

next week at colquitz

friday, march 1, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It's been a great first week back for me! I have REALLY missed being away! Many thanks to everyone for their well wishes and support while I recuperated at home.

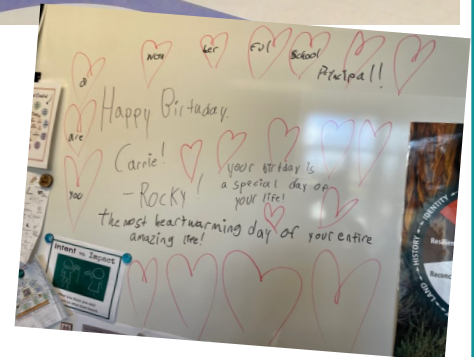
On Wednesday, we enjoyed Pink Shirt Day as a school. People "lifted each other up" in many ways. They showed they were against bullying and in support of kindness by wearing pink. There were also school-wide and classroom activities around anti-bullying. I am very proud of our staff and students for all of the little and big things they do every day to ensure we are kind, respectful and safe with each other.

It was also exciting to have a Leap Day this year! Some classes did fun activities to mark the day. Finally, we had Division, Team and Club photos today. It was great to see how many students are involved in so many positive activities across the school.

We have had a couple of changes to staff for you to be aware of: Our Admin Assistant, Brianna Toth, is moving to work at the District offices, and Sam Bender, our Secretary Clerk, will be moving permanently into that position starting Monday. Also, Stacy Cappus of Division 14 has gone on a leave and Meghan Andersen will be their advisory teacher for the rest of the year. Please join me in welcoming Meghan and saying goodbye to Brianna and Stacy (for now).

Term 2 is quickly coming to a close, with Learning Updates around the corner. Please support your child in continuing to make good choices like attending every day, on time; keeping up with learning; asking for help when they need it; and keeping their cell phones away.

Thanks for your support, and have a wonderful weekend with your family. -
Carrie Schlappner—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, March 4	Grade 9 Course Selection with Spectrum CPAPA Meeting at 6:30pm in Art Room
Tuesday, March 5	
Wednesday, March 6	Spring Concert at 6pm (students must arrive by 5:30pm)
Thursday, March 7	Battle of the Books (select students)
Friday, March 8	<i>International Women's Day</i>

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Saturday, March 10	Ramadan Begins; Daylight Savings Time
Tuesday, March 12	Tacky Tourist Day
Friday, March 15	LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK; Learning Updates home digitally Notification of all Transfer Requests
WEDNESDAY, April 3	First Day Back after Spring Break. Note the later start!
NO PIZZA DAY THE FIRST THURSDAY!	
FRIDAY, April 5	Indigenous Student Lunch
Monday, April 8	Ramadan ends
Tuesday, April 9	Band Tour Meeting—7pm

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

SPORTS @ COLQUITZ— Volleyball This Week:

Link to schedule: [Volleyball practice and game schedule](#)

March 4-8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	-7 ³⁰ recTB girls (B) 7-8:00	-7 ³⁰ comp girls	-7 ³⁰ tb comp girls 7:30-8:30		-7 ³⁰ comp girls -6 triple ball 7-8:00am
Lunch	girls 6 triple ball				Grade 7 ³⁰ Rec Girls Scrimmage
After school		*Boys 7 ³⁰ comp when there are no games 3-5	NO Practice/game due to concert	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	
Game days	Boys 7 ³⁰ Comp @St. Andrew's	Girls 6/7 TB comp Playoffs TBD	Girls 7 ³⁰ Comp Play offs @John Stubbs		

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FINE ARTS UPDATES

BAND

Concert on Wednesday, March 6th, afternoon and evening for Band 7,8 and Jazz Band as well as choir and strings. Please bring a baked item for the concert on Wednesday evening. Wednesday evening concert starts at 6 pm to accommodate our guests from Tillicum.

Students should arrive in uniform at 5:30pm

An important piece of information was sent home with your students, emailed to parents and published on my website, which states all of the rehearsals and concert dates from now until June. April and May are very busy with festivals, parade and tour, so please mark your calendars with the dates that refer to your child.

ALL band students participate in the parade.

MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MARCH						
sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Band rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AM "OUR GUESTS" & "HOLIDAY SOUNDS"	Lunch Ensemble Rehearsal After school From Colquitz, Belle	Lunch Ensemble Rehearsal After school From Colquitz, Belle	After School REHEARSAL	Lunch Crew After school Guitar & Upright M. Drum		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Band rehearsal 10-11 "HASTON" & "SILENT REVIEW"	Lunch Ensemble Rehearsal After school From Colquitz, Belle	Lunch Ensemble Rehearsal After school From Colquitz, Belle	REHEARSAL 8:30-9:30 AM	Lunch Crew After school Belle and Dues		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
APRIL						

Spotlight on Learning

Learning about how good giving and generosity feel are important life lessons for all students. Thank you to Lead the Change Club and Division 10, who put together a total of 82 fully stuffed socks to donate to Our Place Society. Plus we have a lot extra to get us started on next year's initiative. A BIG thank you to families for your generosity, and to all students who brought in items. We could not have done it without you!



Spotlight on Awesomeness

We'd like to highlight the awesomeness of one of our students, Luca Portman, of Division 1. He took it upon himself (with help from parents) to get rid of unsightly graffiti on our field.

THANK YOU, LUCA, for being an amazing school citizen and leader!



CPAPA Spring Bake Sale

Please help support your student and the Colquitz Performing Arts by donating delicious baked goods to the Spring Concert on Wednesday, March 6th

(Please put your yummy wares in labeled containers with your name and if the item has any dietary specialties).

Sales are by cash donation.

Please bring a container to store your purchased goodies.

To help students focus on their performance (and keep crumbs out of their instruments) they will not be permitted to purchase or eat bake sale items until after the concert.

We need volunteers to make the bake sale successful.

Please sign-up to help set-up before, handle sales at the intermission, or handle sales and clean-up after the concert.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA4A923A2FDC52-48292905-spring#/>

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VOLLEBALL CHAMPS!

Congratulations to our Senior Volleyball teams, who both medals in a City-wide tournament at Spectrum last weekend. Our Girls Team won Gold and the boys won Silver. Well done!!!



BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES GANG EDUCATION SEMINAR

This free seminar aims to empower parents and guardians, teachers, youth workers and administrators with knowledge and awareness on the current gang situation in our community to reduce risk and harm to our youth.

Hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation in partnership with West Shore RCMP and CFSEU-BC's End Gang Life initiative.



NEW DATE MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024
6:15 – 8:15PM | FREE

JDF 55+ Activity Centre
Auditorium | 1767 Island Hwy.
(Registration is required:
wspr.ca > course code 13956)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Understand current and local gang related activity
- Gang recruitment tactics
- How to identify early risk factors in youth
- Awareness and education on social media/substance use trends
- Importance of accessing community based supports

www.wspr.ca | 250-478-8384



Community Action is collecting clean, gently used clothing to donate to the Burnside Gorge Community Association. All sizes, baby – adult, are accepted. Please drop off donations by March 14th to the box in front of the

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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

PEARKE'S AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN

FREE!



January - June
Monday to Friday - 3:15- 5:15pm

@ The Flipside Youth Centre
Pearkes Recreation Centre

A FREE supervised social for youth with snacks, pool, foosball, board and video games and more!

Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca saanich.ca/youth 250 475 5462

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.

March sales are open. NOTE THAT PIZZA WILL RESUME AFTER SPRING BREAK IN THE SECOND WEEK BACK ON APRIL 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.schoolcashonline.com/>



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

FRIDAY NIGHTS PIZZA SKATING & MOVIE

AGES 11 - 16
\$7.50



January 19th - April 19th
Fridays - 5:45 - 8:15pm

@ The Flipside Youth Centre
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Come hang out with your friends on a Friday night. Enjoy pizza, skating & a movie in our awesome youth centre.

REGISTER HERE

Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca saanich.ca/youth 250 475 5462

Youth

Click any 6 digit code to register | GENERAL REGISTRATION



SAANICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please join us for the following seminar series presented by the Saanich Police Community Engagement Division.

FREE

GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS

Join us for a FREE Gang Education & Trends Seminar. This is an opportunity for adults and youth to better understand the trends police are seeing in our community. Are you stuck for answers when your teen asks you the hard questions about their peer group? Are you looking for some insight about what's going on in the world of youth? Are you seeking resources and information for how to talk to your teen about gang awareness?

Saanich Youth Services in partnership with the Saanich Police Department is hosting a learning opportunity for parents, caregivers, and youth workers.

In this workshop, participants will have the chance to ask questions and gather all of the up-to-date information from police officers and youth workers in our community.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

110448 Tu Feb 6 6:30-8pm FREE

G. R. PEARKE'S RECREATION CENTRE

110449 Tu Apr 9 6:30-8pm FREE

GRADE 12 GRADUATION SAFETY

In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about how to ensure you stay safe during graduation celebrations. This seminar will give grade 12 students the tools to make informed smart choices while celebrating their graduation. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

G. R. PEARKE'S RECREATION CENTRE

110446 Tu May 14 6:30-8pm FREE

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

110447 Tu May 21 6:30-8pm FREE

TEEN NEW DRIVER EDUCATION

In partnership with Saanich Police, calling all grade 10-12 new drivers. Focus on the graduate program, and best and safest practices around driving. Learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol, and distracted driving as well as how to remain safe while out with friends.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE

110432 Tu Jan 23 6:30-8pm FREE

G. R. PEARKE'S RECREATION CENTRE

110433 Tu Feb 20 6:30-8pm FREE

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ONLINE DATING SAFETY

In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about how to safely engage in online dating. What is a fake account? What information to give out, what to keep to yourself? What is consent? This seminar will give youth the tools to make informed smart choices while engaging online with peers. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE

110444 Tu Feb 13 6:30-8pm FREE

110445 Tu May 7 6:30-8pm FREE

YOUTH PARTY SAFE

In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol, consent and how safe while out with friends. This seminar will give youth the tools to make informed smart choices while hanging out with their peers. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

110434 Tu Jan 16 6:30-8pm FREE

110435 Tu Apr 16 6:30-8pm FREE

YOUTH RELATIONSHIP SAFETY

In partnership with Saanich Police, this program focuses on safe dating, cyber security, and healthy relationships for youth. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this event with their youth.

G. R. PEARKE'S RECREATION CENTRE

110450 Tu Jan 30 6:30-8pm FREE

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE

110451 Tu Apr 23 6:30-8pm FREE