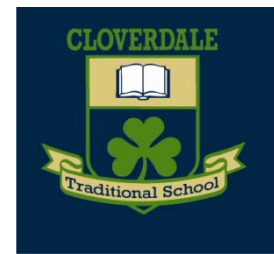


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Principal Message:

Congratulations to our Grade 5 musicians who after a few short weeks of practice played to the very best of their ability at the Mt. Douglas String Concert last week. What a remarkable event and our students were so proud of their early accomplishments with their new instruments. Now it will be effort and hard work to maintain that interest and develop their skills as we aim for the culminating concert at the University of Victoria in May.

As I spend time in classrooms this past month I have been pleased with the routines and orderliness I have seen. Routines, orderliness and pride in our surroundings have also been a topic this month at our student run assembly. Thank you to parents for signing the agendas each night to ensure your knowledge of your child's homework expectations and upcoming events. These structures are an important aspect of our traditional school.

There is tremendous pride by our teachers as they open up their doors to all of the guests this past month: twenty-three University of Victoria student teachers; fourteen St. Michael's Secondary students, two student health nurses as well as numerous volunteers and guest speakers to our school. Thank you teachers for your effort in ensuring meaningful activities take place each and every hour of the students' day.

Here's to focused learning continuing as we head into the next season!
Miss Pick

WELCOME

Ms. Jocelyn Burridge - Grade 4/5 Division 2

Ms. Leigh McIntyre - Grade 2 Division 7

Ms. Sherri Collis - Educational Assistant



**1000x5
1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling
Project Greater Victoria**

What is 1000x5?

Give the gift of literacy

We are a Success by 6 Project in cooperation with Saanich Neighbourhood Place, Victoria School District and partnering agencies

- The project is based upon the belief that if a child hears 1000 books by age 5, he or she is much better prepared to enjoy and succeed in learning.
- Families at Victoria School District 61 elementary schools donate gently used picture books for children birth to age 5.
- Retired teachers and administrators skillfully sort, clean, label and package quality books for the different age groups, birth to five.
- Beautiful gift bags of books are then distributed by Saanich Neighbourhood Place and six Strong Start Centres (Craigflower, George Jay, James Bay, Macaulay, Tillicum, View Royal) to families for their home libraries.
- This project is a much needed expansion of the very successful Peninsula (PCEC) 1000x5 children's Book Recycling Project.

So all year, please bring your gently used books for babies and toddlers to the drop box in the office and make reading a reality for everyone.

Reading to Wee Ones Makes all the Difference!

A preschool child with books in the home has a much stronger chance for success in school. Would you miss 2 or 3 books for babies and preschoolers from your house - likely not. But there are many other children who would find these 3 books one of the best gifts. Thanks are pouring in from the families at Strong Start Centres who appreciate your ongoing giving. We have stories of children who are proud to show how they can read their very own book. So far, volunteers have gift bagged 8500 books that Victoria families have donated. Thanks

for cleaning out some of your bookshelves and for continuing to give the gift of literacy to babies and preschoolers. Our drop box is in the office.



Looking for a "relief" crossing guard.

Beacon Services is looking for a crossing guard who would be willing to work on call, for when our two regular crossing guards might be away. If you are interested please contact Denise Phillips at 250-382-3935.



Boys and Girls Club Service of Greater Victoria

Space and subsidies are still available for each of our parenting programs.

We will welcome new participants for the next two weeks to Parenting Without Power Struggles, parents of preteens, free child minding offered. 4 seats are available.

And, Parents Together, parents of teens, offered in 2 locations, while available on an ongoing basis has just commenced the beginning of our resource book – great time to join!

For more information contact Jan Townsend at 250-384-9133 ext.222 or visit the website at: www.bgcvic.org



PLANNERS/AGENDAS



We are asking for a donation toward our school planners/agendas. These books are used daily to record homework tasks and upcoming events. In addition parents and teachers use them as a communication tool for reminders and requests. The customized planners contain a 16 page student handbook specific to Cloverdale Traditional School. Individual books cost \$5.00. After we count up the donations the school splits the outstanding amount with the PAC. Please send your donation in a zip lock bag to the school office by November 18th, 2011.



Grade 5 Soccer Team



Our Grade 5 Soccer Team is the following:
Div. 01: Alaleh, Ashleigh, Gracie, Justine, Krystal, Ryan, Sonny, Connor and YiLei.
Div. 02: Carolyn, David, Destiny, Eva, Kyle, Rosie, Logan, Tyler and Flora. Thank you to Coach Peter for coaching our school team!

PARENTING PROGRAMS "STEPARENTING FOR TODAY"

Evening Workshop

Monday, November 7, 2011

Would you like the opportunity to strengthen your stepfamily relationships and learn more about stepfamily dynamics?

This workshop may be beneficial for:

- Stepparents
- Biological Parents
- Grandparents
- Soon-to-be Stepparents
- Interest Community Professionals

When: Monday, November 7, 2011

6:30pm-8:30 pm

Where: West Shore child, Youth and Family Centre

345 Wale Road, Youth Space

Cost: \$10.00-Community Members

\$5.00-Boys&Girls Club Parenting Program

Participants

Must pre-register as class size is limited.

For more information call Jan Townsend at 250-384-9133 ext. 222
Additional information re Parenting Programs with Boys & girls club can be found on our Website: www.bgcvic.org

Signing your student in and out of the office

When your student arrives late in the morning, the student must sign in at the office. Also if you are going to take your student out of school early for any reason you must sign them out at the office. This information is necessary in the case of emergencies so that we know that your child is not in the school.



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.



Attendance Letters

Regular attendance and being on time are two key factors to ensuring student success. Part of the goal of school is to develop responsibility in children and a big part of this is getting to school, arriving on time, and being prepared for schoolwork. While the occasional absence or late is understandable, a large number of lates and absences for students is a concern to us at the school. Arriving late to school is disruptive to the class and also can mean students miss instructions and explanations that are a major part of the beginning of the school day. Quite often parents are unaware of the number of absences and lates their child has. The school will be mailing home a letter if your student is late or absent four or more times a month. This letter is intended to make you aware and to encourage you to discuss this situation with your student.



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER . . .

This is a reminder that children need to come appropriately dressed for colder and rainy weather. Some students are still arriving at school without warm jackets or sweaters. Please make sure your

child leaves home with suitable clothing to help him/her stay warm and dry. As the wet weather arrives, students will require raincoats. Unless it is raining very heavily, students go outside at recess and lunch to get fresh air and exercise. In the mornings, students are expected to stay outside until the bell rings. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students active and healthy.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday, November 10th. All students who are members of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Brownies, Guides, or Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms. All other students are to wear their school uniform with the crested vest or jacket.



Important Dates

November 1	PAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 – 11:15
November 11	Remembrance Day No School
November 17	Photo Retake Day
November 19	Craft Fair
November 21	Pro D Day No School
Nov 21-25	Anti-Bulling Week
Dec 6	PAC Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Dec 13	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
Dec 14 & 15	Christmas Concert Daytime Performances
Dec 13	Naden Band Concert 1:30
Dec 16	Last day of school
Jan 03	First day back to school

**Wanted:
Children to see their brains in action!**

Dr. Holroyd and colleagues at the University of Victoria, Department of Psychology are currently looking for children between the ages 8 – 13 with **OR** without Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to participate in a study of ADHD. Participants will engage in game-like computer activities, paper and pencil tasks, and “brainwave” experiments where we will record the electrical activity of the brain! The procedure is entirely safe, non-invasive, and most children enjoy being involved in a scientific experiment! Scheduling is flexible and there is a small monetary compensation. Thank you for participation! For more information, please contact Akina @250-0853-3837 or uvic.adhd@gmail.com

HEADLICE CLUB

Parents we are looking for members! Come join our group of volunteers who are called upon at various times in the school year. No experience necessary as training is provided. Please provide your name at the office if you are able to assist.

Dear Cloverdale Community,

*Our annual Christmas Craft Fair and Winter Festival is **Saturday November 19th, 2011 from 10 am to 4pm**. This is the school's largest fundraiser as well as a whole lot of fun. The winter festival committee would like to invite you, your family and friends to come and support the event. Our proceeds will help support your child's education by providing money for field trips, library books and our long term goal of a new playground. We cannot make it a success without the help of our Cloverdale community. Here are a few ways you can participate and thank you for your time and support!*



Bake Sale

*Do you have a little extra time to bake some goodies to sell to busy shoppers? Or cupcakes to donate to the cupcake walk? If you can help to make this year's fair a bit more delicious and profitable, drop off your goodies in front of the school's office **Friday November 18th** or bring it to the craft fair with you on Saturday. The bake sale will be located in the library near the concession. For more information please contact Nancy at 920-9717 or ctscraftfaircommittee@gmail.com.*



Little Elves Shop

*Does your family have good-condition books, toys, games or knick-knacks that our younger customers can purchase for friend/ sibling gifts? Please contact Andrea Lee at 250-370-9296 or ctscraftfaircommittee@gmail.com email address to set up a time to drop items off at her garage. Our deadline is the morning of **Friday November 18th**. Please no stuffies or clothing. Thanks!*

Raffle Items Wanted!

If you or anyone you know can donate a cool item to be raffled off at the fair, please contact Karen Ursel at ctscraftfaircommittee@gmail.com or 250-361-4403. This is a great way to advertise for free and let the community bid on your wares! You may also purchase a “hot” new item, gift certificate or service to donate to the raffle. Feel free to get creative! The raffle has the potential to bring in a lot of money to the school, but its success rests on the generosity of our donors. Please help us to build this raffle into a very exciting part of the 2011

Craft Fair! If you require a donation request letter with our logo, please contact Karen.



Choir:

One of the highlights for parents, children and people attending the event is listening to the students sing some favourite festive songs. We encourage any students in uniform to join us for a sing-a-long in the library @ 11am, 1pm and 3pm!



Can you spread the word?

Do you work in a busy office or coffee shop? Live in a condo or apartment complex? Walk by a community board? If so, please go to our website and print off the flyer to display in your community or drop by the school's office to pick up your copies.

We are looking for volunteers to put up and take down some "Craft fair Arrows" at some of the major intersections in our community. And we are always looking to improve our signage and advertising so if you can help in any way please contact Michele at 250-386-3608 or email at michdave@hotmail.com.

Please park on the school grounds or along Linwood Avenue when attending our event. The front parking lot will be for municipal voters only. Thank you!

Volunteers Wanted!

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to volunteer for the event. Please fill out the form and send it back to school as soon as possible. Grade 5 students are welcome to volunteer for Little Elves Shop, Crafts or Face Painting. Volunteers will be contacted prior to the fair with more details. For more information please contact Tina at kandtneufeld@shaw.ca or 250-595-0702.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Craft Fair Committee.

Cloverdale Traditional School Christmas Craft Fair 2011

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Student name(s) & Grade : _____

Email: _____

(Please print clearly)

Please check which shifts that you are available to volunteer:

Friday November 18th – We set up the tables, put up signs and balloons around the community and decorate the gym and classrooms from 1pm – 8pm. If you are able to help out please indicate your available time:

Saturday November 19th

9:00 – 11:00am _____ Able to face paint & will volunteer _____ shift.

11:00 – 1:00pm _____ Food Safe Certified & will volunteer _____ shift.

1:00 – 3:00pm _____ Able to bake
goods for bake sale _____

3:00 – 5:00pm _____ Able to bake
cupcakes for cupcake walk _____

Able to assist as a parking attendant from 8:30am
– 10am _____

*If you are not able to donate your time but would
like to offer a monetary donation, please drop it off
to the school office. Cheques can be made out to
Cloverdale Traditional School PAC.*

*Please return this form to the school as soon as
possible. Thank you!*

