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friday, may 17, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was another busy and beautiful week at Colquitz.

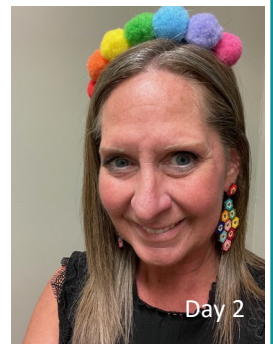
We celebrated Rainbow Week to show support to 2SLGBTQI+ students, staff, and families, culminating in everyone dressing in colours of the rainbow on Thursday. I personally started small on Monday, and added on a little more rainbow every day. Let's just say I was not subtle by Thursday.;

We had a fire drill on Wednesday, and our big District Transition Day Thursday. Grade 8s went to their high schools, and our incoming grade 5s came to meet us and see the school. It was an exciting and joyful time. For Friday's Pro-D Day, staff focused on learning in order to enhance Indigenous student achievement and/or integrate Indigenous World Views and Perspectives into learning environments. It was a day full of important and ongoing reflection and learning.

Have a wonderful, extra long weekend with your family. - Carrie Schlappner—Principal



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4

next week at a glance

Monday, May 20

VICTORIA DAY—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 21

- **12:42 (as soon as lunch recess ends) - WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO ON LIBRARY FIELD**
- PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in Library

Wednesday, May 22

- Cycle 3 Enrichment Ends

Thursday, May 23

- Indigenous Drumming in Foyer at 8:20am—everyone welcome
- Pizza Day
- Rugby Jamboree

Friday, May 24

- "The Salmon People" unveiling ceremony at 10:30am

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Week of May 27th	Musical (Monday-Saturday, except Thursday) Tickets on sale now!
Wednesday, June 5	Year-End Concert #1 (Band) - 7pm
Friday, June 7	Indigenous Student Lunch
Wednesday, June 12	Year-End Concert #2 (Strings and Choir) - 7pm
Friday, June 14	CC Day #3—11:45am early dismissal
Tuesday, June 18	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm in Library
Wednesday, June 19	HAT DAY
Thursday, June 20	World Refugee Day



Yearbook orders close on ~~May 15th~~ extended to May 22nd

If you would like to order your child a yearbook, please **order online at ybpay.ca using our school order ID#13717624.**

Yearbooks cost \$23.00 and include:

- 64 full colour pages
- Individual and class photos
- Team and club photos

HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES May 3rd, 2024



Ministry of
Transportation
and Infrastructure



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Highway 1-Colquitz River Bridges Widening project will widen and seismically retrofit both existing two-lane bridges over Burnside Road on Highway 1 in Victoria, as well as establish a dedicated bus-on-shoulder lane. Greater Victoria is getting busier, and it's crucial we have a strong transportation network that people can count on to get to and from their work, homes, and families between downtown and the West Shore. Widening the Colquitz River bridges will make for a more reliable, efficient commute for south Islanders while protecting local waterways and ecosystems.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pomerleau Inc has been awarded the construction contract for the H1 Colquitz Bridges Project. A pre-construction meeting was held at the Ministry's Saanich office with Pomerleau and Ministry personnel, to discuss the construction schedule, environmental management, traffic coordination, and many other deliverables. Pomerleau mobilized onto site at the end of April 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS

The Project will provide environmental enhancements by planting native trees, removing invasive species and treating runoff before discharging into the river. The Project will install a new bridge deck drainage system and rain garden to filter runoff prior to discharging into the river. An oil/grit separator will also be installed along the storm line that currently collects runoff from Burnside Road West to reduce oil or sediments from entering the river in this location.

Target Schedule



For more information about this project, please contact:
Mika Behrensmaier, Project Manager, MOTI - 778-974-3032
Krista England, Regional Manager of Environmental Services, MOTI - 236-468-1599

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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Unlock Amazing Savings if you sign up by **June 1, 2024** DON'T MISS OUT! *for a limited time only

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure!

- * July & August weeks
- * morning & full day sessions
- * all kids aged 5 to 13
- * before & after care available

Morning sessions from \$154*
Full day sessions from \$229*
*limited time offer, see website for details

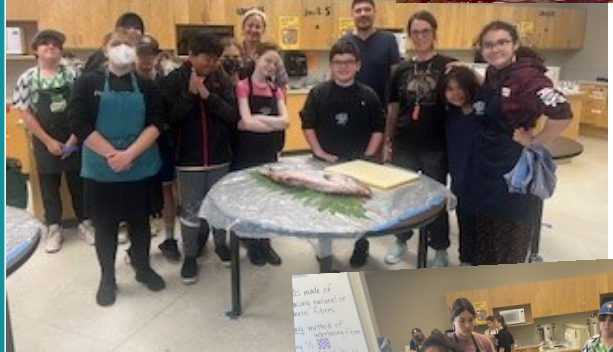
royalsoccerclub.com

800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

Spotlight on Learning

In preparation for our ceremony on May 24th to unveil "The Salmon People" by Dylan Thomas, John Harris, the SD61 Elders & Indigenous Knowledge Facilitator, taught students the local nations' traditional protocols and processes for jarring salmon. These jars of salmon will be used as gifts for the guests who will be attending the ceremony.



FINE ARTS FUNDRAISER TUESDAYS AT LUNCH

\$3 a bag!



CPAPA is looking for parents to help supervise popcorn sales at lunch (11:50am-12:50pm) on Tuesdays. This is a fundraiser that supports band, choir, strings, drama and musical theater. We need one parent per week for 1 hour over the lunch break. Students are responsible for selling the popcorn, we just need a parent to help supervise. Please use the link to sign up for a slot. More details will come out to volunteers this weekend. Thanks for supporting the performing arts!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10C054FABAF2BA2FC1-49053326-kernels>

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SPRING SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

Rugby, Badminton and Track & Field

Here is the schedule for Spring Sports.

Please check in with your students around information from coaches.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lxJXHhJolxjbbEJXRtDbZXAA58Da_USsmCpgsV0EWO/edit?usp=sharing

MAY 20-24	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY	Grade 7 Vball			Girls 8 v-ball 7-8am
Lunch practice		Rugby sprints	HJ 6/7	Distance run	HJ 8
After school practice					
Competition				Rugby Jamboree 6/7 @SMUS	Rugby Jamboree 7/8 @SMUS

Colquitz Middle School presents Beauty and the Beast Jr.

There are two casts - Team Baguette and Team Croissant

[Click here to buy tickets for Tuesday May 28th & Friday May 31st](#) (Team Baguette)

[Click here to buy tickets for Wednesday May 29th & Saturday June 1st](#) (Team Croissant)

The performances take place at the **Spectrum High School Theatre** at 7:30pm.



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WYLD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

GRADE 8 +
Must be completing grade 8 in June 2024 or older

Saanich's Youth WYLD Leadership Program is now accepting applications. Have you ever wanted to be a summer camp leader, lifeguard, police officer, or first responder? This is the program for you. Apply now for this hands on mentored placement program that prepares youth for future employment and post secondary education.

APPLY NOW

maddie.parks@saanich.ca saanich.ca/youth 250 475 7624

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.

May sales are open. June will go up in the last week of May.

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/>

Lead the Change will be doing our **Walk for Water campaign** in late May and we are looking for washed out 2L or 4L Milk jugs. If you have these at home and you're willing to donate to our campaign, that would be awesome!



What is the water walk?

A walk with your class- around the school, down at the creek, around the block-go for as long as you want in the time you have. Each class that signs up will have a 40 minute time slot with the jugs and a 5 minute window between classes to transition. Each student should carry one jug filled with water, or two, if there are enough.

Why?

To help build understanding and empathy for the many people around the world who don't have access to clean drinking water and who have to walk very long distances to get their water.

FINE ARTS UPDATE

Band playing tests are due **Tuesday night by midnight**, so make sure instruments are at home to complete them. This is a quick turnaround due to the musical. All pieces have been played in class several times. Please check your mail for the message sent home on Tuesday morning.

Band and Jazz Band concert June 5th at 7p.m.
Choir and Strings Concert June 12th at 7p.m.

School highlights concert is
Wednesday June 12th 1:15p.m.

MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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BEAYOUTIFUL CONFIDENCE PROGRAM

Join the BeaYOUtiful team as they navigate valuable discussions on gratitude, media literacy, body positivity, self love, goal setting and more!

OPEN TO GIRLS + NON-BINARY YOUTH, AGES 11-14

THURSDAYS | MAY 16 - JUNE 13, 2024

6:15PM - 7:45PM PST

BRAEFoot PARK CENTRE

1359 MCKENZIE AVE, VICTORIA

REGISTER FOR FREE BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE OR BY VISITING
THE LINK BELOW:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/867788467667?aff=oddttdcreator>

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



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MINDFUL MEDITATION

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Research supports the benefits of incorporating regular meditation in our daily lives. Whether it is for competitive sports, coping with anxiety, or dealing with everyday stressors, being able to calm our nervous system with mindful meditation has proven to have multiple benefits. Come learn the basic tools to meditate while sitting, walking, and laying down.

May 1st - June 5th
Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30

@ The Youth Centre
Saanich Commonwealth Place

REGISTER
HERE

maddie.parks@saanich.ca

saanich.ca/youth

250 475 7624

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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!

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saanich.ca/youth

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