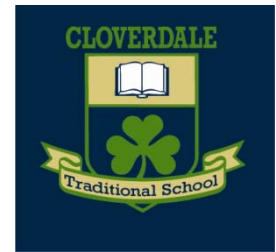


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(250) 382-7231 fax: (250) 384-5661



Principal Message:

Do you have a child born in 2007? Have you already confirmed your registration @ Cloverdale Traditional for Kindergarten for this fall? We are filling kindergarten spaces for this September and this is your time to ensure your 'sibling status' position. We are quickly moving to offering positions to those with 'non-sibling' status so please ensure you have your completed registrations into the school office. Call with any questions.

If you have a 3 or 4 year old we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months. Providing families with information and students with activities in advance of Kindergarten makes for a successful transition to school. All events are FREE!

Jan. 24 @ 6:30pm - 4 year olds @ SJ Willis School: Welcome to Kindergarten! Mrs. Meidinger and Miss Pick look forward to seeing you at this District Event.

Feb. 9th @ 10:30 am - 3&4 year olds @ Cloverdale Traditional: Ready, Set, Learn! Mrs. Meidinger, Miss Pick as well as personnel from Public Health, the Public Library and the Blanshard Community Centre will be in attendance. HUGE Freebies provided!

May 2012 (Date and time TBA) - 4 year olds @ Cloverdale Traditional: Kindergarten Orientation. More information to follow!

We DON'T want to lose you, but if your family is moving away this summer please call the school office to let us know. We have a waitlist and this knowledge will help those families make plans to join us. In addition this helps our school make configuration preparations for September 2012.

Our school goal this year is to improve student writing results and we would like to share our progress. We will now be featuring student writing each month in the newsletter. Enjoy the stories and encourage your developing author!

Thank you families for your fundraising efforts and the continued work on our school fundraising goal: a new playground climber! The Bottle Drive was a well attended community event! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this happen!

Lots of upcoming events! PLEASE join us when we meet famous Canadian children's author, Mr. Eric Wilson, on Jan. 24th at 9am! See you at the Math Mania Carnival on Feb. 2nd at 6:30pm.

Happy Learning!

Miss Pick

Greater Victoria School District invites you to:

Welcome to School Parent Information Evenings

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

Learn more about our District's exciting Kindergarten programs.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

6:30-8:00 pm-General Kindergarten
Information

Wednesday, January 25, 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!

define Canadians. He is honest, forthright and unassuming. He is also a successful writer of mystery stories for children, having sold more than 1.5 million books in Canada alone and another one million books in 10 languages around the globe. All families welcome to join us for this event!

<http://www.ericwilson.com/>

MAD SCIENCE!

Mad Science is coming to Cloverdale Traditional School Jan 20th for an Assembly @ 9am. Brochures will then go home explaining their afterschool program which will take place at Cloverdale Traditional. Please take a look. These programs are run in cooperation with your school. They are a great way to complement science education when school is out. They are hands-on, one-hour science programs that explore various areas of science. Children engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in inquiry-based discussions and take home things that they have made themselves like model rockets, periscopes, Mad Science putty and more. Mad Science after-school programs offer children a chance to see just how cool science is

<http://www.madscience.org/locations/vancouverisland/programoverview.aspx?sm=12868>

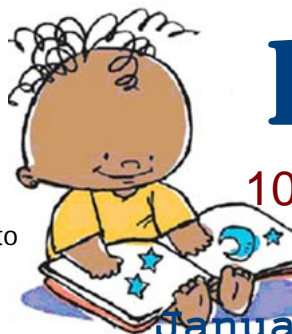
**Milton Randall's Drumming Workshop
February 7, 2012 – All Day**

Milton's hands-on drumming workshops centre on the culture and music he learned while living in the remote Volta region in Ghana, West Africa. He starts by showing how the drums are a form of language and uses this theme to work in African, Brazilian, and other forms of popular rhythms. The entire student body learns age-appropriate drumming and dance. The day ends in an audience participation performance by the oldest students, and culminates in a huge conga line. Cloverdale Families welcome to join in! Milton has excellent classroom management skills and gets students laughing and drumming throughout the day.

http://gmpercussion.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=1&zenid=548f37df3c94d7e7e86415c26692ed9d

**Eric Wilson, Children's Author
January 24th, 2012 – 9am**

ERIC WILSON is a hero to Canadians and, indeed, to kids all over the world who have read his books. He embodies the qualities that



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

**Children's Book Recycling
Project Greater Victoria**

**January 27 - National
Literacy Day
for everyone**

In your home, how many children's books sit on shelves, tables and under the bed - more than 50? 100? How many times have you read the same story to your little one - more than 10? 25? 50? Congratulations - you are building wonderful reading habits that will last a lifetime and lead to endless hours of entertainment and knowledge building.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. January 27 is National Literacy Day. As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the pink drop box in the office. All children deserve a chance to be read to.



January 2012

Healthy Eating During Cold and Flu Season

As the weather becomes colder and we stay indoors more, people often catch colds or other viruses. While there is no way to cure the common cold or the flu, following are some immune-boosting foods that may ward off those nasty viruses!

Yogurt contains probiotics, beneficial bacterial with immune-boosting benefits. Look for the "live active culture" seal, which indicates that probiotics have been added. Check milk product labels for vitamin D. Early research suggests low levels of vitamin D may be linked to an increase in colds and flu.

Vitamin C, found in citrus fruits and juices, may also help the body's immune system.

Zinc, found in meat, chicken, peanuts and peanut butter, plays an important role in the proper functioning of the immune system in the body

If you do catch a cold or flu virus chicken soup and warm beverages increase the flow of nasal secretions, helping relieve cold symptoms. Of course, the taste and wonderful smell of chicken soup may be an important part of the positive effects!

*Some of the food items on this handout may be restricted in some schools and childcare settings where children may have life-threatening food allergies. Check with your school or childcare setting for policies or practices related to food allergies.

Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools Program
Student Services, Greater Victoria School District

HealthLink BC Any time day or night; Every day of the year; Dial 811 or go online to

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/> Easy access to non-emergency health information; speak with a nurse about symptoms, consult with a Pharmacist about medication questions, or get healthy eating advice from a dietician. You can also find the publicly-funded health services and resources closest to you.



Cloverdale Traditional School, has invited the

popular *Math Mania*

program to the school for an evening event. We are pleased to be able to come to the school on Thursday, February 2, 2012. The event will be held in the gymnasium from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

In order to hold the event, there will be about twenty volunteers – students, faculty and staff – coming from U Vic that evening. We look forward to meeting you and your children at the school on February 2nd.

If you would like more information please call contact the school at (250)382-7231.

What is Math Mania?

Math Mania is a popular math carnival event which has been presented by University of Victoria students in the elementary schools of Greater Victoria, Saanich and Sooke School Districts since 1997. It is held four or five times a year and is open to all students in the school. Cloverdale Traditional has been offered the opportunity this year to host an event. Although we welcome all age levels, it is particularly suited to grade one to five students.

Math Mania is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by PIMS (Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences) as part of its education outreach programs.

Math Mania presents a variety of interactive demonstrations through puzzles, games and art including the popular 'Get Your Goat', 'the Penny Game', 'the Set Game', 'the Game of 24', and 'the Tower of Hanoi', as well as, fun with kaleidoscopes, 'muddy city' and many more mathematical puzzles and paradoxes. These hands on activities are designed to demonstrate to students - and their parents - fun ways of learning both math and computer science concepts.

Further information about Math Mania can be found on the following webpage on the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) website: <http://www.pims.math.ca/education/math-mania> .

**ÉCOLE INTERMÉDIAIRE CEDAR HILL MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

Open House!

Tuesday, January 31st, 2012, 7:00 pm in the
school gym.

**Is your son or daughter moving into grade
6 next September?**

Cedar Hill invites you and your child to come
to Cedar Hill Middle School for an
Information Evening which will introduce you
to the programs and opportunities available
at our school.

**Grade 5 students will be bringing home a
detailed invitation soon. Please mark
Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm on your
calendars!**

Development-oriented soccer training

Academy Dates

Sundays: Jan 15 to Mar 11, 2012.

Age groups

7-8yrs 12:00 - 1.15pm

9-10yrs 1.15pm - 2.30pm

11-12yrs 2.30pm - 3.45pm



Venue

CFB Esquimalt Colville Road Fields (rain or shine
gym available)

Cost

\$175

For more information:

www.lowerislandsoccer.com

Under camps and academies

Parking Reminder:

**No drop-offs and pick-ups in
the Staff Parking Lot. Please
use Linwood Avenue.**

**KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION
PROGRAM**



Immunization clinics for kindergartners are held at health units at various times throughout the year.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio: Most children in kindergarten are due for a booster dose of this vaccine. This vaccine protects against all four diseases in one shot.

Hepatitis B: Children born on or after January 1, 2001 should have received a 3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine. If your kindergarten child has not completed a series of hepatitis B vaccine, it is recommended they receive the vaccine in the kindergarten year.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR): Children should have received two doses of MMR vaccine by eighteen months of age. If your kindergarten child has not had both doses of MMR vaccine, it is recommended they receive the vaccine in the kindergarten year.

Meningococcal C: Children born on or after July 1, 2002, should have received 1 dose of Meningococcal C vaccine. One dose after one year of age and a reinforcing dose in Grade 6 provide protection against this type of meningitis.

Varicella (Chickenpox): Children who have not had chickenpox vaccine or disease after one year of age should be vaccinated against chickenpox in the kindergarten year. One dose provides protection against the disease.

All these vaccines are provided free of charge by the health unit or your doctor. To check your child's immunization status or **to make an appointment**, phone your local health unit.

For more information contact:

- ♦ Your local Health Unit
- ♦ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
- ♦ **Your doctor**
- ♦ www.immunizebc.ca

Health Units:

Esquimalt	250-519-5311
Sooke	250-642-5464
Peninsula	250-544-2400
Victoria	250-388-2200
Saanich	250-519-5100
West Shore	250-519-3490

***Our School Goal #2 Writing
From our School Growth Plan 2011-
2012***

To improve student writing. Our goal is to increase student enjoyment of writing by 2%, decrease the number of students who are minimally meeting expectations and increase the number who are meeting expectations.

Sample Work from some of our Grade 1 Students

The Frog and the Princess by Ari

One day a frog went to the village and was magic but very far away there lived a princess and that princess was lonely. One day the frog found the princess and they ran to find the prince. When the frog found the prince he ran away to take the prince to where the princess was. When the prince saw the princess he fell in love with the princess. And they all lived happily ever after.

***The Two Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig
by Lukas***

One day there were two wolves. They went to build houses. Then a big bad pig came to the houses and blew the houses down. And afterwards they had to build houses again. And then they played. The wolves lived happily ever after.

The Travelling Frog by Griffin

Once upon a time there was a frog living in a pond. It was a very small pond. He wanted a big pond. So he went far, far away. At last he found a big pond.
The End.



Sample Work from some of our Grade 4/5 Students

The Mystery of the Flying Boat by Gabe

A boy named Evan found a stranded ship on a field. Evan fixed the ship and tied the ship up with a vine and went back to work. A boy named Bruce liked the ship and so he took it from Evan. Bruce went toward the ship but Bruce couldn't hold on when he got on because of the waves of water. When the water calmed Bruce was asleep and the boat started to float. It floated higher and higher into the sky. It floated so high you couldn't see it anymore. It carried Bruce away to France. When Evan woke up he felt sad because the boat was not here, someone must have stolen it.

Roger and the Magic Boat by Lexen

One day a boy named Roger was watching a boat race going on at Oak Bay River. He wanted to have his very own boat. Then one day his grandfather Allen found a shipwrecked boat near the beach. He told Roger about it. Roger went down to the harbor to get some boat parts for the other boat. His grandfather came with him. Roger started to play hide-n-seek with his dog Mr. Pickles and started to fix the wrecked boat down at the harbor. Then when it was all fixed he took it for a sail. But a terrible storm rolled in. And the lighting crashed and exploded in the water. All of a sudden he lost control of the boat. The rudder broke off and he crashed on an island. He started crying because he had no way home. He went to bed on the boat and said "I wish I were back home". And somehow the boat listens to Roger. Then when he was asleep the boat took off! The boat flew over London! Then when Roger woke up he was back home! Allen his grandfather said, "Where were you?" Roger said, "We will never know", looking at the boat in the sky. "We will never know", he repeated. THE END!!!!

Sailing with the Stars by Rosie

One gloomy night a little orphaned boy named Charlie was walking down the dock. He did this whenever he could. Charlie didn't know much about his father, but he knew that his father used to be a sailor. Being around water made him feel more at home. He lied to sit in one of the empty canoes and pretend to be

sailing away from all of his troubles at the orphanage in London. Far away from everyone and everything. And once he was sailing away, Charlie would think about his dream. His dream to fly.

That evening Charlie was sitting in a canoe when he saw a man running down the dock. He appeared to be looking at the sky, and he was talking to his dog. "Look Phillip Junior! Now that's something you don't see every day!" Charlie was confused. What was so interesting he wondered? He got out of the boat and walked up to the man. "Excuse me Mister" Charlie said. "What are you so excited about?" The man looked at Charlie like he was crazy. "You haven't noticed?!" he said. "Look up there" he said. The old man pointed towards the sky. Charlie looked up, and he couldn't believe what he saw. He rubbed his eyes, but it was still there. In the air, flying across the sky, was a boat. It was the most beautiful boat that Charlie had ever seen. Inscribed in golden letters on the side of the boat was the name of the boat, "*The Dream*" Charlie was amazed. He wanted to find out more about the magical boat. He introduced himself to the man. "Hi, my name is Charlie. What's your name? By the way, do you know where that boat came from?" "Hello Charlie" said the man "My name is Phillip Argof, and my dogs name is Phillip Junior, but you can just call him Junior. And, as a matter of fact, I do know where that boat came from. A few minutes ago I saw it coming from over there." Mr. Argof pointed out towards the sea. "Thank you Mr. Argof" said Charlie. "It was a pleasure meeting you". "It was nice meeting you too" said Mr. Argof, smiling. Junior ran up to Charlie and licked him, as if to say goodbye. Charlie petted the dog, and then he started running after the boat. "Goodbye Mr. Argof! Goodbye Junior" he called, his voice fading into the distance.

After about twenty minutes the boat stopped in a lake leading into the ocean. Charlie was relieved. He had been running after the boat the whole time, and he was very tired. Charlie had fallen in the dirt a number of times, and he was extremely dirty. There was mud all over Charlie, but he didn't care. He had found the boat.

After making sure no one was around, Charlie crept up to the boat and peeked in. He was surprised. Nobody was driving the boat! Overcome with curiosity, Charlie jumped in the boat to explore. But

before he even had time to take I his surroundings the boat took off with little Charlie in it.

Charlie was thrilled and terrified at the same time. Not only was he going to be late for dinner, but Charlie had absolutely no idea where he was going! But, on the other hand, his dream had come true. Charlie was flying! Charlie looked down. He was sailing over London. He saw Big Ben beneath him. Charlie had been so surprised that he hadn't been paying attention to where he was going. Suddenly, instead of seeing the familiar streets of the place he grew up in, Charlie saw the vast ocean beneath him. The waves were crashing and water sprayed into Charlie's face. Instead of being excited, Charlie was very worried. He was worried that he might never see his home again.

A storm was coming Charlie's way, and the boat was descending quickly. Charlie didn't know what to do. Unlike normal boats, '*The Dream*' didn't have any controls. Within a few seconds the magic boat crashed into the water. It was swaying back and forth. Salty water splashed into the boat, soaking Charlie to the bone. The little boy felt like someone had poured ice down his back. All of a sudden the boat tipped over. Charlie fell into the ice cold ocean. He gasped for breath. Suddenly, everything went black.

Charlie woke up on a sandy beach. He didn't know where he was, or why he was there. Then everything hit him. Charlie wondered how far away from London he was, and if he would ever get back to his home.

Ten years later Charlie was all grown up. He had his own house, and his own family. One day he was going for a walk. Everything around him seemed unusually familiar. Suddenly, he saw an old washed up boat. The boat seemed *very* familiar. Charlie ran his hand along the side of the boat. He saw some letters on the boat. *Golden* letters. The letters were old and faded, but Charlie could still read them. Suddenly Charlie knew why the boat seemed so familiar. He had ridden in the boat when he was a little kid. The old, washed up boat lying in front of him was '*The Dream*'. Charlie was surprised and delighted. He thought that his boat had been lost forever. Charlie promised himself that he would fix his magic boat, and that '*The Dream*' would said once again.

The End



Upcoming Dates:

Jan 16-Feb 24 – FSA's for Grade 4
Jan 20th Mad Science Assembly @ 9 am
Jan 24th Eric Wilson – Author @ 9am
Jan 27th Pro Day – No School
Feb 2nd Math Mania @ 6:30pm - UVIC here!
Feb 6th Welcome UVIC Student Teachers
Feb 7th PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
Feb 7th Milton Randall – Drumming Wkshp
Feb 7, 8, 9th Lego Club @ Noon hour

Monday after school: Gr. 5 Basketball
Wednesdays: Student Health Nurses
Wednesdays @ Noon: Choir



Victoria, BC
January 2012
Issue 1

Happy New Year!!

A quick word of thanks!

A quick word of thanks goes out to all the volunteer parents and children and to our wonderful Admin – Ms Pick and Mrs. Meidinger – together they helped to make the 2012 Bottle Drive such a success! It was a cold and damp January day but crews were there bright and early putting up the tents and getting everything organized for a crazy day!

Many hands made light work as we toiled towards a final total of \$1300.00.

Congratulations one and all! A job well done!



Don't Forget! Bottles and cans can be taken to the Quadra Street, Glanford Ave or Queen St Bottle Depot locations at any time! Just take them in, sort them and then tell the cashier that the total is to go to Cloverdale Traditional School and they will send the money to the PAC! That simple!

Save the Date:

February 10th

CTS Social 6:30pm - 8pm

April 13th

CTS Social 6:30pm - 8pm

June 8th

CTS Year End Dance 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Playground Chat

Does your child have a favorite playground? Is there one special place that is THE place to go on a day off to have some serious fun? If so – we want to hear about it! We are raising funds to go towards replacing the well loved playground equipment out back and we'd like input from the people that will be enjoying it the most – the kids! After all – they are the experts ☺.

We've found out the names of some schools that have recently upgraded some of their playground equipment. Please take a few minutes (or an afternoon in the sun) and have a look at the playgrounds and give us some feedback.

Braefoot Elementary - 1440 Harrop Rd

Campus View Elementary – 3900 Gordon Head Rd

Rogers Elementary – 765 Rogers Ave

Tillicum Elementary – 3155 Albina St. (Back field playground)

Please send your thoughts to:

ctsplaygrounds@gmail.com

Your input is essential

PAC means Parent Advisory Council and we value the input from any and all parents. Please feel free to attend the PAC meetings and let your opinion be known.

The next Our School Meeting:

February 7th – 6:30 in our Library

Childminding is available in the gym.