Next Week at Colquitz-Feb. 1st - 5th

Now four weeks into this term we find ourselves at the end of January. We made it! Although we will likely still have some cold and wet days, our thoughts increasingly turn to spring. It's always a pleasure to see our students' behaviour shift this time of year. They seem to see the change coming before we do.

Within all of this though we continue to maintain our protocols to manage the pandemic around us. At Colquitz all the staff and students continue with the systems we have in place: washing hands at transition times, avoiding crowds in the hallways, working within cohorts and not coming to school if they feel ill. Thank you all for continuing to support us in this effort. We are well set to manage the months ahead until the vaccines are available to us.

As you know, this past Monday we had a school professional day. The entire staff spent a second day discussing our school vision and goals. We will now be working to accomplish these goals over the coming years. I will communicate more about this in the weeks ahead, but for now know that we are excited by this process and the steps we will be taking to achieve our goals.

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Up-Coming Events

Thursday, Feb. 4th-Field Trip Div. 21 & 23 Skating at 10 a.m. to Noon

Monday, Feb. 8th-K-12 Student Transfer Process-Deadline Thursday, Feb. 11th at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11th-Field Trip Div. 12 & 14 Skating at 10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, Feb. 12th-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY-Classes not in session

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The 2021-22 Transportation On-line Application Process will take place during the following dates:

- Regular Program Bussing/BC Transit Feb 16 to March 11
- Special Needs Bussing/BC Transit Mar 12 to April 9
- SJ Burnside month of September (specific days TBA)

Please refer your families to the Transportation Webpage for ongoing information on the application process and eligibility: https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/facilitiesdepartment/student-transportation/

Families who are currently receiving Transportation have been emailed the dates/webpage info, and will also receive reminders to apply.

We require your assistance to ensure any new or transitioning applicants are aware of above process and deadlines.

Any new students moving into the district or changing catchment after the above dates will need to apply by emailing Transportation: <u>Transportation@sd61.bc.ca</u>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

. Janis Walker

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The Survival Sock Initiative is back at

Colquitz! The students in the Change the World Club are collecting toiletry items for our Survival Socks. Our goal is to put together 100 socks stuffed with toiletries to deliver to the homeless adults on Victoria's streets. We will be working with the Dandelion Society to get these socks delivered.

We are looking to collect new toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, small (hotel size/ sample size) shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, small tissue packages, feminine hygiene products, combs, band-aids, q-tips, hand sanitizer or wipes and new or nearly new dark coloured adult sized socks. We can also stuff the socks with small non-perishable items such as Granola bars, fruit leathers and packages of gum.

Thank you in advance for any donations. This is a wonderful way to make a positive impact in our community. Please contact Laura-Lyn Helton or Brianne Irving at Colquitz Middle School if you have any questions.

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