

next week at colquitz

friday, october 6, 2023

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was another fun and busy week at Colquitz! (As a HUGE Star Wars fan, I could not resist the opportunity to hold Darth Vader's lightsaber! ;))

It was **International Teacher's Day** yesterday, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers and Educational Assistants for their hard work and dedication with our students. We are very fortunate to have such a committed group of educators at Colquitz, and I am a very proud principal indeed. ;)

As the weather is getting wetter and colder (though not today!), just a reminder that we are **Westcoast Kids and need appropriate outdoor clothes to wear in the rain**, as we rarely have indoor recesses, and we do a lot of outside activities.

Keep an eye out for an email from your child's Advisory Teacher regarding **Parent-Teacher Interviews** on Wednesday, October 25th. There is also more info on page 2.

Please note that we have staff sponsors ready to go, but **need coaches for most of our basketball teams to be able to go ahead this season**. If you could **please pass the word along to anyone who may be experienced and interested**, we would greatly appreciate it.

Every Thanksgiving for the past few years, my husband and I got to Point No Point in Sooke to relax, unplug (no cell service—yay!) recharge, and reflect, and focus on gratitude. I want to share my gratitude for all of the students, staff, and parents who have connected with me and welcomed me, and I am looking forward to getting to know even more of you in the coming months. This is an incredible community, and I am loving every minute of being here. Thank you.

Whether you go away or stay home in your PJ's —enjoy this long weekend with your friends and families.
— *Carrie Schlappner* — Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, October 9	<i>NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving</i>
Tuesday, Oct 10	<i>World Mental Health Day</i>
Wednesday, Oct 11	<i>National Coming Out Day</i>
Thursday, Oct 12	
Friday, Oct 13	

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, Oct 17	PAC Meeting—6:30pm in Library
Wednesday, Oct 18	Grade 6 Immunizations
Thursday, Oct 19	The Great Shake Out
Friday, Oct 20	ProD Day—No School for students
Wednesday, Oct 25	Parent-Teacher Interviews—1:49pm early dismissal
Thursday, Oct 26	<i>Eid-e- Milad un Nabi (Mawlid)</i> <i>Intersex Awareness Day</i>
Tuesday, Oct 31	Hallowe'en



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.

As we move in to October and start to think about Hallowe'en, and in keeping with the Colquitz values of advocating for respect, equity, and appreciation of diversity and inclusion of all (which includes cultural and gender diversity) we wanted to support you in supporting your children in making appropriate choices for their costumes.

Here are some tips in the form of questions to assist you in choosing a costume.

Ask yourself:

1. *Is my /my child's costume depicting and perpetuating a stereotype or stigma associated with a particular race, culture, religion or gender?*
2. *Does my /my child's costume include a replication of a garment that is a significant component of a particular religion or culture of which I /we do not identify with?*
3. *Is my /my child's costume depicting a historical time-period where that look/costume is now considered offensive and discriminatory?*
4. *Does my /my child's costume represent elements of a culture or cultural practice that is being commoditized for consumption?*
5. *Can I look in the mirror and confidently say that my /my child's costume choice would not be considered offensive to a particular race, ethnic origin, gender or religion?*

Thank you for your help in supporting positive costume choices.



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.*

Reporting Absences



Please email 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

T-Shirt order forms and money are due October 13th, so please send in the form and \$12 (or e-transfer the funds to our CPAPA group) to your music teachers. Forms attached, or are available from your music teachers.



Poinsettia Fundraising forms have been handed out this week and are attached as a PDF. Funds raised from this fundraiser go directly to your child's account and can be used for their Grade 7/8 tour. If your child is in Grade 6, start their fundraising accounts now! Please read the instructions carefully as our parent group doing this fundraiser would like money to be handed in in one lump payment or e-transfer. All forms and money must be turned in by Wednesday, October 25th to Ms. Mackenzie.

Practice is a requirement of our music ensembles. Please make sure **practice records are handed in** on each week.

Early morning classes are the most efficient rehearsals in the band program. Please use the fine arts websites to manage your early morning calendar and make every attempt to get your child to class on time (7:40). Wednesday Oct. 11th next is for Grade 7 Band and Thursday Oct. 12th is for Grade 6 trumpets, trombones and basses. There is a guest coming to work with Grade 6 trombone players, so please make sure you attend.

Reminder: Pizza Hot Lunch Thursdays have begun!

Please remember that you **must get orders in each week BY MONDAY AT NOON**. There can be no exceptions.



Also note that there are no refunds for unclaimed pizza. Parents – you can arrange to pick up your order the same day or transfer it to another student if you inform us by 11am Thursdays at colquitz@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-1678.

Here is the link to School Cash Online to make your order: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>



It was **World Teacher's Day** yesterday—**THANK YOU** to all of the amazing educators here at Colquitz who are supporting our students in their learning journeys.

SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

We have just wrapped up x-country, ultimate and touch rugby. Thank you to all of the coaches, parent drivers and athletes!



Tuesday, October 10th- Girls 6/7 basketball practice
7:30-8:30

COACHES, PLEASE!!!

We are looking for Basketball Coaches for **boys 6/7, girls 7/8 and boys 7/8**. We have many teacher sponsors in the building but need some skilled coaches. We will have a meeting next week to determine whether we have enough players for teams and what level.

Please contact Christine Crljenkovic at crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca if you are able to help.