

next week at colquitz

friday, december 22, 2023

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was a busy, fun-filled week and last day before Winter Break here at Colquitz. You will see more on page 3 under "Spotlight on Learning," but just some of the events from this week included a Staff vs Students Basketball Game, Carol Band performances, caroling in the foyer, a Holiday Sweater Contest, and Decorate your Door Contest (winner on page 3). The excitement culminated today with PJ day, where all classes enjoyed Hot Chocolate or Hot Apple Cider as a community, and then we gathered for an assembly which included a performances by the Carol Band, flutists Aliya Samra and Grace Winner, a Term 1 Slideshow, a staff dance, and a visit from Santa. Many thanks to staff and parents who helped all of these things happen.

MOST IMPORTANT, THOUGH: Your child(ren)'s **Learning Updates (Report Cards) went home digitally at 3pm today.** Please see the attached letter for more details if you're unsure how to access them.

I am proud, happy, and, yes, a little exhausted after my first term as Principal of Colquitz. I can say with my whole heart that I love it here, and I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me feel so welcome and supported. I go into the break feeling confident that the rest of the year will be just as amazing.

Have a wonderful holiday with your friends and families.

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



upcoming important dates—mark your calendars!

Monday, Jan 8

School re-opens. Happy New Year! :)

Saturday, Jan 13th

Bottle Drive at Colquitz—SAVE YOUR EMPTIES!!

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COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE



SATURDAY, JAN 13TH
10AM-3PM

505 Dumeresq Street

**SAVE YOUR EMPITES
OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

*Fundraiser to install
an A/V, screen and
sound system in our gym*

**Families: Please sign up to help for one of the 2-hour shifts
on Saturday, January 13th:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82BA3FAC70-46890537-colquitz>

Yearbooks are on sale now!

Yearbooks cost \$23.

To order your child a yearbook, please go to ybpay.ca and use the order ID 13717624. **THESE CANNOT BE ORDERED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.**



Yearbooks include:

- 60+ colour pages of individual photos and fun memories from throughout the year.
- Sturdy soft cover
- Zoom insert that features current events and world news from the past year.

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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Spotlight on Learning and FUN

As mentioned in my Weekly Reflections, the learning this week focused on building community through holiday fun. Events this week included an amazing Staff vs Grade 8 Students Basketball game (students won!), carol band performances, a Holiday Sweater Contest, and a "Decorate your Door" contest. Congratulations to Division 19 who won! It may be hard to see but they created 3D snowballs!



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BASKETBALL CAMP

Dec 19-21



Wade D. Harris
Team Market Owner and
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Raleigh FIREBIRDS (TBL)
is coming to Victoria, Canada
for 3 days of powerful
training and fun.

Souvenir T-Shirts for Attending

- ✓ SKILL TRAINING
- ✓ STRENGTH TRAINING
- ✓ CONDITIONING

Only 40 participants taken
so register NOW

\$300.00 for 3 x 3 hr days
3:00-6:00 daily

raleighfirebirds@gmail.com
RaleighFirebirds.net



BASKET BALL

Skill Training - Strength Training - Conditioning

19-21 DECEMBER VICTORIA, BC

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powerful training.



Open to all ages

Registration Before Dec 11 / 23
\$300.00 FOR 3 X 3 HOUR DAYS
3:00 - 6:00 DAILY

Souvenir T-Shirt for attending

RaleighFirebirds.net RaleighFirebirds@gmail.com

REMINDER:
Learning Updates
(formerly Report Cards)
went home today
DIGITALLY via Parent
Connect.

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last week to
explain how to access them
if you are unsure of how to
access them.*

**Pizza Hot Lunch
Thursdays –
Order yours now!**



This is a reminder that in the last week of each month, families can order pizza for the next month. January sales will open on Thursday, December 21st and CLOSE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8th at NOON. The first Pizza Day will be in the New Year will be Jan 11th.

Please note that you **need to order WEEK TO WEEK**, thus giving you the option to skip weeks if you so choose. You must get your orders in each week BY MONDAY AT NOON. There can be no exceptions.

Please 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/>

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Please see the attached application for
**Burnside Gorge (BG) Winter Break
Camp. **Deadline to register: Dec. 20th****



Boys and Girls Club Parenting Courses

Many parents who reach out for support feel guilty, blamed by others, isolated, and unsure about what to do. BGC Parenting Programs can help parents address these feelings in a confidential, non-judgemental group setting.

BGC Parenting Programs are professionally facilitated education and support programs for parents of preteens and teens. Parents come to the group with a wide range of concerns regarding their youth:

- teen mental health
- lack of motivation (school attendance)
- drug/alcohol use
- abusive or aggressive actions
- defiant/rebellious attitude

Courses offered include:

- **Helping Parents and Teens Grow Together.**
- **Parenting Without Power Struggles**
- **Parents In The Know**
- **Parents Together**

For more information and to register, please go to:

<https://bgcsvi.org/programs/parenting/>



Free Christmas Dinners 2023!

Dec 11 – 5:30 - 8:30 pm; Community dance at 7 pm – Holiday Dinner – Fernwood Community Center. Register at the Fernwood NRG for tickets by Dec 4: 1240 Gladstone St. (250) 381-1552.

Dec 12 – 5:30-7 pm – Christmas Dinner – Downtown Community Center: 755 Pandora Ave. (250) 383-0076.

Dec 16 – 12 pm – Turkey Dinner – Bay Street Armory: 715 Bay Street. Call or visit The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens Ave - for more information: (250) 953-1575.

Dec 20 – 12-1 pm – Christmas Lunch – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 21 – 3-6 pm – Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society: 533 Yates St. Back-alley entrance. (250) 383-3514. Ages 13 to 19.

Dec 21 – 5-6 pm – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 22 – Noon – Turkey Lunch – Rainbow Kitchen: 500 Admirals St. (250) 384-2069.

Dec 25 – 8-10 am – Christmas Soup – The Soup Kitchen: 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25 – 12-2 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner – St Andrews Kirk Hall: 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384-5734.

Low Cost Christmas Dinner

Dec 10 – 6 pm – Seniors' Turkey Dinner. \$12. Pick up tickets at Oaklands Community Association: #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

Courtesy of the Action Committee of People with Disabilities



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please visit the Saanich Parks and Rec website for many opportunities for your children including swimming lessons, skating lessons, and a horse-drawn caroling ride.:

<https://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/bkmr-2rlozl--15he0i-527sz693>

Backpack Buddies

Just a reminder to all our backpack buddies-
please remember to bring in your empty backpacks or re-useable bags back to the office.

