

# next week at colquitz

friday, october 20, 2023

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It's always sunshine and rainbows at Colquitz! Ok, maybe not, but this week we got to enjoy this beautiful sight!

**Many thanks** to families who helped their children donate to **COINS FOR CANCER** to support the Tour de Rock. We raised **\$495.95!** Woot, woot! *Thank you to Ms Elford for organizing!*

This week we had our second PAC meeting of the year, along with grade 6 immunizations and The Great Shake Out.



The **Great Shake Out** is a province-wide earthquake drill to practice ways to stay safe during an Earthquake. Our students did a great job of following protocols and exiting the building quietly and efficiently.

Please remember to sign up for a **Parent-Teacher interview that happen on Wednesday, October 25th** —we want to work as a team with you to support students, and making these in-person connections really helps with this.

As a school, we want to provide support and **opportunities for parents and caregivers and their families to connect.** We have more plans we will announce later, but for now, this Diwali Show is just one chance to do that. We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy.

Have a wonderful weekend with your friends and families.

— Carrie Schlappner — Principal

Victoria Hindu Parishad and Cultural Center presents

### Diwali Show 2023

November 4th, Saturday @ 6:00pm to 8:30pm

UNIVERSITY CENTRE, FARQUHAR AUDITORIUM

A dazzling evening with Music, dance and power packed performances!

Tickets  
ADULTS & CHILDREN \$25  
Available @ UVIC ticket centre  
250-721-8480 - <https://tickets.uvic.ca/>

HAPPY Diwali

LALIT SOOD 250-891-4073

ASHOK AGARWAL 250-384-1521

For donations, Sponsorship and Enquiries call

## next week at a glance

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, Oct 24

Wednesday, Oct 25 **Parent-Teacher Interviews—1:49pm early dismissal**

Thursday, Oct 26 *Eid-e- Milad un Nabi (Mawlid)*  
*Intersex Awareness Day*

Friday, Oct 27

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

<b>Tuesday, Oct 31</b>	Hallowe'en
<b>Wednesday, Nov 1</b>	Enrichment Starts
<b>Wednesday, Nov 8</b>	Indigenous Veterans Day
<b>Thursday, Nov 9</b>	PHOTO RETAKES
<b>Friday, Nov 10</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am
<b>Monday, Nov 13</b>	NO SCHOOL—Remembrance Day, Observed
<b>Monday, Nov 20</b>	ProD Day—NO SCHOOL for Students
<b>Tuesday, Nov 21</b>	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in Library
<b>Friday, Nov 24</b>	Spirit Day—Neon
<b>Week of Nov 27th</b>	Fall Play—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday @ 7pm
<b>Wednesday, Nov 29</b>	CC Day—early dismissal @ 11:45 for excused students



## Prepare for the Weather

It's fall! The rain and cold are here.

**PLEASE ensure your child brings a coat and clothing appropriate for the weather EVERY DAY.**

Students are expected to be outside for breaks, PE, and other learning activities.

*If you need assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Schlappner at [cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca)*



## Parent-Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday, October 25th**

**2:30-7:30pm**

**Early Dismissal for students: 1:49pm**

**Please keep an eye out for an email from your child's advisory teacher to book your Parent-Teacher Interview.**

*Please note these meetings are with **Advisory teachers only**, not teachers who may teach your child a specific subject. If you'd like to connect with the subject teacher, please email them separately.*



## Hallowe'en costumes considerations for Families

At Colquitz, we want all students to be mindful of their choices throughout the year in terms of how they might make other people feel.

We have shared for the past two weeks about making careful costume choices that ensure things like that we are not using others' cultures or genders as a costume.

We also want to ensure students understand that for safety reasons, full face masks cannot be worn EXCEPT in our "Costume Parade and Contest", or with permission of a teacher in a classroom. We need to be able to safely identify people in a school setting.

## Reporting

### Absences



**Please email [colquitz@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:colquitz@sd61.bc.ca) AND your child's teacher if your child will be late or absent, or call the Attendance Line at 250-479-4313.**

This is the best way to ensure we get the message and a call-out does not go out to you in error. **Thank you**

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## FINE ARTS UPDATE

Poinsettia order forms have been sent out and orders are due Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. See the attached reminder as well. Please read the information about "one lump payment" from our poinsettia fundraiser leader.

## Important Band Reminders:

- Early morning Wednesday is Band 8
- Early morning Thursday is Grade 6 flutes. **These are not optional class times.**
- Reminder that all students should be **practicing 80 minutes** and handing in practice records every week.
- **There are many students forgetting instruments right now. Band is always Tues/Wed/Thurs**



## Parent Education Event November 8th The Impact of COVID on our Kids



The Parent Advisory Councils for Colquitz, Glanford and Spectrum have organized an education opportunity for our community of schools. Please join us at the Spectrum theatre for an evening of discussion about the **effects of the pandemic experience on youth, the issues they are facing and how we can best support them.** The discussion will be led by a panel of expert guest speakers, including Island Health Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Reka Gustafson, MYST (Mobile Youth Services Team) counsellor Mia Golden and Cst. Gord Magee, and Victoria Police Cst. Mark Jenkins.

Ticket information will be provided in the coming weeks.

**Wednesday November 8, 2023**  
**6:30-8:00pm**  
**Spectrum Theatre**

## SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

Basketball practices and games are underway! Here is the Master Basketball practice/game schedule for Colquitz. □



[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eIkFA2Qks8urN1VoNR0wRp-1DIC\\_erbfwf1f-a\\_Golk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eIkFA2Qks8urN1VoNR0wRp-1DIC_erbfwf1f-a_Golk/edit?usp=sharing)

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Gr 6 girls practice 7:30 am<br>Gr 6/7 boys rec practice lunch<br>Gr 7/8 Girls comp game 3:00 @ Colquitz<br>Gr 7/8 Boys comp game 5:00 @ Colquitz |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Gr 7/8 girls practice lunch<br>Gr 6 Girls Comp game after school   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Gr 7/8 boys rec practice lunch   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Gr 6 girls practice 7:30am<br>Gr 6/7 Rec practice lunch<br>Gr 7/8 boys comp practice after school  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Gr 7/8 Boys rec practice Friday am at 7:50.<br>Gr 7/8 girls comp practice lunch  |

MANY THANKS  
to those who are  
assisting with  
coaching and  
sponsoring our  
basketball teams!

**THANK YOU  
SO MUCH**  
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!