



Cloverdale Traditional School

CLOVERDALE NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the new school year. The past 4 school days have been full of activity. The students were able to move into their new classes on the second day of school with some minor adjustments. New friendships are being created while old ones are renewed.

During this short time, I have observed children reading, participating in gym, creating artwork for bulletin boards, printing, learning math and more! When you enter Cloverdale Traditional School, what you will see are happy, focused learners everywhere you look.

September is a time of adjustment. Once again home reading, homework, and regular bedtime become a

part of our lives. It is important that families develop routines around these changes. When a child knows what to expect, it makes it easier for them. In addition, a good nights' sleep is important for them to be able to learn at school.

Children have success when parents and the school staff work together. Therefore, if you have a question or concern, please phone your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them. If you cannot call during school hours, leave a message on our answering machine and we will get back to you.

At home, let them know school is important. Listen to their stories about their daily events. Help

them with their homework. Read with them.

Each day in the past week has given me the opportunity to learn a little more about the community that is Cloverdale Traditional School. I am delighted to be here as the Principal and look forward to getting to know the individuals who are part of this community. Each person, child and adult is an important part of the school. Working on our own can be lonely but together, we can create success for each and every one of our students.

Kathy Upton,
Principal



This Issue's Highlights:

- Meet the Teacher evening
- Important Safety reminders
- Toonies For Terry
- Magazine Drive
- H1N1 Flu safety tips
- This year's Staff
- Student Agendas

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I would like to welcome everyone as we begin this new school year. We have many new students and families joining us this year and we are thrilled to have you as members of our Cloverdale family. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year and continuing to work in partnership with the entire school community to ensure the success of our students. Together *is* better! It should be an exciting year. Should you have any questions or concerns during the year, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me. I value communication and building positive relationships.

Christine Patterson, Vice Principal

Safety Issues

Dropping-off Children



As we begin the school year we want to ensure the safety of all of our students. Please be aware that students **ARE NOT** to be dropped off in the staff parking lot at the front of the school. It is **very** busy and unsafe place to drop of children and there is no supervision on that side of the building in the morning. Please use the parking area on Linwood to drop-off and pick up you children.

Jay-Walking

Every year we ask parents not to jay-walk on Quadra. It would be more convenient if there was a cross-walk part way down the street - but there isn't. Please, please, please cross at Cloverdale/Cook/Quadra or the X-walk on Inverness which have lights. It teaches your children the proper way to cross the street and more importantly is could prevent an accident.

The good example you set for all of our children could save a life.

Weather Wear

The weather is starting to turn and the warm, dry days of summer are behind us. Please prepare your child with wet weather wear (warm waterproof jacket and boots) so he/she can go outside and play. This year we will not be ringing the rain-bell unless it is a torrential downpour. It is very important for the students to get some fresh air and exercise if they are going to learn well during the day

Toonies for Terry - September 18 - A loonie or toonie donation for Terry Fox

Terry Fox is an important person in Canadian History. His Marathon of Hope has raised over \$400 million for Cancer Research. This year, the staff and students of Cloverdale Traditional School will participate in a Terry Fox Run on Friday September 18 from 2 pm - 3 pm. We will be running on a circuit around the school grounds. A donation of a loonie or toonie to contribute to the Terry Fox Foundation would be appreciated. We are looking forward with anticipation participating in this Canada Wide activity and raising some money to help find a cure for cancer.



Agendas

We will be sending student agendas for grades 1-5 home on Monday. These agendas are a very important part of home/school communication. Please read the letter that will be sent home with them regarding donations to help cover costs. Thank you.

CAR POOL—HELP NEEDED



We have a family that lives in View Royal who would like to car pool to Cloverdale Traditional School. If you can help, please call 250 483-1329.

H1N1 FLU VIRUS

H1N1 Flu Virus

As you are no doubt aware, it is anticipated that the H1N1 flu virus, or the swine flu, will make a return this fall. The symptoms are similar to seasonal flu. You can protect yourself by taking the same simple steps that you do during the regular flu season:

- When you sneeze, use a disposable tissue.
- Cough into your sleeve.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Proper hand washing should take 20 seconds and should include soap and water or hand sanitizer. It may be helpful to encourage younger students to wash their hands until they have finished singing happy birthday or their ABCs in order to promote proper hand washing.

- Students should not be exchanging bottled water, food, etc.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick.

In order for us to keep Cloverdale as healthy a school as possible this year we really need your help. **Please, if your child is sick, keep him/her at home so that we may keep others healthy! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

Please note also:

Public health officials in BC do not anticipate closure of schools.

An H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available by November, 2009.

THIS YEAR'S STAFF AT CLOVERDALE TRADITIONAL

We are thrilled to welcome aboard five new staff members this year. Joining us are Ms. Laura Choi (Grade 2), Mrs. Isadora Lienard (Kindergarten), Ms. Maggie Bird (ESL/Learning Assistance), Ms. Leslie Waters (Library) and Ms. Pamela Bourque (Aboriginal Educational Assistant). We know our students will greatly benefit from their talent, energy and enthusiasm!

Principal: Mrs. Upton **Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Farley
Vice-Principal: Ms. Patterson **Office Assistant:** Mrs. Imhoff

Division 1(Grade 5) Ms. Patterson
Division 2(Grade 4) Mrs. Tompkins
Division 3(Grade 3/4): Mrs. Penner
Division 4(Grade 3): Mr. Macpherson
Division 5(Grade 2): Ms. Choi
Division 6(Grade 2): Mrs. Susut
Division 7(Grade 1): Mrs. Chan
Division 8(Grade 1): Mrs. Camden
Division 9(Grade 1): Mrs. Petrovic
Division 10/11 (Kindergarten am/pm): Mrs. Harrower
Division 12 (Kindergarten am): Mrs. Lienard

Learning Support: Mrs. Carson
Learning Support/ESL: Ms. Bird
Library: Ms. Waters
Music: Mrs. Thomson
Mr. Reid: Youth & Family Counsellor
Mr. Kelpin: School Counsellor
Mrs. Ellwood: Speech Pathologist

Education Assistants:

Mrs. Smale Mrs. Bourque Mrs. Harris Mr. Glide Mrs. Harris Mr. Glide
Mrs. Thompson Mrs. Dhillon Ms. Smith Mrs. Kellock Mrs. Jones

Custodians:

Mr. Northwood(day) Mr. Teixeira (evening)

PARENT & STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

Please find attached to this newsletter the Cloverdale Traditional Parent and Student Responsibility Agreement. This document was created at the end of last year in consultation with the Cloverdale PAC. At Cloverdale Traditional School our objective is to promote ownership and responsibility with the purpose of building a safe and respectful learning environment within our school community.

Please take the time to review our Cloverdale Traditional Handbook, particularly the sections related to uniforms/dress code, code of conduct and parent expectations. A copy of the handbook is available on our website and hard copies are available through the office.

Once you have reviewed the handbook and discussed it with your child/children please complete the agreement, sign it and return it to your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Upton or Ms. Patterson.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

We are looking forward to meeting everyone on Thursday, Sept. 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for our Cloverdale Meet the Teacher Evening. This is an evening we all look forward to as such a wonderful time for students, parents, and staff to get acquainted or re-acquainted. From 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. parents are invited to meet in your child's class where the teacher will have a chance to give you an overview of the term, an idea of her/his teaching philosophy, and answer any questions you may have. If you would be willing to volunteer as a representative for your child's class, please let your child's teacher know. Two reps per class would be ideal. We really appreciate your help in this regard. From 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. we will meet outside for the BBQ portion of the evening. During this time our Cloverdale Parent Association will be looking for people to volunteer for a variety of committees. Please offer up your time. It helps all of the children including yours.

Hope to see you there!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday, September 21—Non-Instructional Day—Students do not attend

Thursday, September 24—Meet the Teacher Evening

Tuesday, September 29—Our School Meeting

Monday, October 12—Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 14—Individual Student Photos