



“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist...using technologies that haven’t yet been invented...in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.” Richard Riley

Principal’s Message

The above quote opens the first chapter of a new book that I am reading about 21st Century Learning. It really makes me reflect upon the last Professional Development Day when our school Vice Principal, Heather Meidinger, and I joined the other administrators in our School District for a day of 21st Century Learning. We entered into a world of wikis, podcasts and other technology tools that are available to enhance student learning. Educators really do need to be life-long learners as we encounter a steep learning curve not only to learn ways that we can incorporate technology into our teaching but also to enable us to begin conversations with students about what they already know!

February was a busy month here at Cloverdale Traditional School. We had our Spellathon where we raised over \$4000 for class related activities and materials. Jump Rope for Heart, on Valentines’ Day, saw the gym filled with students skipping all day long. We do not yet know the total donation that was made to the Heart and Stroke Fund. We will share that information later. I do know that many students brought back their donation envelopes, showing once again that Cloverdale Traditional School is a caring community. On Friday February 25, many staff and students wore ‘pink’ as we focused upon ‘anti-bullying’.

February 23 was to be the highlight of the month with our Norman Foote Concert. Unfortunately, that was the day that Mother Nature decided to surprise us with a sudden snowstorm. We were lucky to be able to reschedule for Monday of this week. Norman Foote was great and our Norman Foote Choir was fabulous! Everyone that was able to come was treated to a wonderful evening of music and laughter.

The next three months of school will be really busy. Reading Extravaganza begins in early April, both Strings and the Dance Club will be participating in the Music Festival, everyone is preparing for Potlatch, and we will all be focusing on learning!

I hope everyone is able to take advantage of more time with your families during the next two weeks of Spring Break. We will see everyone back at Cloverdale Traditional School on Monday March 28.

Kathy



Recycling

Cloverdale Traditional School is getting ready to join the Waste Reduction/Recycling Project that is happening in many Victoria Schools. Watch for more information as your child's class become actively involved. We want to reduce garbage substantially within the school and on the playground. How can you help?

1. Send garbage free lunches with your child
 - a. Reusable drink containers, thermoses
 - b. Don't send prepackaged foods
 - c. Send fruits and vegetables for snacks

Cloverdale Traditional School Joint Committee – March 30, 6:30 pm

It is always healthy for organizations (in this instance – school) to take time to reflect upon the road they are travelling. This is the fourth year for Cloverdale Traditional School. It is time for us to stop and examine our goals as a Traditional School. We will be looking at the original proposal and the guiding principles that were outlined. We will be examining questions like: What do the key words in the proposal mean? What is a sequential curriculum? What does parent involvement mean? What is the academic focus?

The first information gathering evening for those who have expressed an interest in reviewing the original Cloverdale Traditional School Proposal will be March 30 at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to an interesting sharing of ideas as we use the proposal to explore the questions:

1. Where did we begin?
2. Where are we now?
3. Where are we going?



School Crossing Guard

Thank you to Kecia Larkin who has volunteered to assist until we are able to find a permanent Crossing Guard.

Crossing Guard Position

- \$10.00 per shift (no T4'w, no deductions)
- Times for Crossing guard:
 - Morning: 8:25 am – 9:00 am
 - Afternoon: 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm
- Equipment – stop sign and vest are at the school
- Forms to be filled out through Beacon Community Services
- Contact: Denise Phillips -
 - Phone: 250-382-3935 (after 3:30) or leave a message
 - Email: denisephillips3@shaw.ca



Important Dates

March 28	First Day back after Spring Break	
March 29	Our School Meeting (PAC Meeting)	6:30 pm
March 30	Joint Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 31	Reading Extravaganza Kick Off Assembly	2:00 pm
April 4- May 17	Reading Extravaganza	
April 6	Student Led Conferences	12:00 Dismissal
April 20	Story Theatre	1:00 pm
April 22	Good Friday	No School
April 25	Easter Monday	No School
April 27	Greening Forum	4:00 pm
April 28	Jeans Day	



Student Led Conferences

Wednesday April 6 we will have our annual Student Led Conferences. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 that day.

Your students will be inviting you to come and share their learning during that afternoon or evening. Times will be flexible during the afternoon, however all classrooms will be involved between 4:30 and 6 pm. Teachers will send home information the week following Spring Break.



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