraged to consider joining the Prelude Symphony Orchestra for this year's season which begins on **October 6th, 2010**. This orchestra rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from **6:30-8:00pm** in the **Lansdowne Middle School Music Annex**. We are looking for string, woodwind, brass and percussion players in Grades 6-8 who have at least one year experience on their instrument. Advanced Grade 5 students who are taking private lessons will also be considered. No auditions are required. Prelude is an opportunity for students who really enjoy playing and are wanting to get some experience in an orchestral ensemble. For further information, please contact Prelude Orchestra Director Jody Onuma by email at jonuma@sd61.bc.ca or by phone at Quadra Elementary (250-382-8296).



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Welcome to October!

A word from the PAC Exec's

The PAC executive would like to send out a big welcome to all new students and staff, and a welcome back to everyone returning to Cloverdale Traditional School. A new school year is well underway and the PAC has already been busy planning for fun social events and profitable fund raisers. (These often occur simultaneously!!) PAC funding will be helping out the students and teachers in a number of different ways this year including...

Fine arts, AR (Accelerated Reader) Program, School Field Trips, Supplemental funding for School Agendas, and \$100 per division for classroom non-consumables.

Ask at the office for a Thrifty Foods Smile card! It's easy to help fundraise!



In addition to these items, all money raised by the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program will be going towards new library books for the school, so load up your Smile Cards before you go shopping next door!!

We would like to thank all the parents who generously volunteer their time for the benefit of PAC lead initiatives. Parental involvement and volunteering is one of the most important pillars of the traditional school model and without it, we wouldn't be able to accomplish everything we do during the school year. Every minute spent volunteering directly assists in creating a better educational environment for the children and enriching the learning experiences of our sons and daughters. (and a lot of fun is often had in the process too)

We're looking forward to working and playing with all the families and staff during another great school year.

Yours truly,

Duncan Cardinal (co-chair)

Gret Dowd (co-chair)

Fundraising made Easy!

As mentioned in our first column – it's easy to help the PAC raise funds for use in our school.

Ask at the office for a Thrifty Foods Smile Card. It's like cash to use at any Thrifty Foods (yes – even on the Mainland!). Simply take the card to Thrifty's and do your shopping. Once you are at the till you can ask – **BEFORE** they put your order through – to put \$XX dollars on the card before starting then scan everything through and use the cash on the Smile card to pay for your groceries. It's that simple. Thrifty's will donate 5% of all cash put onto the Cloverdale Smile Cards towards the school – that's 5% from their pocket not from the funds you load the card with.

What's great is that the funds stay on the card and you can use it for the fast 1 or 2 item purchases so you don't have to use debit cards for small purchases and get dinged fees from your bank! It's a win/win situation! Ever been in Thrifty's and you hear the dreaded "oh no – debit and credit card systems are down". No problem if you have money on the Smile card – they will still work as cash to spend. It's great – give it a try and help out the school.

Quadra St Bottle Depot

One of our great parent helpers set up an account at the Bottle Depot at their Quadra Street location to help out with ongoing fundraising for the school. Just bring in your bottle and cans from you house and give them the Cloverdale Traditional School name and they will find our account and credit it. It's that simple! Just go in and sort like you normally would but instead of getting the cash at the end they will just credit it to the school account which will then accumulate until over \$50 is there and then they will send a cheque to us.

Another nice easy way to do a small part in helping us help out our children and their learning.

Volunteer's Needed!

The PAC will be hosting a Hallowe'en Dance on October 29th at the school and we are looking to find some volunteers for the night of the event.

If anyone can be of assistance to the Dance Committee in help with set-up, ticket sales, working the concession stand, helping with hallway monitoring or anything else that Genita may need help with – please contact her at: genita@shaw.ca

It was a lot of fun last year and I'm sure it'll be just as much fun this year!



We are also asking for volunteers to help us with one of our biggest fundraisers that also just happens to be the most fun!

Our Christmas Craft Fair will be held this year on November 20th and we are looking for volunteers for just about everything!

If you can help us out – please email to :

Tanyacreed@telus.net

Also – we will be looking for donations of small toys and books that can be used in our Elf House. If you can donate some baked goods or home-made food items for sale at the concession please let Tanya know and she can get the information to the right people!

Thanks for helping out!!

October Highlights

October 14th – Student Photo Day

Remember your school vests!

October 29th - Hallowe'en Dance

Watch for signs for times and tickets!

October 26th – Next Our School Meeting

Meetings are held in the library starting at 6:30 and child minding is available onsite. Meetings usually go for about 1 ½ to 2 hours at the most and some very good information is given at these meetings. A teacher from the school will be present at each meeting so they have a better idea of what the parents are doing for the school.

Look for upcoming PAC socials!

The Pac will host some special nights over the next few months that will include movie nights at the school and some fun nights of running around and having fun in the gym.

The nights we've booked are as follows:

Dec 3, Jan 28, Feb 25, Apr 1, Apr 29, May 27 and Jun 24.

Look for fun and exciting posters to let you know what's planned!

Don't Forget!



OUR SCHOOL MEETING:

Next meeting is at
6:30pm in the library on:

October 26th, 2010