

# next week at colquitz

friday, september 15, 2023

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was a fantastic first full week at Colquitz. Students are settling into routines and getting to know each other and staff. We appreciate all of their efforts to be kind, respectful and safe with each other, and make it right if they make a mistake. I am having a great time getting to know parents, students and staff, like my friend Rocky, and EA Mike, pictured here. :)



We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our **Open House next Thursday, September 21st from 5pm-7pm**. We are holding a **pizza sales fundraiser** to support the installation of a ceiling-mounted projector, sound system and screen in our gym. Please pre-order your pizza here: <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/48025/140/False/True>

This is for **PRE-ORDER ONLY** – there may be a small amount of extra available, but pre-ordering is your best chance to get your yummy pizza. **Please also consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the Open House. Donations will be collected outside the office in the front foyer and will benefit Burnside Gorge Community Association.**

Please note that we will gather outside for pizza – we encourage you to bring a blanket or beach chairs to sit on to relax, eat, and visit in.

Please see the information in the rest of this newsletter around sports that are up and running. We also have a Lead the Change club on Tuesdays and a GSA club on Thursdays. All students are welcome to join. Ms. Mackenzie is in the middle of auditions for the Fall Play, and Ms. Montgomery and Mr. DeVries have their band classes up and running. Things are already hopping here!

The beautiful sunshine today reminds me of how fortunate we are to live, learn and work on the stunning lands of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and Saanich peoples. My wish for everyone this weekend is to find time to be outside and connect with each other and these lands.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families. *Carrie Schlappner*— Principal

## next week at a glance

Monday, Sept 18

Tuesday, Sept 19      PAC MEETING at 6:30pm in our Library

Wednesday, Sept 20

Thursday, Sept 21      **Colquitz Spirit Day - Wear blue and white or CMS spirit wear**

OPEN HOUSE 5-7pm

Friday, Sept 22      *PROD DAY—No school for students :)*

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## upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

<b>Saturday, Sept 23</b>	<i>Bi Visibility Day</i>
<b>Monday, Sept 24</b>	<i>Yom Kippur</i>
<b>Friday, Sept 29</b>	<b>Orange Shirt Day (for National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation)</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept 30</b>	<b>National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>
<b>Monday, October 2</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL in observance of National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</i>
<b>Thursday, Oct 5</b>	<i>International Teacher's Day</i>
Friday, Oct 6	<b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b>

## Sports

We are excited to have x-country, Touch Rugby and Ultimate underway. Please look for a permission form from coaches.



**Please see here for schedules of Seasons of sport competitions”**

<https://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools/annual-season-info/>

Many thanks to our many staff coaches for providing these amazing opportunities for our students!

## Rugby Opportunities



Please see the attached flyers for information on Castaway Wanderers Rugby Club.

Castaway Wanderers Rugby Club is hosting a FREE Try Rugby Day for youth of all ages from ages 6-18.

The event will be hosted at Windsor Park, 2451 Windsor Road, from 10:30 am - 12 this Saturday, September 16th.

Join our fun and welcoming program for a morning of fun at Windsor Park!

Click [this link](#) to register a spot

**Tour De Rock Ride-By – October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**, in front of the school on **Interurban**

**Rd.** Classes are invited to cheer the riders on as they continue their journey in support of children with cancer and their families. In the coming days we are collecting ‘**Coins for Cancer.**’ **Students are encouraged to bring in to their class any pocket change they can spare as a donation to support Tour De Rock.**



## PAC MEETING

**Tues, September 19th**

6:30pm-7:30pm

Colquitz Library

***Hope to see you there!***



Colquitz Middle School (CMS) has the benefit of two parent-led groups that are committed to supporting an excellent educational experience for our students: the [CMS Parent Advisory Council \(CMS PAC\)](#) and the [Colquitz Performing Arts Parents' Association \(CPAPA\)](#). Please see the **attached description** of both if you'd like to learn more about their similarities and differences.

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## Greetings from the Fine Arts Department!

In order to help with our organization this year, we are asking that you complete a short survey. This will help us get to know your kids and also provide us with some vital information.

<https://forms.gle/nSH4L1QhPYS28BTn6>



All Fine Arts classes have started this year. If your child is in **Band 6**, the expectation is that they **come to class on**

**Tuesday with an instrument** so we can start the actual playing. If that is not an option for you, please just send Mrs. Montgomery an email ([kmontgomery@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kmontgomery@sd61.bc.ca)). The first early morning Band 6 rehearsal is Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and will be for students who chose to play **flute** only.

If you are a grade 7 or 8 parent whose child is using some of our bigger instruments or doubling on school instruments, would you please consider sending in a donation which can be used for repairs or helping with the rental of a bass clarinet for the year. Any amount you are able to contribute will be helpful. Thank you.

Please check out Mrs. Mackenzie's (Choir/Musical theatre) website (<https://colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>) and Mrs. Montgomery's (Band/Jazz Band) website (<https://montgomerymusic.weebly.com/>)

If you have questions. **THANK YOU**