

next week at colquitz

friday, june 21, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Happy National Indigenous People's Day and Summer Solstice!

We started the day in a good way by drumming outside to welcome students and families. Many classes have gone on field trips today to celebrate. We hope you too are able to take time today to recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada.

We held our Grade 8 Indigenous Students Recognition Tea on Tuesday. Many thanks to those families and staff who could attend. Staff made students Moccasin Rocks as a memento of their time at Colquitz, and a symbol of how proud we are of their growth and progress. As they move on to high school, we wish them all the best.

This week saw many field trips including the Grade 8 trip to the waterslides in Tsawwassen. The students enjoyed their day in the sun, and I did too! Today our Grade 8s had their year-end dance, which was another hit!

On Thursday we also held an Athletics Appreciation lunch for coaches and sponsors of our school teams. This is just a small way for us to thank everyone for all of the time, effort, patience and wisdom they put into supporting our students with their sports.

As we move into our last (short) week together, there are lots of fun activities planned. Please remind students that following school expectations and adult direction are needed to be able to participate. If everyone is kind, respectful and safe, we will all enjoy a amazing last week together.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Carrie Schlappner

—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, June 24

- Grade 8 Fun Day
- Yearbooks distributed

Tuesday, June 25

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Wednesday, June 26

- **1:30pm—Whole School Year-End Assembly**

Thursday, June 27

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- **NO Pizza**
- **1pm—Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony**
- Learning Updates available on Parent Connect at 3pm

Friday, June 28

- **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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

First week back:

Tuesday, September 3—Students from 9:30-11:30am ONLY

Wednesday, September 4-Friday, Sept 6—regular schedule: 8:40am-2:49am

Friday, September 6—Instrument Zoo

Grade 8 Families

Re: Ceremony—IMPORTANT:

We will not be letting people into the gym for the Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony until 12:30pm.

Please line up and enter the school via the exterior doors off the basketball court.

The only exception will be for people with accessibility needs.

Please note that the center seats are for the grade 8s.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you Thursday.

Attention
Grade 8 Families



You are cordially invited to our in person

Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony
on **Thursday, June 27th**
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 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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VCPAC Survey— please complete

The Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC), the official parent voice to the School Board, is seeking input to help improve the educational experiences of our students and their families within the school district.

To provide input and for further details,
please click here:

<https://forms.gle/Yn5WqF9TTZwZAPjR7>

Thank you for your time and valuable input. Together, we can work towards creating a better educational experience for our children.

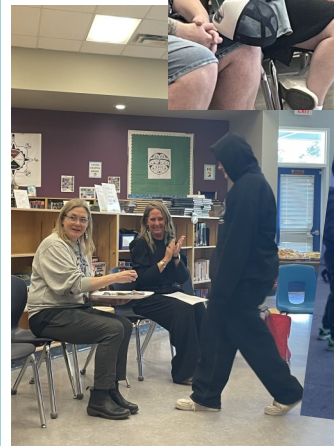
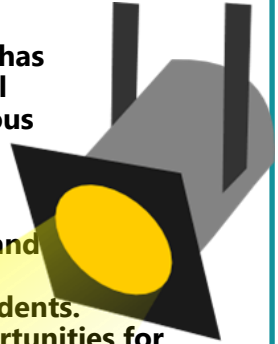
Warm regards,
The VCPAC Executive



Spotlight on Learning

This week, a lot of student learning has centered around Indigenous cultural practices, with the Grade 8 Indigenous Student Tea, and National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Learning about Indigenous culture and practices is important for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. At Colquitz, we have provided opportunities for both throughout the year, so that everyone can develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of our local nations, their lands, and their traditions. Some of the experiences students have had include participating in Indigenous drumming, salmon canning, making moccasin rocks, as well as witnessing Indigenous ceremony through the unveiling of The Salmon People by Dylan Thomas.



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!



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



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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:
Mike Robinson, Project Manager, MOIT: 778-979-3532
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 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



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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/>.