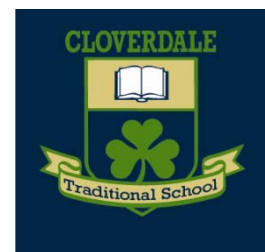


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Principal Message:

Season's Greetings to the families of Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School Community!

Students: Term I learning is now complete. What have you accomplished? What are your goals for Term II? Think where you will be if you review your math facts this holiday and continue to read every day. Thank you for making our school a respectful and friendly learning place for everyone.

Staff: Thank you for your effort in the classroom supporting student learning. I look forward to continuing to work together.

Parents: Thank you for your support of this wonderful school. Signing the agenda daily, ensuring the uniform is in good order and guiding homework completion is all noticed and appreciated by our staff. Our students benefit! Thank you for supporting our many PAC and school activities!

On behalf of all of the staff of Cloverdale Traditional Elementary School, we wish the students and families the very best during the holidays.



Merry Christmas!
And
Happy New Year!



See you on **TUESDAY, January 3rd, 2012**

WELCOME

Miss Amanda Smith, our new LSS Teacher who has joined us for the rest of the year while Mrs. Breanne Huxtable is on maternity leave.

U. Vic Student Teachers

Miss Rhina Chavez in Mrs. Meidinger's Grade 4/5 class

Miss Laura Barwin in Ms. Marta's Grade 2/3 class

Miss Stephanie Berjink in Mrs. Camden's Grade 1 class

Ms. Rose Doerksen in Mrs. Chan's Grade 1 class

Miss Shelby Jackson in Miss Choi's Grade 2 class

Ms. Alysha Watson in Mrs. Penner's Grade 3 class



Our Christmas Concert is an annual fundraiser for our sister school, Lamay Primary School, in Tanzania.

Financial donations will be accepted at the concerts to purchase school supplies, textbooks and sports equipment. Funds are sent to the school with retired teacher, Catriona Harker chriscat@pacificcoast.net. Mrs. Harker purposefully purchases the items in Tanzania to support the community and so that text materials are relevant to the students and teachers.

Food Donations for our Local Food Bank are also accepted at the concerts.

Naden Band Concert

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be attending the Naden Band Concert at the Royal Theatre on December 13th. The bus will pick students up at 12:45 returning back to school before the dismissal bell rings in the afternoon. A big THANK YOU to the PAC for sponsoring the buses transporting the students to the concert. Thank you PAC for sponsoring the buses for Grade 4 & 5's to Skating last week.



SNOWY WEATHER

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.

artsREACH Visual Arts Club

The club will complete their 2D & 3D projects next Thursday, Dec 15th.

The grade 5 students who have been attending our afterschool visual arts club program include: Krystal, Destiny, Yi Lei, Flora, Emily, Justine, Madison, Tiana, Gene, Austin, Emily and Aidan.

PLEASE RETURN REPORT CARD ENVELOPES!

Report cards are coming home with students on Friday, December 9th. Please sign the envelopes and return to school asap. Thank you.



Grade 5 Soccer Team has now completed their season and we want to thank our volunteer coach, Mr. Peter Said.

We are now looking for a basketball coach for January and February for our Grade 5 students. This is a mixed team that needs assistance with practices and the Basketball Jamboree held in February. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Welcome Mrs. Jayna Forgie, a volunteer in our school, shadowing our Educational Assistants for the next three months.

Lego Club needs one more volunteer for the first Wednesday of every month at lunchtime (12:15 – 12:50). If interested please contact the office at 250-382-7231.

VICTORIA GROUP PERSPECTIVES Therapy Services

SOCIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS
For children and youth
6-12 years of age with ADD/ADHD

Two new groups for children faced with ADD/ADHD will start:
**Wednesday, January 4, 2012 and
Thursday, January 5, 2012**

To find out more please contact us:
250-590-7624 or infor@groupperspectives.com
www.groupperspectives.com



Learn more about our District's exciting Kindergarten programs.

S.J. Willis Education Centre, Auditorium
923 Topaz Avenue

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
6:30 – 8:00 pm

General Kindergarten Information
Wednesday, January 25th 2012
6:30 – 7:30 pm |

Early French Immersion Registration Information
for Kindergarten & Grade 1 Entry

We invite you to visit our website at
www.sd61.bc.ca

In 2011, our graduates received over \$2.4 million in scholarships!



Important Dates

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| Dec 13 | Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 9:00 am |
| Dec 13 | Naden Band Concert 1:30 |
| Dec 14 & 15 | Christmas Concert |
| | 1:00 Doors Open |
| | 1:15 Performances |
| Dec 16 | Last day of school |
| Jan 03 | First day back to school |
| Jan 07 | PAC Bottle Drive |
| Jan 10 | PAC Meeting 6:30 |



1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling
Project Greater Victoria
**In this season of giving,
give the gift of
literacy.**

Thank you for all the books that you have sent into homes of children with few books – last count is 11,000 books. In December this is even more important as many children will receive few gifts and likely even fewer books. Please part with a few of your “still in good shape” picture books suitable for babies and preschoolers. You will find the drop box in the pink container in the office and thank you for giving the gift of literacy.



Parking Lot Safety

The school parking lot continues to be a safety concern. **The parking lot on Quadra is NOT for student drop off and pick up.** Some staff members begin later than your children and need access to a parking space. There is too much traffic in the lot before and after school for students to walk safely through the lot.

Student drop off and parent parking is available on Linwood Avenue behind the school. If you are using Linwood Avenue as a drop off zone, please find a safe spot along the fence to park and let your student out of the vehicle.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is crucial to your child's success in school. Please ensure that your child is on time for school each morning. Repeated lates impede a student's progress and places an unfair load on the teacher and other children in the class. In support of our student learning letters are now issued at the end of each month for students who are late more than 4 times in the month or absent more than 4 times in the month.

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between poor attendance and/or chronic tardiness during the primary years and a child not obtaining their High School Diploma. When a student is absent more than 20% (37 days) of a school year, the student has only a 1 in 6 chance of graduation from high school with his/her peer group.

HEADLICE CHECK

Parents we are looking for members for this important work in the New Year! Join our group of volunteers. No experience necessary as training is provided. Please provide your name at the office if you are able to assist.



EXTENDED VACATIONS

If you and your family are planning on taking an extended vacation this school year, please make sure to come to the office to let us know the dates. Thank you for your co-operation.



**HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS
SEE YOU TUESDAY, JANUARY
3rd 2012!**