



April 14, 2011

### *Message from the Vice Principal*

It was a pleasure seeing families in the school last week as parents attended student led conferences. As staff, it is always reassuring to see students share their learning and explain what they do while they are at school each day. Parents repeatedly comment about the value of this kind of interaction with their children in the classrooms. It seems everyone is finding it hard to believe we are already in the middle of April! Time is certainly flying by. We are very busy, now in the second week of our reading extravaganza. Students are eagerly reading and taking accelerated reader tests to reach our overall goal of reading 6000 books. We have a steady stream of volunteers coming through the school to read with students. Anyone that wants to get involved can still call the school and arrange times to come. Thanks to all who have been able to join us already.

I recently attended an internet safety talk sponsored by the Reynolds Family of Schools. Staff Sergeant Darren Lauer provided valuable suggestions on ways to keep children safe when using the internet. He reminded parents to talk with children about not revealing personal information on chat sites or Face book and to be sure they know who they are accepting as friends. If you are interested in internet security at home you may want to look at [www.gomcgruff.com](http://www.gomcgruff.com) which is a free security program offered through the Victoria Police Department. Remember, always be aware of what your children are doing while on the computer!

Many students are involved at this time practicing for festival events in May. We have our dance group attending festival on May 3 at the University of Victoria and our grade 5 strings group will play in the festival on Wed. May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Divine Church Hall. Our sincere thanks go out to Ms. Roberts and Ms. Horwood for all the extra time they put in working with our dance and strings students. These are both very exciting events for students and excellent learning opportunities.

Be watching this month for the 'roll out' of our new recycling program. Watch for the new bins in classrooms and hallways as we begin to collect plastics and foil for recycling in addition to paper and juice boxes that we collect already. Please remember we aim for less litter in lunches as much as possible and encourage children to use reusable containers rather than bring paper or pre-packaged lunch items.

Mrs. H. Meidinger, Vice Principal



**Summer camp information will be posted on the parent board as it comes to the school. Watch for it!**

**FUN Camps** – An environmental education and leadership summer day camp for 6-16 year olds! (Located at the Fairfield Community Place). July 4th-August 26th, 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri. For more information, and to register, please visit our website: <http://www.funcamps.ca>, or email: [info@funcamps.ca](mailto:info@funcamps.ca).

**Thank you to Cherry Bomb Toys for their support of our Lego Club. Through their generosity, we have been able to increase the supply of Lego for the club.**



**Cherry Bomb Toys 7<sup>th</sup> Ultimate Hobby & Toy Fair**  
**KIDS ARE FREE**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Pearkes Rec Centre, 3100 Tillicum Road, Victoria

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**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COAST CAPITAL**  
**WORLD CUPS YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL**

**Easter Weekend, April 22-24th**

Registration: [worldcups.ca](http://worldcups.ca)



**Jeans Day – Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**



Want to wear jeans to school?

Buy a button and provide life saving health care for BC Kids.

Suggested donation 1 - 2 dollars

You must wear the button to wear jeans.



### **Cloverdale Traditional School's Annual Spring Plant Sale**

A wonderful fund raiser to enhance students learning.  
Come and get flats of annuals and fuchsia hanging baskets.  
Orders must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Forms were sent home with your students.

**Coming Soon! Does your child need a new vest, pants or shirt for September?**



**Uniform Sale – May 24-26**  
Times to be announced.



## **Look your best**

**Class Photos**  
**Friday, May 6th**

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

**Important Dates:**

<b>April 22</b>	<b>Good Friday – no school</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Easter Monday – no school</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Jeans Day</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>PAC Meeting</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Dance Festival @ U. Vic in the am</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Strings Festival @ St. John the Divine in the am</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Plant Pick up</b>



**No school on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
& Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**