

# next week at colquitz

friday, june 14, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

This week, we hosted our last concerts of the year, as well as CC Day today. Field trips are starting up, including the Grade 6 Green pod trip to the Harbor Cats Game yesterday (see photos on page 3). It was also the last staff meeting on Wednesday for Ms. Parry and Ms. Montgomery, who are retiring in June. PAC very kindly provided the treats for us at the staff meeting, then took a photo. Many of us wore pink to honor Ms. Montgomery, who always wears pink on Wednesdays.



As always, our students performed beautifully at the concert. Congratulations to Ms Mackenzie and Mr. De Vries and all of the choir and strings students on all of their hard work. We also had Spectrum Choir join us, with Mr. Jolliffe. Many of the Spectrum students were Colquitz “grads”, which made for a very moving evening.

Grade 8 families—please see page 2 for important information about upcoming events, including the ceremony on June 27th and a change to the time students need to be at the ferry terminal on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Carrie Schlappner —Principal



## next week at a glance

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, June 20

Friday, June 21

- **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in library (Exec position elections!)**
- HAT DAY; grade 8s to Water Slides
- **CPAPA AGM @ 6:30pm (MOVED FROM MONDAY)**
- World Refugee Day
- Indigenous Drumming in Foyer at 8:20am—everyone welcome
- Pizza Day
- **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

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## upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Monday, June 24	Yearbook distribution Grade 8 FUN DAY
Wednesday, June 26	Year-end assembly @ 1:30pm
Thursday, June 27	Last Day of School with students Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony at 1pm Learning Updates on Parent Connect at 3pm

***Thank you for an amazing year! :) See you in September!***

## Grade 8 Families



***IMPORTANT: Grade 8  
Waterslides Trip on  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> –  
CHANGE TO FERRY TIME  
TO VANCOUVER***

Please note that unfortunately, BC Ferries made an error with our reservation going to Vancouver on the 7am ferry, and **we will now need to take the 8am ferry instead.**

This means students should be **dropped at the ferry terminal at 7:15am** NOT 6:15am as previously planned.

We will be **returning on the 4pm ferry as planned**, so **pick up at the terminal will still be at 5:45pm.**

*Attention  
Grade 8 Families*



You are cordially invited to our  
in person  
**Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony**  
on **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
at **1:00 pm**  
in the **gym.**

*The doors will open at 12:30pm.  
No early arrivals will be permitted in the gym.*

*Reporting*

Absences



**Please email [colquitz@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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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## Pet Food and Supplies, Please!



Until June 20th Community Action Exploratory is collecting pet food and supplies to be donated to the BCSPCA and local food banks. The donation box is in front of the office.

Accepted items include:

- Wet and dry dog and cat food.
- Kitty litter
- Dog and cat treats
- Dog and cat toys
- Other small pet food

*Thank you  
for your support!*



## Spotlight on Learning

Field trips are an important—and fun—part of student learning. Many thanks to staff for providing students with a variety of experiences and opportunities, because this allows them to develop skills in that are important in the real world, not just school. Our Grade 6 “Green Team” went to the Harbor Cats Game on Thursday, and had a great time. There are many more to come!



## U15 Summer League

Playing Info:

Format: Skill Development, Modified Gameplay, Spirit Games

Duration: 8 weeks in July & August. Starts on July 4th.

Schedule: Thursday: 6:00-8:00pm at Reynolds Secondary School

Age: 9 to 15 (Grades 4-8)

Cost: \$50 (we want ultimate to be accessible for all. If this cost is prohibitive, please be in touch regarding a subsidized rate)

Inclusivity: All players are welcome, including LGBTQ+



<https://www.vups.bc.ca/youth>

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## SPRING SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

**Our sports seasons are all complete! Many thanks to all of the coaches, teacher sponsors, family members, and community members who supported our students' athletic opportunities. We appreciate it, and they do too!**

**Some practices and intramurals continue—**

**see the schedule here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lxJXHhQJolxjbbEJXRtDbZXAA58Da\\_USsmCpgsV0EWo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lxJXHhQJolxjbbEJXRtDbZXAA58Da_USsmCpgsV0EWo/edit?usp=sharing)**

JUNE 17-21	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Gr. 7/8 Brown Vball optional	Grade 7 <u>vball</u>		Irving Volleyball 7AM	Girls 8 v-ball 7-8am
Lunch practice	Gym-Irving  <input type="checkbox"/>	hockey		hockey	
After school practice					
Competition					

## Camp Survivor Registration!!!

This camp is available for youth ages 10 -15, however six weeks is for ages 10 - 12 and two weeks is for ages 13-15.

**Week 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 are for campers ages 10-12**

**Week 3 (July 15-19) and week 7 (August 12 - 16) are for campers ages 13-15**

Regular camp hours are from 9 am - 3:00 pm with the option for extended care 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Camp Survivor is filled with lots of adventures such as paddle boarding, beach outings, plus trips to Wildplay and Flying Squirrel!

We have **attached a copy of the registration form**. If you know of youth facing financial barriers who would benefit from participating in camp please fill out the **attached subsidy form**. You can also find the registration and subsidy forms on our website. Subsidies are limited and can cover the cost of one week of camp per youth. Please share this information with your clients, families, etc. that you feel would be interested and/or benefit from this camp experience.

Completed forms can be emailed back to Vanessa Normore or be dropped off at the Burnside Gorge Community Association (BGCA). Once she has received the completed forms, parent/guardians will be contacted for payment. Registration isn't complete until all forms have been received and payment has been made.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Vanessa Normore at Burnside Gorge Community Association  
Phone: 250.388.5251 ext 225  
[www.burnsidegorge.ca](http://www.burnsidegorge.ca)



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## HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES

June 10, 2024



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Highway 1-Colquitz River Bridges Widening project will widen and substantially retrofit both existing two-lane bridges over Burnside Road on Highway 1 in Victoria, as well as establish a dedicated bus-on-shoulder lane. Widening the Colquitz River bridges will make for a more reliable, efficient commute for south Islanders while protecting local waterways and ecosystems. The Project will provide environmental enhancements by planting native trees, removing invasive species and treating highway runoff via a rain garden before discharging into the Colquitz River. Pomerleau Inc was awarded the construction contract in March 2024 for the project.

### PROJECT UPDATES

The contractor received the notice of assignment letter from the Ministry to proceed with construction works. An environmental kickoff meeting was held onsite on May 30th between the Ministry and the contractor. Tree protection fencing and silt fencing was installed by the contractor and inspected by the WSP auditor. Prior to any tree removals, a bird nest survey was conducted to ensure no nests were found in the trees. The Peninsula Streams Society will be removing their Smolt Trap from the Colquitz River in early June after being installed in March. The Smolt Trap was used to count out-migrating salmon smolts and track their movements. Understanding where the salmon spend their time at different life stages will help inform further restoration efforts and will contribute towards a better understanding of coho and cutthroat within the river system.

The following construction activities are anticipated to begin/continue over the next month:

- Median Crossover Initiation along Highway 1
- Traffic Control along Highway 1
- Demolition and Construction of the South Bridge
- Temporary Crossover and Traffic Control along Burnside Rd
- Equipment and Material Mobilization
- Installation of Water Treatment Granular Pad & Temporary Drainage
- Water Treatment Plant Mobilization



Figure 1: Tree Protection Fencing Around Trees in the Median

Figure 2: Silt Fence Established to Prevent Migration of Sediments into the Colquitz River

Figure 3: Smolt Trap Operated by Peninsula Streams Society

For more information about this project, please contact:  
Mika Robinson, Project Manager, MOIT: 778-979-3632  
Krisla England, Regional Manager of Environmental Services, MOIT: 250-468-1959



Please see the attachments to this Newsletter email for details on Summer Camps across town, including those from Burnside Gorge Community Association.

## 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.

**June sales are open. LAST DAY FOR PIZZA is JUNE 20th. There will be NO PIZZA ON JUNE 26th.**

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](mailto: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/>

## BAND UPDATE

**All students must return borrowed instruments and percussion practice pads as soon as possible.**



In-school band classes are continuing all next week, but no playing.

**Band breakfasts at 7:40am**

**Grade 8—Tues June 18th**

**Grade 7—Wed June 19th**

**Grade 6—Thurs June 20th**

**Please bring snack-type food (enough for 3-4 people) and I will provide drinks.**

Please check your email and my website for the June update with more information.

***Thank you for a wonderful year!***

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FamilySmart  
Help  
for the  
Hard  
Times  
WORKSHOP

SUPPORT  
FOR PARENTS  
AND  
CAREGIVERS

Supporting Your Family After a Mental Health Crisis

"Really filled the gap where it was most needed by way of information and moral support. I feel this workshop nailed the exact questions and concerns I as a parent was having."

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to support a safety plan at home
- How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis
- How to find the resources you need

THE WORKSHOP IS OFFERED THREE TIMES EACH MONTH FOR B.C. FAMILIES:

- Wednesdays: 5:30pm - 7:30pm (2 weeks)
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm (2 weeks)
- Thursdays 6pm - 8pm (2 weeks)

The workshop is free and offered online. Registration required.



familysmart.ca/workshops



## 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



**children's**  
HEALTH FOUNDATION  
OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

## Children's Art Show Opportunity

In celebration of International Children's Day on November 20, 2024, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island (CHFVI) is launching a themed art show spanning across Vancouver Island and surrounding islands.

This art show is open to all amateur young artists up to the age of 18 who reside on Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands. The show will be open for submissions until June 30, 2024.

All submitted artwork will be displayed in an online gallery on the CHFVI website, as well as randomly placed in one of our facilities for a minimum of one week: Westshore Child, Youth, and Family Centre; Sooke Child, Youth, and Family Centre; Jeneece Place, and Q'w'layu House. Twelve pieces will also be selected for our Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island 2025 wall calendar.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to be involved in a fun art project.

For full art show details including instructions on how to submit and FAQs, please visit our website here: <https://islandkidsfirst.com/artshow/>.