

next week at colquitz

friday, april 5, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break with friends and family.

I had a lovely time in Bucerias, Mexico (see sunset photo) with my husband, and spent some time in Vancouver with my friends and family. That is where I grew up.

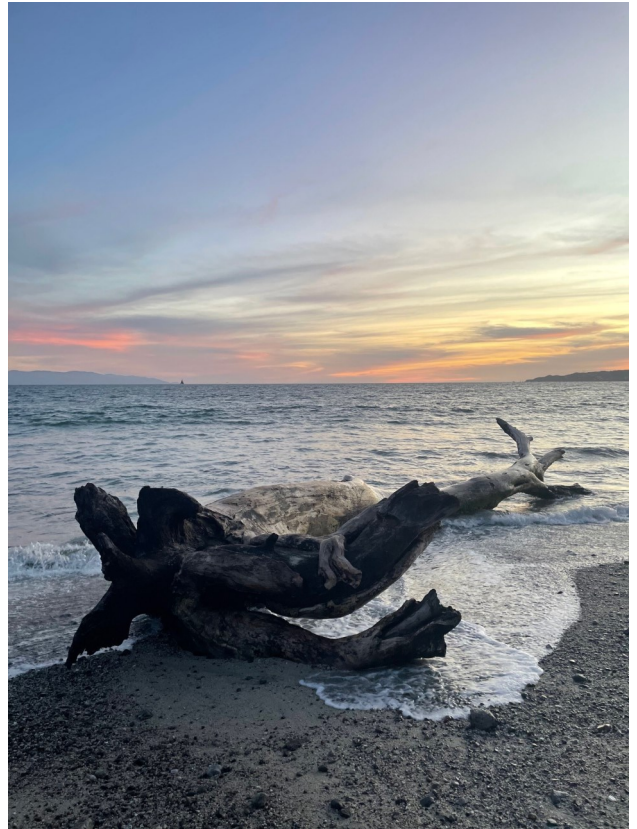
It was a short week—shortened even more for me. I seem to have caught something like the norovirus and was home Thursday and Friday. I will be back Monday. As such, I do not have a lot to share in my reflections this week, however, please make note of these important things to look out for: first, an email was sent by the District regarding the eclipse on Monday.

Next, please take part in the annual Learning Survey (see page 3 for details).

Also, please note that students should refrain from wearing scents at school, and should definitely never bring them to use at school (see page 5). We have people in our school who have serious medical conditions that are triggered by scents in the air. Thanks for your help with this.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, April 8	<i>Ramadan Ends</i> CPAPA Meeting in Art Room at 6:30pm
Tuesday, April 9	Mandatory Music Tour Parent meeting at 7pm in the music room.
Wednesday, April 10	
Thursday, April 11	Indigenous Drumming in Foyer at 8:20am—everyone welcome Pizza Day
Friday, April 12	

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, April 16	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in Library
Friday, April 19	Fun Socks Friday
Sunday, April 21	Earth Day
Tuesday, April 23	Passover begins
Wednesday, April 24	Student-Led Conferences; <i>International Admin Assistant's Day</i>
Friday, April 25-26	Band Trip
Monday, April 29	Passover ends

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



This spring/summer Paul Wright from Ballenas Secondary in Parksville will be coaching **Team Van Isle-Central Coast U14 Boys Basketball at the BC Summer Games** taking place July 17-21 in Maple Ridge. The selection camp will be held on **April 20 and 21 at Queen Margaret's School in Duncan**. The Saturday session will be from 1-4pm and the Sunday session will be from 12-3pm. This is for **players born in 2010 or later and currently in Grade 8**. Please reach out to Paul at the email

address below with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.

The camp details are posted here:

<https://basketball.bc.ca/development/bc-summer-games/u14-bcsg-selection-camp/>

Here is the direct link to register for the camp:

https://site2747.goalline.ca/register.php?reg_form_id=43523

Paul Wright, M.Ed.
NCCP Registered Coach, CSEP-CPT®
email: coach.paulwright@outlook.com

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Learning Surveys—Please participate!



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. In 2021, the student survey underwent a review to accommodate an updated conceptual framework that align questions with the [core competencies](#) of the curriculum and the [British Columbia's Policy for Student Success](#).

We've worked - in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/ caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, May 3rd, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education and Child Care website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) in summer 2024.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558- 5339 or email support@awinfosys.com.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emilie Sia".

Emilie Sia

Senior Economist, Research and Analytics Engagement (RAE) Governance and Analytics Division, Ministry of Education and Child Care Emilie.Sia@gov.bc.ca

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FINE ARTS UPDATES

BAND AND STRINGS

Tour band rehearsals start on **Tuesday at lunch and Wednesday before school** for the next three weeks.

Thursday April 11 early rehearsal is for all grade 6 percussionists.

April 18th, 25th and May 2 are **ALL GRADE 6 band** as we prepare for festival on May 9th.

Mandatory tour parent meeting Tuesday April 9 at 7 pm in the art room. Please bring \$3 cash.

Please check Mrs. Montgomery's website or your emails for important dates.

MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

APRIL						
sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	EASTER MONDAY no school	no school	After School Early characters REVIEW ALL PIECES	Lunch Dance TBD After school	Lunch Dance After school: Mrs. Potts & Lumiere	
Sunday rehearsal - 4 "GARDEN" "BE OUR GUEST" & "HUMAN FIGURE"	Lunch: Dance TBD After school: All solos	Lunch: After school:	10 After School All Dancer numbers (Dancers, Actors) Propose transformation, Word scores	11 Lunch: Dance TBD After school:	12 Lunch: Dance After school: Mrs. Potts & Lumiere	13
Sunday rehearsal - 4 "GARDEN" "BE OUR GUEST" & "HUMAN FIGURE"	14 Lunch: After school:	15 Lunch: After school:	16 Lunch: After school:	17 After School characters REVIEW ALL PIECES	18 Lunch: Dance TBD After school:	19
20	21 Lunch: Dance After school: Belle & Maurice	22 Lunch: After school:	23 Lunch: After school:	24 STUDENT LED CONFERENCE MADR SCENES & TITLE 12 - 3:00	25 Lunch: Dance TBD After school:	26 MUSIC TOUR TO VANCOUVER
27 MUSIC TOUR TO VANCOUVER	28 Lunch: Dance After school: Mrs. Potts, Belle, POTI	29 Lunch: After school:				

Please Support Kids Run 2024

Colquitz Middle School is a **proud supporter of the 15th annual KidsRun Victoria** event which is scheduled for **May 5th, 2024.**



To date this event has raised over \$340,000. It's 100% volunteer operated; every penny goes to the cause and the beneficiaries are right here on Vancouver Island. **Our goal is to support children affected by pediatric cancer, their families that are enduring this journey with them and the pediatric oncology ward that supports them.**

Please sign you and/or your family up using the following link.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83105/kidsrun-victoria-2024>

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SPORTS @ COLQUITZ—Stay tuned for Spring Sports! **Rugby, Badminton and Track & Field**

Here is the **DRAFT** schedule, which will be updated as coaches confirm practice times. Please check in with your students around information from coaches.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lxJXHhqJolxjbbEJXRtDbZXAA58Da_USsmCpgsV0EWO/edit?usp=sharing



SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

It is the policy of the Greater Victoria School District (GVSD) to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. This will be accomplished by eliminating or minimizing the use of products and fragrances whose scent or other properties are known to trigger allergies or other hazardous reactions.

PLEASE

DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

USE unscented personal care products.



One *Learning* Community

Be Air Aware

... because we share the air

Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

Please ensure students DO NOT bring scents to school—applying them here increases the chance of a serious medical reaction in those allergic.

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JOIN THE GREATER VICTORIA GREEN TEAM AND UVIC TO HAVE FUN & REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS!

DATE: Saturday March 17th
TIME: 9:45am - 1:00pm
LOCATION: Sedgewick Building, UVic
(near parking lot 4)
SIGN-UP: On Meetup: bit.ly/GVGT-Mar17

*NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! All ages, abilities & experience levels welcome.
Instruction, tools, gloves & snacks provided.*



Questions and Sign Up:
Email: Severine@GreenTeamsCanada.ca
Activity made possible through partnership between UVic Planning & Sustainability and the Greater Victoria Green Team



COME & LEARN WITH US!

In Person Event for Parents and Caregivers

DATE: Wednesday, April 17th
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: 2610 Rosebank Rd, Colwood
COST: Free
RSVP at: lisa.tate@familysmart.ca

This event is being hosted by Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre

'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Supporting, Understanding and Connecting with a Teen With a Depression

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):
Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 12:00pm (PDT)
Thursday, April 4, 2024, 6:00pm (PDT)
Thursday, April 11, 2024, 6:30pm (PDT)
Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 6:00pm (PDT)
Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30pm (PDT)

Registration required:
www.familysmart.ca/events

FamilySmart
Teamwork Counts

CONNECTING WITH OUR KIDS WHEN ANXIETY LEADS TO SOCIAL ISOLATION

Parenting when our kid's anxiety leads to social isolation is hard for everyone. A parent and counsellor talk about what anxiety and social isolation are, what it can look like and feel like for our kids and at home, strategies families can try, and how important it is to connect with our children before doing the hard work of trying new things.

Join us as we come together with other families to watch this video followed by a facilitated discussion



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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.schoolcashionline.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

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Click any 6 digit code to register | GENERAL REGISTRATION **6**

Youth



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

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LEGO CREATION

**AGES 10 - 15
FREE**

Wednesdays 6 - 7:30pm
April 17th - May 29th

Flipside Youth Centre
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

REGISTER HERE 

Kickstart your Imagination at the Flipside! Our Lego Creation program offers a space to spread out and independently or collaboratively build, while staff provide snacks, music, and a helping hand

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- * all kids aged 5 to 13
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- * before & after care available

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800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

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TEEN 2 CHEF

**AGES 12 - 17
\$15**

If cost is a barrier to your youth attending this program, please email Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca

Master basic cooking techniques and learn about the connections between food and health in a fun (and tasty) way! Snacks and food provided!

April 4th - May 9th
Thursdays - 4:30 - 6:30pm

@ The Saanich Neighbourhood Place Kitchen
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

REGISTER HERE 

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Youth and Junior Youth Drop-in

A space to build meaningful friendships and develop your talents and interests!

Monday through Friday
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Tillicum Community Empowerment Centre
#102-306 Burnside Rd W

